



# CHRIST CHURCH CATHEDRAL

## Children's Liturgy

### Sunday, January 24, 2021

#### **Song**

#### *Jesus Loves Me*

Jesus loves me this I know, For the Bible tells me so.  
Little ones to Him belong, They are weak but He is strong  
Jesus loves me this I know, For the Bible tells me so.  
Little ones to Him belong, They are weak but He is strong  
Yes, Jesus loves me, Yes, Jesus loves me.  
Yes Jesus loves me, for the Bible tells me so

#### *Leader:*

This is a time to collect our thoughts and give them to the Lord.

#### **Collect for Purity:**

Prepare our hearts to worship God. Open our minds and hearts. **Amen.**

#### **Collect of the Day:**

Thank you, God, for Jesus, who still comes looking for us and who invites us to follow him. Help us follow Jesus each day. **Amen.**

*All sit.*

#### **The Lesson:**

We are in the season after Christmas called Epiphany. Epiphany means several things: a gift is received; the gift must be shared. Jesus appears to be suggesting a rhythm, a balance to our lives. We go inward to be with God, to receive; we go out in the world to share what we have been given—still with God. We are called to balance the pouring out of our love with the resting in God. This good news is that the apostles who heard Jesus' word reached out and shared it. Jesus is putting together his team. He seems to understand that people learn best when they can see - in action - what is being taught. So Jesus takes his apostles with him when he teaches and when he heals. And most importantly, they are there with Jesus, day by day, as he gently reveals who he is. In today's passage, Simon and Andrew leap out of their fishing boats to follow this man who has told them he will make them, fishers of men. James and John are next. Jesus is demonstrating the fellowship he invites us to accept. Today's theme is "Follow Me."

*Leader:* A Reading from the Gospel of Mark

Today we have a story about fishing, but it's a kind of fishing you may not have done. And I haven't either. In the story there is a big boat, at least two men, with huge nets. A net is a huge piece of material with the threads far apart so tiny fish can get through and only big fish get caught. Two men are out on the water in their boat, fishing with great big nets. One man is named Simon, the other is named Andrew. On the other side of the lake is another boat with two other men, James and John. They were brothers and their Dad's name was Zebedee. Simon and Andrew lift the huge net and throw it into the water. Just then, Jesus comes along. "Hey Simon! Hey Andrew! Follow me. I will show you how to fish for people!" Well, they hopped out of their boat and went with Jesus. James and John were by the shore in their boats, fixing some holes in their net when Jesus came to them: "Hey James! Hey John! Follow me." And they did.

*Leader:* The Word of the Lord.

*All:* **Thanks be to God.**

## **Children's Creed:** *All stand.*

*All:* **We believe in God / Who made us and everything / We believe in Jesus Christ / Who is God's son / We believe in the Holy Spirit / Who helps us grow. Amen.**

## **Prayers of the People:** *All kneel.*

*Leader:* We pray for our clergy: Dean Beverly and everyone in the church.

*All:* **Jesus, Hear our prayer.**

*Leader:* We pray for the leaders of the world, so we can live in peace.

*All:* **Jesus, Hear our prayer.**

*Leader:* We pray for our families, that Your love may fill our hearts

*All:* **Jesus, Hear our prayer.**

*Leader:* We pray for the boys and girls and their families who are hungry, and give thanks for those who help them.

*All:* **Jesus, Hear our prayer.**

*Leader:* We pray for all people who are sick or sad.

*All:* **Jesus, Hear our prayer.**

*Leader:* We pray for all who have died.

*All:* **Jesus, Hear our prayer.**

*Leader:* We ask all these things in the name of your Son, Jesus Christ.

*All:* **Jesus, Hear our prayer.**

## **Confession:** *Remain kneeling and repeat after the leader.*

*All:* **Dear God / I am sorry that I have done things, / and I should not have done. / I ask you to forgive me / for hurting friends and those I love. / Please help me to do better. / Thank you, God, for your love. Amen.**

*Leader:* **Thank you God for hearing us. / We know that you forgive us. / We know that Jesus loves us. / We know that the Holy Spirit / Keeps us in God's care. Amen.**

## **Closing Prayer**

*All:* **Oh, Lord Jesus, I praise you this day. / I give myself to you this day / I ask you to help me this day. Amen.**

## **The Peace**

*Leader:* The peace of the Lord be always with you.

*All:* **And also with you.**

## **Song**

*I, the Lord of Sea and Sky*

I, the Lord of sea and sky,

I have heard my people cry.

All who dwell in deepest sin

My hand will save.

I who made the stars of night,

I will make their darkness bright.

Who will bear my light to them?

Whom shall I send?

Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?

I have heard you calling in the night.

I will go, Lord, if you lead me,

I will hold your people in my heart.

## **Activity**

If you still have your fishers of men activity from last summer—get it out and talk about the apostles being “Fishers of Men.”