



CHRIST CHURCH CATHEDRAL

Children's Liturgy

Sunday, May 16, 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 helping your friends get ready to do their work and for helping us to get ready to do ours.
Amen.

All sit.

The Lesson:

Jesus reports to God. Jesus has done the work he was given to do. A little group of believers is trained to do the work Jesus has given them to do. Jesus lifts these people up to God. We and our church are also lifted up by Jesus. And, God offers to protect us from evil. Today's theme is "God's Mission, Our Mission."

Leader: A Reading from the Gospel of John.

This past week we celebrated what we call the Ascension. It is the time Jesus went back to be with God and his friends were now ready to do the work he had given them to do. Now that Jesus is with God, he is right here with us. And he is with everyone, everywhere. He had to go back to be with God so he could do this. Before he left to go be with God, he had a long conversation with God. He told God that he was sending his friends out to do God's work. His friends taught their friends, who taught their friends, and today we are learning together

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

Tell the children they are going to make stars to take home to remind them that stars glow in the dark and are there in the day—even though we cannot see them. Give each child a pre-cut star shape and let them decorate the stars.