



# CHRIST CHURCH CATHEDRAL

## Children's Liturgy

### The Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday, September 26, 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 God; Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

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

Let's prepare our hearts to worship God. Jesus, open our minds and our hearts. **Amen.**

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

Thank you, Jesus, for the stories you told so we can learn about you. Thank you for loving us. **Amen.**

#### **The Lesson:** *All sit.*

We are now in the long season known as Ordinary Time, the green 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. 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. Today's theme is "Welcome the Children"

*Leader:* A Reading from the Gospel according to Mark.

John said to him, 'Teacher, we saw someone casting out demons in your name, and we tried to stop him, because he was not following us.' But Jesus said, 'Do not stop him; for no one who does a deed of power in my name will be able soon afterwards to speak evil of me. Whoever is not against us is for us. For truly I tell you, whoever gives you a cup of water to drink because you bear the name of Christ will by no means lose the reward. 'If any of you put a stumbling-block before one of these little ones who believe in me, it would be better for you if a great millstone were hung around your neck and you were thrown into the sea. If your hand causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life maimed than to have two hands and to go to hell, to the unquenchable fire. And if your foot causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life lame than to have two feet and to be thrown into hell. And if your eye causes you to stumble, tear it out; it is better for you to enter the kingdom of God with one eye than to have two eyes and to be thrown into hell, where their worm never dies, and the fire is never quenched. 'For everyone will be salted with fire. Salt is good; but if salt has lost its saltiness, how can you season it? Have salt in yourselves, and be at peace with one another.'

*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 made 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, Father Eric, 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 we 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, / that 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**

**Thank you, God, that Jesus wants us to be salt for him. Help us to remember that we all bring flavor and life with us as we come to be a part of Jesus' followers. Amen.**

## **The Peace**

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

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

## **Activity**

Let's think of foods that need salt. What do you like to put salt on? Corn on the cob? Baked potato? What else? What happens if we put too much salt on our food? (Yuk.) What would happen if the salt didn't taste like salt? (Boring.) Jesus says we can be salt! I wonder what you think that means? (We, as individuals and as a group, can add flavor and life to the things in which we are involved. We each add our own flavor and interest to a group.) What kinds of things can we do to be like salt? What do we do in our families to make things better? (Help the children see that who they are, improves the lives of those around them.)

Give each child a piece of construction paper and have the glue stick handy. Ask the children to think of things they do, and are, to make life better for those around them. Tell them to take a salt crystal—or a pinch of salt—and put it on their paper, securing it with a glue stick or a dot of glue. If they are having trouble coming up with things, ask them if they ever make anyone in their family laugh? Do they sing a song they have learned? Do they give their parents a hug? (Etc.) The children can take their salt pictures home.