

The Meaning of Children's Day

CHILDREN'S DAY has a double significance for every member of the Church. It serves to interpret the church school program for children to parents, and at the same time provides an opportunity for parents and church school leaders to rededicate themselves to the high calling that is theirs of nurturing children in things Christian.

I AM THE CHILD

I am the child.
All the world waits for my coming.
All the earth watches with interest to see what I shall become.
Civilization hangs in the balance;
For what I am, the world of to-morrow will be.

I am the child.
I have come into your world about which I know nothing;
How I came I know not.
I am curious; I am interested.

I am the child.
You hold in your hand my destiny.
You determine largely whether I shall succeed or fail.
Give me, I pray you, those things that make for happiness.
Train me, I beg you, that I may be a blessing to the world.

—Mamie Gene Cole

A TEACHER'S PRAYER

I ask Thee for a sure and certain skill,
And patience and a consecrated will;
I ask Thee for a white and perfect dream.
A vision of the deep and wide Unseen.
Dear Lord, I need these things so much, so much;
A little child lies plastic to my touch.

I ask Thee for a love that understands
When it should reach and when withdraw its hands;
A selflessness that flings the locked door wide
For youth to enter while I step aside.
Dear Lord, I need these things so much, so much;
A human soul lies plastic to my touch!

—Eleanor B. Stock

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I AM THE CHILD



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THE PRELUDE
CALL TO WORSHIP
CHORAL RESPONSE
COLLECT PRAYER

Quam Dilecta

Minister
Sung
Unison

O Gracious God, from whom every good prayer cometh,
and who pourest out on all who desire it the spirit
of grace and supplication, deliver us, when we draw
nigh to thee, from coldness of heart and wanderings
of mind, that with steadfast thoughts and kindled
affections we may worship thee in Spirit and in
Truth. Amen.

Minister: Peace be among us all.

People: PRAISE AND GLORY BE UNTO GOD.

HYMN OF PRAISE

No. 19

HOLY SCRIPTURE

Psalm 48 & I Thessalonians 1

SILENT DEVOTIONS

APOSTLE'S CREED

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Unison

GLORIA PATRI

No. 203

Sung

CALL TO PRAYER

Minister: The Lord be with you.

People: AND WITH THY SPIRIT.

Minister: Let us pray. Create in us a
clean heart, O God.

People: RENEW A RIGHT SPIRIT WITHIN US.

Minister: Cast us not away from thy presence.

People: TAKE NOT THY HOLY SPIRIT FROM US.

THE ANNIVERSARY PRAYER

Minister

CHORAL RESPONSE

Hear Our Prayer

Sung

AN ANTHEM

Forward to Christ

O'Hara

WORSHIP WITH GIFTS

THE OFFERTORY

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

HOLY BAPTISMS

PARISH CALENDAR

JUNIOR SERMON

AN ANTHEM Build Thee More Stately Mansions

Andrews

SERMON

The Church Born, And Reborn

PARTING PRAYERS - LORD'S PRAYER

PARTING HYMN

No. 83

THE BENEDICTION - SILENT PRAYERS

THE DOXOLOGY

CORNER STONE LAYING SERVICE
June 12, 1955

Opening Sentence

Minister

The Old Testament

Psalm 84

The New Testament

Ephesians 2: 1-22

Address

Reverend Mr. Carl Renter

Responsive Selection

Minister: Our Help is in the name of the Lord;
Who made heaven and earth.

People: BLESSED BE THE NAME OF THE LORD;
FROM THIS TIME FORTH FOR EVERMORE.

Minister: Behold I lay in Zion a chief corner-stone,
elect, precious; And he that believeth in him
shall not be confounded.

People: THE STONE WHICH THE BUILDERS REFUSED;
IS BECOME THE HEADSTONE OF THE CORNER.

Minister: This is the Lord's doing;
And it is marvellous in our eyes.

People: OTHER FOUNDATION CAN NO MAN LAY THAN IS LAID;
Which is Jesus Christ.

The Prayer

Minister: The Lord be with you.

People: AND WITH THY SPIRIT.

Minister: Let us pray.

The Date Stone Shall Now be Laid.

Participants: Rev. Lambarth, Mr. Weaver, Mr. Pellerin,
Mr. Badertscher, Mr. Berry, Rev. Renter.

The Lord's Prayer:

Unison

Parting Hymn

The Church's one Foundation Is Jesus Christ her Lord;
She is His new creation By water and the word;
From heaven He came and sought her To be His holy Bride
With His own blood He bought her, And for her life He
died.

The Benediction