



# CHRIST CHURCH CATHEDRAL

## Children's Liturgy

The Day of Pentecost: Whitsunday

Sunday, May 23, 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, God, for wind that blows away yucky air and makes our hair dance around our faces. Thank you for the special wind you sent to the friends of Jesus and you send to us as well. **Amen.**

*All sit.*

### **The Lesson:**

We begin this new season with two Feast days: Pentecost, and then Trinity Sunday. Then we move into the long season known as Ordinary Time, which runs until Advent in November. As we take this journey, nourished by the Bible stories chosen for the season and empowered by our baptisms, we are invited to be on the lookout for all the blessings found in the ordinary—to see God at work here and now. And we are compelled to share our blessings with others. Today's theme is "Come Holy Spirit."

*Leader:* A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

Jesus' disciples were celebrating a festival called Pentecost when suddenly a strong wind blew through the house. Everyone's hair lifted up and there was an amazing noise! They looked at each other. It looked like each disciple had a flame of fire touching him, but no one was burned. The Holy Spirit had come, just as Jesus promised! The disciples began to speak in different languages! Languages they'd never learned! Stranger yet—they could understand each other! Peter stood up. "I want to tell you about Jesus." He reminded everyone what Jesus taught them. He told them how Jesus died and lives again. "It's time for us to begin a new life with God's Spirit guiding us," Peter said. The disciples were excited to live differently, guided by God's Spirit. This was the very beginning of the Christian church.

*This is the end of the lesson so I say:*

The Word of the Lord. Alleluia! Alleluia!

*And you say:*

**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.

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

### **The Peace**

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

**All:** And also with you.

### **Activity**

This activity is best enjoyed outside where bubbles will hurt nothing and children can run. Invite the children to help you make bubbles. Blow some bubbles first and ask them what they notice about what happens to the bubble. (It gets bigger when you are blowing on the liquid, it floats away, the wind carries it, etc.) The wind in our story blew through the room within the disciples and reminded them of God's presence with them. In the wind, they could feel the Holy Spirit.