



# CHRIST CHURCH CATHEDRAL

## Children's Liturgy

### Sunday, January 3, 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 giving us Jesus. Thank you that he came as a baby and we can be together today to celebrate the birth of Jesus. **Amen.**

*All sit.*

#### **The Lesson:**

Christ is born! Even though everyone celebrated Christmas during Advent, it is still Christmas season, and it will be until January 6! Today's theme is "Where is the Child".

*Leader:* A Reading from the Gospel of Matthew

We have another story about Mary and Joseph and their little baby boy. They live in a place the animals are sharing with them. Lots of shepherds have come to see the baby. Far away, wise men had also heard about this baby so they traveled a long way on the backs of their camels to see this special baby and bring presents to him. They stopped at the big fancy house of King Herod. "Hey, King Herod," they asked. "Do YOU know where we can find this special baby king?" Herod did not know where the baby was and he was jealous that there was someone else who was special. So the three kings kept on riding until they saw a huge star in the sky. Ah-ha! Now they knew where the baby could be found, so they rode to the manger. They visited Jesus and gave the baby the gifts they had brought for him. They then traveled a different way home so they would not have to tell Herod where they had found the baby.

*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**

### *Away in a Manger*

Away in a manger no crib for a bed  
The little Lord Jesus laid down his sweet head  
The stars in the sky looked down where he lay  
The little Lord Jesus asleep on the hay

The cattle are lowing the poor baby wakes  
But little Lord Jesus no crying he makes  
I love thee, Lord Jesus look down from the sky  
Ad stay by my cradle till morning is nigh

## **Activity**

Ask your children to draw their favorite part of the story.