



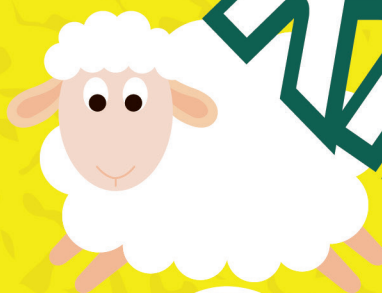
Liturgy for celebrating
**childrens ministry
sunday**



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Procession

Sunday School Children

Processional Chorus:

Welcome

Presider: We gather to worship God,
who created each and every
child in God's own image.
We gather in the name of
Christ, who welcomed and
blessed the children.
We gather empowered by the
Holy Spirit, who moves in and
among us, as we work for
justice. Come let us worship
God.

Synaxis: The Lord be with you

All: And also with you

Collect of Purity

**Almighty God
to whom all hearts are open
all desires known
and from whom no secrets are hid:
cleanse the thoughts of our hearts
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit
that we may perfectly love you
and worthily magnify your holy Name;
through Christ our Lord.**

Synaxis Let us confess our sins – we
bring before God all the
things we have said, thought
and done that was wrong.

**All Almighty God, we are truly
sorry, and we ask you to
forgive us and help us
to do always what is right.**

Absolution

Presider: God of love, you are always
ready to forgive. We thank
you for your forgiveness, in
the name of God the
Father, God the Son and God
the Holy Spirit. **Amen**

Chorus: Jesus loves the little children

Ministry of the Word

First Reading: Daniel 10: 11-12

Psalm 8:

(for children) - From Let's Say a Psalm by Silvia Purdie

God, our living God,
you are amazing!
You are higher than I can look
You are wider than I can see.
But I can hear you - Listen!

We can hear you in the laughter of a little
child,
We can hear you in the babbling of a baby,
You don't need words to tell us of your
power.

Why do you need us at all?
We are so small, and the world is so big,
the stars are so many, and space is so
enormous.

God, our living God, you are amazing!
You made everything.
Why do I matter?

But we do matter!
God cares for us most of all, and through
us God cares for all the world.



You put everything into our care,
all the animals, all the birds, all the fish,
everything that creeps or flies or runs or
swims, even the land and the air and the
sea.

It is all ours to look after.
God, our living God, you are amazing!

Second Reading: Ephesians 4: 29-32

Gradual Chorus

Gospel reading: Mark 6: 49-50

Homily

Children's Creed

**I believe in God, the Father
I believe in Jesus, God's Son
I believe in the Holy Spirit.
Father, Son and Holy Spirit
We Praise you!**

Prayers

Leader: For your goodness and
generosity in giving us all we
need.

All: **Help us to praise you O God**

Leader: In every circumstance of life,
in good times and bad.

All: **Help us to trust you O God**

Leader: In love and faithfulness,
with all that we have and all
that we are.

All: **Help us to serve you O God**

Leader: As we speak or write or
listen to those nearby or far
away.

All: **Help us to share your love O
God**

Leader: In our plans and work for
ourselves and for others.

All: **Help us to glorify you O God**

Leader: In every thought and word
and deed, by the power of
your Holy Spirit.

All: **May we live for you O God**

Leader: Today we came to celebrate
children. We thank you for
creating children in your
own image. Help us God
to honour our children and
to raise them up according to
your divine goodness. As
we are called to nurture our
children in the Christian faith,
we pray for your divine
guidance. Help us God to
be intentional and loving to
all children in our
communities.

Help us to reach out to
children in our congregation,
our faith community, our
neighbourhood, and the world

All: **Amen**

Peace

Synaxis: Christ is our peace. He has
reconciled us to God in one
body by the cross. We meet in
his name and share his
peace.

The peace of the Lord be with
you always.

All: **Peace be with you.**





The Offertory

Offertory Choruses:

Prayer for Presentation of Gifts

Faithful Father, thank you for the gift of eternal life. Everything we have is a gift from you. We bring our offerings to you from the abundant blessings you have given us. May our gifts be acceptable in your sight; in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

Eucharistic Prayer

Celebrant: The Lord be with you

All: And also with you

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts

All: We lift them to the Lord

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God

All: It is right to give him thanks and praise

All: Why do we give thanks and praise at this table?

Celebrant: We give thanks and praise for all that God has done for us

Celebrant: God the Father created the Heavens, the earth and everything in them: created us in His own image.

All: Let us give Him thanks and praise

Celebrant: Christ our Lord became human like us and died to save us.

All: Let us give Him thanks and praise

Celebrant: God sent the Holy spirit to gather us together as the people of God.

All: Let us give Him thanks and praise

Celebrant: So come, let us join together to worship this God who loves us

All: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

**Hosanna in the highest
Blessed is he who comes
in the Name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest**

Celebrant: We praise you that before he suffered and died, our Saviour gave us this holy meal to share and told us to continue it until he come again

All: Why do we eat bread together at this table?

Celebrant: On the night before he died, Jesus took bread. After giving thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples saying: "Take, eat...this is my body given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

All: Why do we drink from the cup together at this table?

Celebrant: In the same way, after supper, Jesus took the cup saying: "This cup is God's new covenant sealed with my blood...poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this in remembrance of me."



All: What do we remember at this table?

Celebrant: We remember the Father's gracious love for us, Christ's death and resurrection for us and the Spirits' tender care for us.

So let us proclaim the mystery of faith

All: Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

Celebrant: Merciful Father, pour out your Holy Spirit on us and these gifts of bread and wine. In eating and drinking together may we be made one with Christ and one another.

All: Amen!

Communion Choruses

Post communion prayers

Celebrant: Give thanks to the Lord for God is gracious

All: God's mercy endures forever

Celebrant: Eternal God, comfort of the hurt and healer of the broken you have fed us at the table of life and hope. Teach us the way of gentleness and peace, and make us minister of your compassion; that all the world may acknowledge the reign of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

All: Father Almighty, we offer ourselves to you as a living sacrifice in Jesus

Christ our Lord. Send us out into the world in the power of the Holy Spirit to live and work to your praise and glory.

**Prayer For Africa
God bless Africa
Protect our children
Transform our leaders
Heal our communities
Restore our dignity
And give us peace
For Jesus Christ's sake
Amen!**

Blessing

Go forth knowing that you are a precious child of God.

Go forth to cherish every child of God.

Go forth to protect and seek justice for children.

May the love of God who created you, the grace of Christ who blessed the children, and the communion of the Spirit whom Jesus called the Advocate, be with you and every child of God, this day forth and forever more.

Amen

Recession chorus

He's got the whole world in His hands.

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