



CHRIST CHURCH CATHEDRAL
Children's Liturgy
Sunday, December 20, 2020

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, that you decided to send your son, Jesus, as a little baby. Thank you for all the fun things we will do at Christmas to celebrate Jesus' birth. **Amen.**

All sit.

The Lesson:

This reading from the Bible was written after the birth of Jesus. In the lesson, Jesus teaches us to be more like Him.

During the season of Advent we are waiting for the birth of Baby Jesus. We light a candle each week to show the birth of Jesus is coming nearer. Today we can light all four candles in our wreath. Christmas is almost here! Today's theme is "Do Not Be Afraid"

Leader: A Reading from the Gospel of Luke 1:26-38

Maybe you remember that last week we had a story about a messenger. Today, we have a story about a different kind of messenger. This messenger is an angel. Mary was a young girl about to get married. One day she was all by herself in her house when suddenly there was an angel right there in front of her. Now, I have seen lots of pictures of angels, and they always look so soft and pretty. But almost the first thing this angel said was "Don't be afraid!" The angel told Mary that God needed her to be the mother of a very special baby. And the baby should be named Jesus. Mary was very surprised, but she believed the angel and said she would do what God wanted her to do.

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 Will Not Be Afraid

I will not be afraid
Though trouble's out there
Night and day.
No, I will not be swamped with fear
Since God is always, always, always,
Yeah! I know he's always here.

I will not be afraid
Though trouble's out there
Night and day.
No, I will not be swamped with fear
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Activity

Give your child a piece of white paper and markers and ask them to draw a picture of the angel appearing to Mary. They can also use glitter and glue for the angel's wings. In this way, they can reflect on the story. They can also act out the story, taking turns being Mary and the angel. You can choose to do both if you'd like.