



CHRIST CHURCH CATHEDRAL

Children's Liturgy Sunday, May 2, 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, Jesus, for being here with us—even though we cannot see you. Thank you for showing us we are all connected to you. **Amen.**

All sit.

The Lesson:

Jesus wants us to know that we are NOT all alone. We are connected to Jesus. Today's theme is "I am the Vine, You are the Branches."

Leader: A Reading from the Gospel of John.

Jesus wanted people to know more about his love for everyone. Jesus said, "Think of plants in a garden. I'm like a vine. The branches that are joined to the vine grow fruit. A branch can't grow fruit without being connected to the vine. When you're joined with me in love, I help you live the way God wants you to live." Jesus continued, "God is the gardener, watching over the vine and its branches. The gardener makes sure the plants have all they need to live and grow." "We understand," the disciples said. "It's important to love you and stay connected to you, Jesus! But what else is important?" "The most important thing," Jesus told his disciples, "is to love each other like I love you. When you do, God will know and will give you everything you need."

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.**

Activity

Invite the children to color the Easter symbols, found on the following pages. Use yarn to tie the symbols to a coat hanger to make an Easter mobile.



