
DEDICATION OF THE LATERAN BASILICA – YEAR C

9th November 2025

Vestment Colour: White

The Archdiocese of St Andrew's & Edinburgh has a website that contains further resources, information and plans for Children's Liturgy for use by Children's Liturgy Leaders. A full template is available on the website.

Health & Safety: *Once you are all assembled, take a head count in case of the need to evacuate (if possible, roster of names). Candles are permitted if they are included in your risk assessment.*

Introduction

Leader: The readings today tell us how we are the living stones that build God's Church. After driving out the money changers and trades people from the temple, Jesus describes Himself as the temple.

Make the Sign of the Cross together.

Light the candles on the table next to the Lectionary.

The Collect

Leader: O God, who from living and chosen stones prepare an eternal dwelling for your majesty, increase in your Church the spirit of grace you have bestowed, so that by the new growth your faithful people may build up the heavenly Jerusalem. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever.

All: Amen

The Gospel Acclamation

All stand to welcome the Gospel. (You can encourage the children to sing the Alleluia).

Alleluia, alleluia.

I have chosen and consecrated this house, says the Lord, that my name may be there for ever.

Alleluia.

Gospel

Select the correct Gospel from the Children's Lectionary (Year C). Alternatively use an approved translation of the Bible (the ESV-CE version or Good News Bible for Children).

Do not paraphrase the Gospel; however, you may need to explain unusual or difficult words and names to the children.

John 2: 13-22

Leader: "A reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. John".

All: "Glory to You, O Lord."

Read the Gospel aloud to the children. At the end say:

Leader: "The Gospel of the Lord".

All reply: "Praise to You, Lord Jesus Christ". Ask everyone to be seated.

Gospel Reflection

The following are some suggestions to help with a discussion around the Gospel.

- **Where did Jesus go?** (The temple. You may need to explain what the temple is).
- **Do you think Jesus was happy with what He saw at the temple?** (No. Jesus got very angry).
- **Why do you think Jesus was angry?** (Discuss the scene – lots of sellers, money changers, people making money and this would have made it difficult for people to get into the temple to pray).
- **The second reading reflects on the people being God's building.** (Discuss how we need to support each other to continue to build the Church).

Prayers of the Faithful

You may wish to prepare some of these yourselves or ask the children for their prayers.
Here are some suggestions for today:

We now ask Our Lord to hear our prayer

Dear Jesus

We pray for peace in our world.

Leader: Lord, in your mercy.

All: Hear our prayer

Dear Jesus,

We pray for our Church community. That we may grow in the love of God and each other.

Leader: Lord, in Your mercy.

All: Hear our prayer.

Closing Prayer

Dear Jesus, help us to be the living stones of your Church on earth.

All: Amen.