



CHRIST CHURCH CATHEDRAL

Children's Liturgy

Sunday, February 28, 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 Lord, we ask you to guide us today as we discover more about who you are and how we are to follow you in our lives each day. **Amen.**

All sit.

The Lesson:

It is the season of Lent. During Lent we again go inward—in preparation, just like during Advent. Lent lasts for 5 Sundays, and ends with Palm Sunday and Easter. Last week we talked about how the cross was draped in purple and that there are no flowers on the altar. We also talked about doing something special for Lent like being kind or doing chores around the house. Did you keep your Lenten discipline this week?

Just prior to our Gospel reading today, Jesus asks his disciples, "Who do people say that I am?" And they offer the various responses that they have heard from others. "But who do YOU say that I am?" asks Jesus. Who are you following? Today's theme is "Take Up Your Cross."

Leader: A Reading from the Gospel of Mark

Jesus and his friends had just had a long walk down the road as they journeyed to a new place. And on that walk, they were talking about who Jesus was. They disciples told Jesus who other people thought he was, and then Jesus asked the disciples who they thought he was. They said, "The Messiah." Who is the Messiah? Well, for thousands of years, people hoped the Messiah would come and be a good king and take care of them. "Hmm," said Jesus. "OK, but it is not going to be the way you think. I am not going to be a fancy king. In fact, I am going to get killed for what I am telling you. But I will not stay dead. After three days, I will be alive again. So, if you want to be one of my followers, you need to keep remembering to do the things I do." Jesus said, "If anyone wants to follow me, they have to leave things behind and take up their cross and follow me."

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.**

The Lord's Prayer

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

Everybody Ought to Know

Everybody ought to know

Everybody ought to know

Everybody ought to know

Who Jesus is.

Everybody ought to know

Everybody ought to know

Everybody ought to know

Who Jesus is.

He's the lily of the valley

He's the brightest morning star

He's the fairest of ten thousand

Everybody ought to know.

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Who Jesus is.

Activity

Draw or print a big cross on a sheet of paper, and invite your child to illustrate what it means to follow Jesus. What does it mean that they have to take up their cross and follow Jesus? If they have done anything special at home to mark the season of Lent, how might that help them follow Jesus?