



CHRIST CHURCH CATHEDRAL

Children's Liturgy

The Third Sunday after the Epiphany

January 23, 2022: Angels Announce

Away in a Manger

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

Away in a manger, no crib for his bed,
the little Lord Jesus laid down his sweet head.
The stars in the bright sky looked down where he lay,
the little Lord Jesus asleep on the hay.

Be near me, Lord Jesus; I ask thee to stay
close by me for ever, and love me I pray.
Bless all the dear children in thy tender care,
and fit us for heaven to live with thee there.

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the little Lord Jesus laid down his sweet head.
The stars in the bright sky looked down where he lay,
the little Lord Jesus asleep on the hay.

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 according to Luke.

Luke 2:8-14

In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, 'Do not be afraid; for see—I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger.' And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying, 'Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace among those whom he favors!'

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

All: **Thanks be to God.**

A Teaching *(First teacher speaks 2-3 minutes)*

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, 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 Chapter House 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.*