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**EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME – YEAR C**

**3<sup>rd</sup> August 2025**

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Vestment Colour: Green

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, a roster of names). Candles are permitted if they are included in your risk assessment.*

**Introduction:**

**Leader:** Today we learn about the importance of building up treasure in heaven.

Make the Sign of the Cross together.

Light the candles on the table next to the Lectionary.

**The Collect:**

**Leader:** Draw near to your servants, O Lord, and answer their prayers with unceasing kindness, that, for those who glory in you as their creator and guide, you may restore what you have created and keep safe what you have restored. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you and 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.**

Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

**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.*

### **Luke 10: 13-21**

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

**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.*

- **What can you remember from the story Jesus told?** (A rich farmer had a large harvest. It was so big that he did not have enough barns to store all the crops so he had to build more barns).
- **I wonder how the man felt when he had such a huge harvest. Do you think he was happy?** (He was very concerned because he did not have enough space to store everything. Despite having such a success, he was unhappy, stressed even).
- **Why did Jesus call the man 'Foolish'?** (Because he was storing up the wrong treasure. Money and wealth were most important to him. He did not think about sharing his wealth but keeping it all for himself).
- **What treasures do think are important to God?** (Love, caring for others, sharing, being kind).
- **Can you think of small ways that you can build up your treasures in heaven?** (saying my prayers, being a good friend, helping my teacher, cleaning my room).

### **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:

**Leader:** We now ask Our Lord to hear our prayers

Dear Jesus,

May your church lead the way in recognising what is pleasing to God.

**Leader:** Lord, in your mercy.

**All: Hear our prayer**

Dear Jesus,

We pray for an end to war and conflict. May we have a world where love of you and our neighbour is experienced by all.

**Leader:** Lord, in Your mercy.

**All: "Hear our prayer."**

### Closing Prayer

God, we thank you for your love for us. May we show our love for you by our actions.

**All:** Amen.