



CHRIST CHURCH CATHEDRAL

Children's Liturgy

The Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday, October 3, 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 loving all of us—adults, children, old people, young people, big children, and little children. **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 "Jesus Blessed Them"

Leader: A Reading from the Prophet Isaiah.

The wolf shall live with the lamb, the leopard shall lie down with the kid, the calf and the lion and the fatling together, and a little child shall lead them. The cow and the bear shall graze, their young shall lie down together; and the lion shall eat straw like the ox. The nursing child shall play over the hole of the asp, and the weaned child shall put its hand on the adder's den. They will not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain; for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the Lord as the waters cover the sea.

This is the end of the lesson so I say: The Word of the Lord.

And you say:

Thanks be to God.

Teachings:

(Read book: "Francis, the poor man of Assisi." by Tomie DePaula.)

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, Jesus, for being here with us and listening to what we say. Thank you for loving each of us and reminding us we are important in your kingdom. Amen.

The Peace

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

All: **And also with you.**

Activity

Children may make animal bookmarks to take home in honor of St. Francis of Assisi.