



CHRIST CHURCH CATHEDRAL

Children's Liturgy

The Second Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday, June 6, 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:

Gracious and Loving God, thank you for the families you have given us and for the families we choose. Be with us as we explore what it means to be family that we might find you in new ways. **Amen.**

All sit.

The Lesson:

We are now in the long season known as Ordinary Time, the season after Pentecost which runs until after Thanksgiving. As we take this journey, we are invited to be on the lookout for all the blessings found in the ordinary—to see God at work here and now. It is a time in which the mission of the church is carried out in the day-to-day life of its members. In Ordinary Time we will probably encounter some out-of-the-ordinary events in our own lives and possibly even in our life together as the Cathedral Family. The gift of this time is finding the hidden blessings amid the ordinary occurrences. And we are asked to share our blessings with others. The Scriptures for the Sundays from now until Advent are called Propers. Today is Proper 5. The Gospel for this year is Mark.

In today's Gospel, our story begins with the realization that the crowds around Jesus had become so big that the people could not even eat. People were very interested in what he was saying, some thinking that his take on God and his ministry made him look crazy while others were drawn to his new kind of message. We see his family try to come and make him stop, worried about what people were saying about him. But rather than taking a breather or taking a time out, Jesus instead challenges the notion and challenges the notion of family. Today's theme is "Who is Your Family?"

Leader: A Reading from the Gospel according to Mark.

Jesus came home and there was a crowd gathered around him. They were asking so much from him that there was not even time for him to eat! His disciples and friends heard what was happening, and they went to rescue him from the crowd. They were worried that he was getting carried away with himself and his teaching. Some scholars from Jerusalem came there and were spreading rumors that he was using tricks and magic to impress them, and that his power was coming from the devil. When Jesus heard this, he said to them, "Would a devil catch another devil? Does it make sense to use Satan to get rid of Satan? If we are fighting among ourselves,

we will fall apart.” He then said to them, “Listen carefully, whatever has been done by you in the past can be forgiven. But if you keep saying that my teachings are from the devil, then you are speaking against God’s Holy Spirit. You are speaking against the one who forgives us, and that is God.” As Jesus finished warning them about not dividing themselves, his mother and brothers showed up. They were standing outside and asked someone to tell Jesus that they were outside looking for him. Jesus said to the crowd, “Who do you think are my mother and my brothers?” He looked around him, at all those who were surrounding him and said, “All of you, the people around me, you are my mother and my brothers. Those who follow me and my word and God’s will are my brothers and sisters and mother.”

This is the end of the lesson so I say:

The Word of the Lord.

And you say:

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.
Help us to always remember that you are at the center of our family and you call us into a
larger family. Amen**

The Peace

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

All: **And also with you.**

Activity

Give each child a copy of the tree. Invite them to create their family tree of both relatives and others that they would consider their family. If they cannot write yet, they can draw pictures of the people on their family tree.

- I wonder what Jesus meant when he told all the people around him that they were all his family?
- I wonder who you call family?
- Are there close family friends that you call family?

