



CHRIST CHURCH CATHEDRAL

Children's Liturgy

Sunday, August 30, 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 who you call us to be as your disciples. Help us to grow in our belief and understand what being your disciple truly means each day. **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 "Stumbling Blocks."

Leader: A Reading from the Gospel of Matthew 16:21-28

Now that the disciples understood that Jesus was the Messiah, Jesus told them what was going to happen. He let them know that he would suffer, be killed, and rise up again on the third day. Peter could not believe what he was saying and told Jesus that they could not let this happen. But Jesus told Peter, "Get out of my way, you are a stumbling block and do not understand." Then Jesus told his disciples, "Anyone who wants to follow me must let me lead them. You must leave behind what you usually do and follow what I tell you. Do not run from what is ahead of me, rather embrace it. Follow me and I will show you the way. You have to leave your way behind and follow my way in order to truly be a disciple. I promise, there will be great reward at the end."

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

I wonder what your favorite part of the story is?

I wonder what questions you may have about the story?

Jesus was teaching his disciples what it meant to follow him. I wonder how we follow Jesus today?

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

What A Mighty God We Serve

What a mighty God we serve

What a mighty god we serve

Angels bow before Him

Heaven and earth adore Him

What a mighty God we serve.

Follow-Up Activity

Invite your children to play the game "Jesus Says" which is like Simon says.

Choose one person to be the leader. The leader then tells the children what they must do. The children can only do what the leader asks when he or she used the phrase "Jesus says" before giving the instruction. For example: Jesus says high-five your neighbor. When someone follows an instruction when the leader didn't use the words "Jesus says" then that person is out.

Another option, if there are not enough kids to play, is to invite your child to draw a picture of what it means to them to follow Jesus.