



CHRIST CHURCH CATHEDRAL

Children's Liturgy

Sunday, August 9, 2020

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 for the Day

Loving God, we ask you to be with us as we explore what your words mean for our lives. Help us to grow in our belief and to not be afraid of the things you call us to do or of things that happen in our lives. **Amen.**

All sit.

The Lesson:

This reading from the Bible was written after the birth of Jesus. In the lesson, Jesus teaches us to be more like Him.

In this season after Pentecost, we hear stories of Jesus' ministry in the world and our call to engage in that mission. This season is also known as Ordinary Time coming from the word "ordinal" which means counted time. This time is not ordinary as in common or regular, but it is the time of counted weeks between Pentecost and Advent. The color for this season is green and it is often referred to as the green growing time as we hear stories of what God is calling us to do in the world. The theme for today's lesson is "Do not be afraid."

Leader: A Reading from the Gospel of Matthew 14:22-23

Jesus had just finished feeding the 5,000 people. When everyone was done eating, Jesus told the disciples to get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side of the sea. Jesus stayed there and said goodbye to the people as they left to go home. When everyone was gone, Jesus climbed up the mountain to pray to God and he stayed there late into the night. During the night, the disciples were still in the boat on the sea when a strong wind came and battered the boat with waves and wind. As the boat was getting tossed around, Jesus came toward them walking on water. The disciples were scared and were crying out in terror. Jesus said to them, "Have courage, it is me. Do not be afraid." Peter said to Jesus, "if it is really you, tell me to come to you on the water." Jesus said, "Come." Peter got out of the boat and began walking to Jesus on the water, but then he got scared because of the wind and the storm and he began to sink. He said, "Master, save me!" Jesus reached out and saved him. Jesus said, "You of little faith, why did you doubt?" Then Jesus and Peter got into the boat and wind ceased and the sea calmed. The disciples were amazed and said, "You truly are the Son of God!"

Here are a few questions that you may answer at home:

I wonder what you liked about this story? I wonder what questions you have about this story?

I wonder why Jesus sent up the mountain by himself to pray while the disciples were in the boat?

We hear the phrase, "do not be afraid" many times in the Bible. Why do you think that is? Would you have been scared in the storm? Would you have wanted to walk on the water?

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

All: **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.**

The Peace

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

All: **And also with you.**

Song

My God Is So Big

My God is so big, so strong and so mighty
There's nothing my God cannot do.
My God is so big, so strong and so mighty
There's nothing my God cannot do.
He made the tree, He made the seas,
He made the elephants too.

Follow-Up Activity

Ask your children to think about how this story may be told if it were told in today's culture. If this was a modern retelling, what would be different? What would be the same? They can make it into a poem, song, silent movie, or skit about what this encounter would be like today.

Invite your children to share the modern stories they came up with or their ideas about what might be different and the same in the story.

For younger children, invite them to draw boats with Jesus and them in it.