
ELEVENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME – YEAR A

14th June 2026

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

Introduction:

Leader: Today, we hear Jesus giving authority and instruction to his apostles. He gives us the gift of the apostles.

Make the Sign of the Cross together.

Light the candles on the table next to the Lectionary.

The Collect:

Leader: O God, strength of those who hope in you, graciously hear our pleas, and, since without you mortal frailty can do nothing, grant us always the help of your grace, that in following your commands we may please you by our resolve and our deeds.

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.

The kingdom of God is at hand;

Repent and believe in the gospel.

Alleluia.

Alternately you can use the following (*Sing to the tune of 'If You're Happy and You Know It'*)

Alleluia, alleluia, praise the Lord,
Alleluia, alleluia, praise the Lord,

As we listen to the story,
let us praise him for his glory.
Alleluia, alleluia, praise the Lord.

Gospel: Select the correct Gospel from the Children's Lectionary (Year A). 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.*

Matthew 9:36-10:8

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

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 did you hear in the Gospel today?** Give the children time to respond.
- **What was Jesus doing?** Travelling telling people the Good News and healing the sick.
- **What did Jesus feel seeing the people?** He felt sorry for them because they were like sheep without a shepherd. Even though Jesus was right there with them

they are troubled and lost. Explain that sometimes we can forget that Jesus is with us when we caught up with our daily lives and concerns.

- **What did Jesus mean that there is a big harvest to bring in?** Jesus saw that there were many people to preach the Good News too. He needs help to spread His message.
- **Can you remember what Jesus told the apostles to do?** Tell people that the kingdom of God is near, to heal the sick. Jesus gave us the apostles as a gift.

The people can see the transformation of the apostles and so we can identify with them. Jesus not only gives the apostles the instruction to preach but also to perform miracles of healing as He knows we often look for proof and evidence of a teaching.

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

May we have the strength and courage to live our lives following You.

Leader: Lord, in your mercy.

All: Hear our prayer

Dear Jesus

Help all those who are sick or lonely.

Leader: Lord, in Your mercy.

All: Hear our prayer.

Closing Prayer:

Dear Jesus

Keep us close to You always as we live out our lives with You.

All: Amen.