



# CHRIST CHURCH CATHEDRAL

## Children's Liturgy

Sunday, November 15, 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**

Gracious God, as we gather today to listen to your teachings, guide us to understand that all that we have been given has come from you. Help us to grow the gifts you have given us so that we may serve you better. **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.*

Today's parable is not really about making money. Just so you will know, a talent is worth A LOT of money. For a slave who usually earned one denarius a day, it would take twenty years to earn a talent. So our master today is a very generous person and someone who believed in the varied abilities of the slaves, giving each "according to his ability." God does not bless us with things so we can bury them and save them for a specific time. God gives us things so we can cultivate them, nurture them, and develop them into something bigger and more grand. Not doing so is to squander what God has given us, to waste our gifts and talents.

*Leader:* A Reading from the Gospel of Matthew 25:14-30

Jesus said, "For it is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. The one who had received the five talents went off at once and traded with them, and made five more talents. In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money. After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents.' His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents.' His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, 'Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not scatter seed; so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.' But his master replied, 'You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow, and gather where I did not scatter? Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest. So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance; but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'"

*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**

### *God's Treasure*

Come on and set sail on the deep blue sea  
We're on the search for treasure, oh, what can it be?  
It's not gold and silver, it's not gems and beads  
You be special treasure! God's chosen you and me!  
You are the treasure! Who, me? Yes, you!  
You are the treasure! Who, me? Yes, you!  
We be God's treasure, mateys it's true!  
God's special treasure be me and you!

## **Activity**

Ask your children to talk about gifts, what they are and what other kinds of gifts they have, talents that they may have or things they may be good at doing.

Have your children draw a big tree on a blank sheet of paper. On a different sheet of paper make big leaves and cut them out. Have them color the leaves. On each leaf, have them draw a picture or write one thing that God has given them or a gift that they have (like the ones they talked about before). When they are done, have them glue the leaves on the tree. You can find an image of the tree and the leaves in the Lesson Plan on our website under Worship, Learn and Connect. ([www.christchurchcathedralsmobile.org/learnandconnect](http://www.christchurchcathedralsmobile.org/learnandconnect))