



CHRIST CHURCH CATHEDRAL

Children's Liturgy

The Third Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday, June 13, 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:

Life-giving God, thank you for all that you plant and for how you help us grow. Be with us as we hear your story and your word that we may grow closer to you. **Amen.**

All sit.

The Lesson:

We are now in the long season known as Ordinary Time, the 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. It is a time in which the mission of the church is carried out in the day-to-day life of its members. 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. The Scriptures for the Sundays from now until Advent are called Propers. Today is Proper 6. The Gospel for this year is Mark.

In today's lesson Jesus has begun his ministry; seeing abundance wherever he looks. But how to describe the richness of the Kingdom of God so people can understand it? Seeds. Maybe that is it—everyone has seen seeds. Today's theme is "Seeds Scattered on The Ground"

Leader: A Reading from the Gospel according to Mark.

"Hmmm," said Jesus. "God's World is so wonderful, how can I tell people so they will understand? Hmmm. I know," said Jesus. "Seeds! Everyone has seen seeds. It's like this: there are seeds planted all over the place. We go to bed and sleep, we get up, and one day little green shoots stick up in the ground. No one knows how; it just happens. The shoots get bigger and bigger. One day they are ready to be picked. Then, if they are wheat seeds, we can make bread, cereal – even cookies. Sometimes the tiniest seed of all grows up to be the biggest tree. And that tree sticks out its big branches so birds can come sit on the branches – and make safe nests for their eggs."

This is the end of the lesson so I say:

The Word of the Lord.

And you say:

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. Help us to always remember that you are at the center of our family and you call us into a larger family. Amen**

The Peace

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

All: **And also with you.**

Activity

Give each child a dried bean. Fold it into a damp paper towel and put it in a zip lock bag. Ask the children to tape the zip lock bag to a window in their house where there is plenty of sun. (Or just tape it on our window?) Wait for it to grow.

Ask the children to show with their bodies what it is like to be a tiny round seed. What does it look like when a tiny green shoot sticks up through the ground? Then, show what the plant looks like when it gets bigger and sways in the breeze. What does it feel like when rain comes down on the leaves and the flowers? What would the seed look like if it grew into a great big tree with long branches stretching out? How would it look if birds came and sat on the branches—and made little nests that baby birds could sit in?

Here is a YouTube video of the Parable of the Mustard Seed:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KKpxQjWV2RA>