



# CHRIST CHURCH CATHEDRAL

## Children's Liturgy

### The Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

### Sunday, September 5, 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 God; Father, Son, and Spirit..

#### **Collect for Purity:**

Let's prepare our hearts to worship God. Jesus, open our minds and our hearts. **Amen.**

#### **Collect of the Day:**

Thank you, God, for letting us be together today, and thank you for showing us how to pray for people who need healing. **Amen.**

#### **The Lesson:** *All sit.*

We are now in the long season known as Ordinary Time, the green 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. 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. Today's theme is "Prayers of Healing"

*Leader:* A Reading from the Gospel according to Mark.

In Jesus' time, no one knew the words "germ" or "virus." When someone got sick they said they had a "demon." Today's gospel story is about a little girl who had a "demon" that was making her very sick and her mother was very worried. The little girl and her mother came from a different country than Jesus did. At first, Jesus thought he was only supposed to take care of the people in his own country. So he thought he should not heal the little girl. But when the mother begged him to heal her little girl, Jesus realized that he was here to help ALL people, not just a few. So he told the woman to go home and her little girl would be healed. When the woman got home, the little girl was playing in her bed – the "demon" was gone. A little later Jesus was traveling to another town and some people came to him with a man who could not hear and could not speak so people could understand him. Jesus took the man off to one side where everyone could not see what was going on. He wanted to give the man some privacy. Jesus put his fingers gently into the man's ears and then spat on his fingers and touched the man's tongue. Immediately, the man could hear and could speak so people could

understand him. "Don't tell anyone about this," Jesus said. But it was a secret too hard to keep, and people told each other that Jesus had healed this man.

*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 made 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, 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.**

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

*All:* **Dear God / I am sorry that I have done things, / that 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**

To help the children engage in a conversation about healing prayer, give them pieces of paper and crayons or markers to draw the people being healed by Jesus. Ask for a volunteer to draw Jesus to paste in the center of a poster board. As each child is done drawing a person being healed, they can then cut out that person and paste them on the poster board so all the people they've drawn can come to Jesus.

Tell the children we can help heal people by praying for them. Explain that when we take a vitamin we may not notice right away that it is helping our bodies -- yet it does help our bodies. When we pray for healing, we may not notice right away what has happened. And sometimes, what we pray for does not happen, just as sometimes even though we take vitamins, we get a cold anyway. But we keep on taking vitamins. And we keep on praying.