



CHRIST CHURCH CATHEDRAL

Children's Liturgy

Sunday, August 23, 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 for the Day

Loving God, be with us as we explore who you are for us and for the world. Help us to grow in our belief and not be afraid to speak of your power and love. **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.

In this season after Pentecost, we hear stories of Jesus' ministry in the world and our call to engage in that mission. This season is also known as Ordinary Time coming from the word "ordinal" which means counted time. This time is not ordinary as in common or regular, but it is the time of counted weeks between Pentecost and Advent. The color for this season is green and it is often referred to as the green growing time as we hear stories of what God is calling us to do in the world. The theme for today's lesson is "Who Do You Say That I Am?"

Leader: A Reading from the Gospel of Matthew 16:13-20

Jesus and his disciples arrived in the village of Caesarea Philippi. When they got there, Jesus gathered his disciples around him and asked, "What are people saying about who the Son of Man is?" The disciples answered him and said, "Some think he is John the Baptist, some say he is Elijah, some say Jeremiah, or one of the other prophets." Then Jesus asked them a big question. He asked, "And how about you? Who do you say I am?" Simon Peter said, "You are the Christ, the Messiah, the Son of the living God." Jesus said to Peter, "God bless you, Simon, son of Jonah! You didn't get that answer from books or other teachers, but you got it from God in heaven who let you know who I am. Peter, you are the rock upon which I will build my church. It will be a church that is big and energetic that no one can contain it and no one will be kept out." Jesus told Peter, "You will be given the keys to the kingdom of God so that there is nothing between heaven and earth that can keep you out." Then Jesus told the disciples to keep this a secret among them.

Here are a few questions that you may answer at home:

I wonder what you have heard other people say about Jesus?

I wonder why Jesus asked the disciples, "Who do you say that I am?"

I wonder what we would say if Jesus asked us the question, "Who do you say that I am?"

Jesus tells Peter that he is the rock upon which he will build the church. What do you think that means?"

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

Tell Me The Story Of Jesus

Tell me the story of Jesus,
Write on my heart every word;
Tell me the story most precious,
Sweetest that ever was heard.

Follow-Up Activity

Brainstorm with your children...who do they say Jesus is? If Jesus asked them that question what would they say? If someone else asked them who Jesus was, what would they say?

After brainstorming, invite your children to create a mural that tells people who Jesus is. They can use pictures, illustrations, and various art supplies to get the message across. You may want to write across the top, "Jesus asks, 'Who do you say that I am?'" If you can hang it up in a place where other family members can see it, it will strike up some good conversation. Perhaps the kitchen or dining room, or where the family gathers the most.