



CHRIST CHURCH CATHEDRAL

Children's Liturgy The Third Sunday in Lent March 20, 2022

The King of love my shepherd is vs. 1, 3, 6

(The crucifer / acolyte and second teacher light candles as children sing song)

The King of love my shepherd is, whose goodness faileth never;
I nothing lack if I am his, and he is mine for ever.

Perverse and foolish oft I strayed, but yet in love he sought me,
and on his shoulder gently laid, and home, rejoicing, brought me.

And so through all the length of days thy goodness faileth never:
Good Shepherd, may I sing thy praise within thy house for ever.

Leader:

This is a time to collect our thoughts and give them to God; Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

Collect for Purity:

Leader: Now is a time to calm our bodies, collect our thoughts, and give them to God; Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

All: **Jesus, open our minds and our hearts. Amen.**

Collect of the Day:

Leader: Thank you, Jesus, for giving us stories that show us that you love us. **Amen.**

The Lesson: *All sit.*

Leader: A Reading from the Gospel of John.

Luke 13:6-9

Then he told this parable: "A man had a fig tree growing in his vineyard, and he went to look for fruit on it but did not find any. So he said to the man who took care of the vineyard, 'For three years now I've been coming to look for fruit on this fig tree and haven't found any. Cut it down! Why should it use up the soil?' "'Sir,' the man replied, 'leave it alone for one more year, and I'll dig around it and fertilize it. If it bears fruit next year, fine! If not, then cut it down.'"

Leader: (After the Reading) The Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

A Teaching (*Officiant speaks 2-3 minutes*)

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 Father Eric, 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 we 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. Amen.**

Confession: *Remain kneeling and repeat after the leader.*

All: **Forgive us Lord,
 for the things we have done
 that were not kind and good.
Forgive us Lord, and help us try
 to do the things that we should. 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 *All stand.*

Leader: We offer each other a sign of God's peace for one another.

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

All: **And also with you.**

At this time Sunday School activity occurs.

Children are walked to the undercroft for art activity.

*At the proper time, we will process back into the church to join our
parents for the rest of the service and Holy Communion.*