



CHRIST CHURCH CATHEDRAL

Children's Liturgy

Sunday, August 2, 2020

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 for the Day

Loving God, we ask you to be with us as we explore what your words mean for our lives. Help us to understand how we are fed by you and by those around us each day. **Amen.**

All sit.

The Lesson:

This reading from the Bible was written after the birth of Jesus. In the lesson, Jesus teaches us to be more like Him.

In this season after Pentecost, we hear stories of Jesus' ministry in the world and our call to engage in that mission. This season is also known as Ordinary Time coming from the word "ordinal" which means counted time. This time is not ordinary as in common or regular, but it is the time of counted weeks between Pentecost and Advent. The color for this season is green and it is often referred to as the green growing time as we hear stories of what God is calling us to do in the world. The lesson today is being fed and feeding others.

Leader: A Reading from the Gospel of Matthew 14:13-21

When Jesus heard about John the Baptist, he got in a boat and went away by himself. But soon word got out about where he had gone and people from the villages walked around the lake to find him. When he saw them coming, he had compassion on them and healed their sick. However, evening was coming and it was close to dinnertime. The disciples said to Jesus, "We are out here in the country and it is getting late. Send the people back to the village so they can get some dinner. Jesus said, "We do not need to send them away. You give them something to eat." They told him that they only have five loaves of bread and two fish. Jesus told them to bring him the loaves and fish. Then Jesus had them sit on the grass and he took the bread and fish, lifted his face to heaven in prayer, blessed it, broke it, and gave the bread to the disciples. The disciples gave the food to the congregation and all ate until they were full. When everyone was done eating, they gathered 12 baskets of leftovers. That day, about 5,000 were fed.

Here are a few questions that you may answer at home:

I wonder what you liked about this story? What made you ask questions?

I wonder how much food it would take to feed 5,000 people? I wonder if it is a miracle that they could feed so many people? This story is about Jesus feeding people food. I wonder what other things Jesus gives us?

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

I Will Sing Of The Mercies Of The Lord Forever

I will sing of the mercies of the Lord forever

I will sing, I will sing.

I will sing of the mercies of the Lord forever

I will sing of the mercies of the Lord.

Follow-Up Activity

Part of this story is that someone had five loaves and two fish that they were willing to share with the crowd. Out of this small offering, all were fed. This is a story about food, but also about compassion and sharing with those around you.

Let's think about all the things we have in our lives that we can share with other. (food, clothes, school supplies, etc.)

Give your children time to brainstorm.

Once they have a list, invite them to create those things out of clay, playdough, or they can even draw them. They can also create the loaves and fishes as a reminder of the story.