



CHRIST CHURCH CATHEDRAL
Children's Liturgy
Sunday, December 13, 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.**

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.

During the season of Advent we are waiting for the birth of Baby Jesus. We light a candle each week to show the birth of Jesus is coming nearer. Today we can light three of the candles. Christmas is almost here!

Let us pray: Dear God, thank you for letting us worship today. Help us to stay alert and prepare for the coming of Christ this Advent season. **Amen.**

Today's theme is "Who are You?"

Leader: A Reading from the Gospel of John 1:6-8, 19-28

Remember that last week we had a story about a man named John the Baptist? Last week we learned that many people came to John the Baptist to be baptized. We talked about baptisms that take place today and the cross that is made on our foreheads. Today we will learn that John the Baptist was also a messenger. His job was not to be the teacher, but to point to the teacher, Jesus. People asked him: "Why should we listen to you, if you are not the teacher?" But John's job was to be a messenger.

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

Silent Night, Holy Night

Silent night, holy night
All is calm, all is bright
Round yon Virgin Mother and Child
Holy Infant so tender and mild
Sleep in heavenly peace
Sleep in heavenly peace
Silent night, holy night
Son of God, love's pure light
Radiant beams from Thy holy face
With the dawn of redeeming grace
Jesus, Lord at Thy birth
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Activity

Ask your children how they would share the news "Jesus is coming" nowadays. John the Baptist was a messenger and he spread the news in his own way back in his time. How would they be the messengers in this day and time?