



CHRIST CHURCH CATHEDRAL

Children's Liturgy

Easter Sunday, April 4, 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:

Amazing God, we thank you for bringing us once again to this glorious day in which we remember that you rose from the dead and brought us all back to life. Help us to be your Easter people in the world. **Amen.**

All sit.

The Lesson:

Today is Easter Day so I say, "Alleluia, Christ is risen!" and you say "The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!" Easter is not just today. Easter Day is today and Easter Season, a celebration that lasts for seven more weeks. We want to help remind everyone that we are Easter people all the time, not just today. Today we celebrate Jesus being raised from the dead. Today's story is one of miracles and joy. Today's theme is "We Are Easter People."

Leader: A Reading from the Gospel of John.

It was early in the morning on the third day after Jesus died. The sky was pink and red with the first light of the sun. The women didn't notice the sky. They hurried to the cave that contained Jesus' body. Mary Magdalene and Mary, the mother of Jesus, led the way. Two others, Salome and Joanna, carried spices to rub on the body of Jesus. They had a job to do. When the tomb of Jesus came into sight, they froze. Uh oh! They had forgotten about the huge stone that sealed the opening to the cave. How would they move it? The women kept going to the cave anyway. As they came closer, the women could see that the stone had already been rolled away! They peeked inside. Ooh! It was dark in there. Brr! It was cold in there. Drip, drop! It was damp in there. What?! It was empty in there! Jesus was gone! An angel appeared in sparkling white clothes. The glow from the angel brightened even the darkest corners of the cave. The women shielded their eyes from the blinding light. "Don't be afraid!" the angel said. "Jesus isn't here. This is a place for the dead. Jesus is alive!" "Hurry," the angel said, "go tell the disciples!" The women did not delay. They ran to tell Jesus' friends what they had seen and heard. Oof! Mary bumped into a man, tripped, and fell at his feet. Wait! She knew those feet. A familiar hand reached out to help her. Wait! She knew that hand. She looked up. Yes, she knew that smile. It was Jesus! "Hello, friends!" Jesus said. Jesus was really alive! The women hugged his feet and shouted with joy. "Go tell the others the good news that I am alive," Jesus said. "I will meet them in Galilee. I can't wait to see them again!" The women had a new job to do! They had to tell everyone Jesus was alive!

I wonder what Mary and the disciples felt when they saw the empty tomb? I wonder what it was like for Mary to hear Jesus say her name? I wonder what your favorite part of this story was?

Leader: The Word of the Lord. Alleluia! Alleluia!

All: **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.**

Song

Christ is Risen, He is Risen Indeed

How can it be, the One who died,
Has born our sin through sacrifice
To conquer every sting of death?
Sing, sing hallelujah.

For joy awakes as dawning light
When Christ's disciples lift their eyes.
Alive He stands, their Friend and King;
Christ, Christ He is risen.

Activity

Enjoy Easter Sunday with your family.