



CHRIST CHURCH CATHEDRAL

Children's Liturgy

The Story of the Widow's Mite

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 giving us stories that show us that you love us. **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.

Leader: A Reading from the Gospel according to Mark.

Jesus sat down outside the temple and taught the disciples about how to share. "Do you see that rich man in fancy robes?" Jesus asked the disciples. They looked around and saw him. He twirled his robes when he saw that they were watching him. "I must be very special," thought the rich man. The man in fancy robes stopped in front of a moneybox outside the temple. He slowly reached into his money purse and pulled out several coins. One by one he held them up to the sun so that they flashed for all to see. "It's time for me to give to the poor!" he said very loudly. The coins made a loud "Clang!" as he dropped them in the moneybox. Now Jesus asked the disciples another question. "Do you see that poor old widow?" Jesus whispered the question because he didn't want to scare her. She looked this way and that. She tried to hide in the crowd. She bent over the money box. "Clink. Clink." Her two tiny coins called "mites" barely made a sound as she dropped them in. The old woman reached her hand in her pocket. It was empty. Quietly the poor woman shuffled away. "Did you notice?" asked Jesus. "The man in fancy robes gave just a little of his riches and showed off a lot. The widow gave the only two coins she had and kept quiet about it. She shared everything. She is the one who gave the most. This is how I want you to share."

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

All: **Thanks be to God.**

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: **Forgive us Lord, for the things we have done
that were not kind and good.**

**Forgive us Lord, and help us try
to do the things that we should. 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

We offer each other a sign of God's peace for one another.

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

All: **And also with you.**

*At the proper time, we will process back into the church to join our
parents for the rest of the service and Holy Communion.*