



CHRIST CHURCH CATHEDRAL
Children's Liturgy
The Ninth Sunday after Pentecost
Sunday, July 25, 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 this time we have together on a summer day. Thank you for each person who is here today. **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 12. The Gospel for today is John.

In today's lesson the disciples do not see how a child could be much help, but Jesus does. The central aspect of our worship together—bread broken, bread shared—first happened when a little boy offered the little loaves in his picnic basket. When Jesus uses the little boy's willingness to share, abundance is the outcome. Today's theme is "Abundance."

Leader: A Reading from the Gospel according to John.

Jesus was trying to get some rest with his friends. And the people who had heard Jesus talk, wanted to hear him talk some more, so they went looking until they found Jesus. Jesus said to the people, "OK, sit down. I will talk to you some more." And he did. For the whole entire day Jesus talked about God and many other things. Jesus looked out at all the people and he could see that they were really getting hungry. Jesus turned to Philip and said: "These folks are really hungry. Where can we get some food for them?" Philip said: "Wow, it would take all the money people make in six months to buy enough food for all these people." Just then, Andrew said: "There is a child here who has a lunch bag. I don't know what good that is going to do, but the child has said he would share." "Hmm." "When everyone had had something to eat, there was food left over, so Jesus told them to gather what was left over in a basket." Later that very same day, after the people had heard Jesus and had their picnic, they all went home and Jesus and his friends at last were going to get some rest. Jesus told his

friends to go on and get into the boat, and he would be along soon. As Jesus' friends were trying to get to the other side of the lake, they looked out because they saw something. They saw SOMEBODY. It was Jesus, walking across the lake. It really scared them until Jesus said: "Hey, don't you know who this is? It is Jesus. Don't be afraid." Just then they all got to the other side.

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:

Ask the children to draw a picture of their favorite part of the story.

The story of the loaves and fish is depicted in the stained glass window in the south vestibule of the church. Be sure to stop and admire it on your next visit to church.