

## CHRIST CHURCH CATHEDRAL

# Children's Liturgy Sunday, April 11, 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, Jesus, for being right here with us although we cannot see you. Thank you for all of us who are here today. **Amen.** 

All sit.

#### The Lesson:

Easter is not just a day—it is a whole season. We are still celebrating so I will say, "Alleluia. The Lord is risen!" and you will say, "The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!" Today's theme is "Peace Be with You." *Leader:* A Reading from the Gospel of John.

In this story, the friends of Jesus knew that Jesus had been killed. And they were very sad. So they all got together in the room where they had been with Jesus and were very sad. They were all there, being sad, when suddenly they saw that Jesus was in the room with them. Jesus knew they were sad and, now, very surprised to see him. So Jesus wanted them to feel better. "Peace be with you," Jesus said to his friends. "Here, see my hands and my side where I was hurt. It is me." I'll bet they all crowded around Jesus, hugging him and hugging each other. Then, Jesus said to them: "You have been learning from me all this time and now you are ready to go out and do all this work on your own. I am sending you to do the work." And then Jesus breathed on them so they knew that the Holy Spirit was in them and would help them do hard stuff.

Leader: The Word of the Lord. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

**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.

Thank you, God, for sending Jesus to bring peace to the world.

**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** Let There Be Peace On Earth

Let there be peace on earth
And let it begin with me
Let There Be Peace on Earth
The peace that was meant to be

With God as our Creator
we are family
Let me walk with my brother, my sister
In perfect harmony.

## **Activity**

Each week we will color an Easter symbol. This week the symbol is for peace. When you are done coloring all the symbols, make a mobile, you can use a clothes hanger and attach the symbols with strings.