

## CHRIST CHURCH CATHEDRAL

# Children's Liturgy Sunday, May 24, 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

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> 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**

Thank you, God, for this time we have together today. Amen.

All sit.

#### The Lesson:

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

Leader: A Reading from the Gospel of John 17:1-11.

The time came when Jesus knew it was time for him to go back to be with God. This is what Jesus said to God: "I have done the work you gave me to do. So, God, I know it is time for me to come back to you. I have told these people all about you. They know a lot more about you now. Here is what I am asking you now. Help these people understand that it is like we are all holding hands all the people of the world in a big circle with God in the middle of them."

That we all may be one: Okay, probably not gathered into one agreed-upon building or even one way of worship. We are all one as God's love flows out over ALL of us. We are all one as each of us sees the face of Jesus in each person we encounter. Love is who God is, and therefore, what God does. Each of us is part of this one.

Leader: (After the Reading): 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** I Am a Christian

I am a C. I am a C-H. I am a C-H-R-I-S-T-I-A-N. And I have C-H-R-I-S-T in my H-E-A-R-T And I will L-I-V-E E-T-E-R-N-A-L-L-Y

Follow-Up Activity

This is a reverse Musical Chairs. The object is to get the participants one by one, into the circle. Ask members of the family to make a circle outside the chain circle. All together, sing this song to the tune of Mary Had a Little Lamb:

Jesus made a great big circle, great big circle, great big circle.

Jesus made a great big circle and he wants YOU in it too!

One participant stands in the middle of the circle and at the conclusion of the first verse, points to one other participant to join in the circle. Keep going until everyone is inside the circle.

If you are enjoying it, play the game again with another family member in the middle of the circle beckoning the others to come in.