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## FOURTEENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME – YEAR C

6<sup>th</sup> July 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.

Please note the instruction regarding the introductory rite from The Directory for Masses with Children (DMC) 40: It is permissible to omit one or other element of the introductory rite or perhaps expand another element, which is completed by the opening prayer. In choosing individual elements, care should be taken that each one be used from time to time and that none be entirely neglected.

**Preparation:** The Leader and/or Reader should prepare resources ahead of the Sunday. Arrange room/area before the session begins. You will need a crucifix, candles, a place for the Lectionary (this will be carried out with the children) and if possible, a cloth of the colour of the vestment for that service. If possible, a stand or pillow should be available to rest the Lectionary on. Thus, giving the Word of God due reverence. The session should reflect that of the structure of the Mass. If you plan to use an activity the materials should be ready for use before the session begins.

**Health & Safety:** *Once you are all assembled it is recommended that you take a head count in case of the need to evacuate.*

**Introduction:** Today we are moving from Easter to the Ordinary Sundays of the year. Today we hear how Jesus sent out 72 of His Disciples in pairs to share His message but, were to take nothing with them.

**Make the Sign of the Cross** – a sign of the love God has for us. (This is optional, as we have already done this at the start of Holy Mass, but for young children it helps to demonstrate and practice how to do this correctly}.

Light the candles on the table next to the Lectionary. (An adult lights the candles).

**Penitential Rite:** *this can be optional dependant on time*

Ask the children to think about how they have behaved in the past week. Ask them if they have always been kind and helpful to others, obedient to their parents, listened to their teachers etc.

The children could be taught how to sing the Kyrie Eleison.

Alternatively, you can say

**Leader:** Lord Jesus, give us your peace, Lord have mercy

**All: Lord, have mercy**

**Leader:** Lord Jesus you are our light and our guide, Christ have mercy

**All: Christ have mercy**

**Leader:** Lord Jesus, your care for us is never ending, Lord have mercy

**All: Lord have mercy**

**Gloria** (said/sung outside of Lent) *this can be optional dependant on time*

Glory to God in the highest,

and on earth peace to people of goodwill.

We praise You, we bless You,

We adore You, we glorify You,

We give You thanks for Your great glory.

Lord God heavenly King,

O God almighty Father.

Lord Jesus Christ, only begotten Son,

Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,

You take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us;

You take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer;

You are seated at the right hand of the Father:

have mercy on us.

For You alone are the Holy One,

You alone are the Lord,  
You alone are the Most High,  
Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,  
in the glory of God the Father.

Amen

**The Collect:** *must be read* if the children leave the congregation before this is completed. If the children leave after the collect, there is no need to repeat this.

**Leader:** O God, who in the abasement of your Son have raised up a fallen world, fill your faithful with holy joy, for on those you have rescued from slavery to sin you bestow eternal gladness. Through our Lord Jesus Christ your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit One God, forever and ever.

**All: Amen**

**The Gospel Acclamation:** All stand to welcome the Gospel. (*You can encourage the children to sing the Alleluia*).

**Alleluia, alleluia.**

Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts;

let the word of Christ dwell in you richly.

**Alleluia.**

**Gospel:** Select the correct Gospel from the Children's Lectionary. Book of Readings. The Lectionary Adapted for Children. (Year C). Alternatively use a new translation of the Bible (the ESV-CE version). *You should not paraphrase the Gospel; however you may need to explain unusual or difficult words and names to the children.*

**Luke 10: 1-12, 17-20**

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

Explain and demonstrate – make three crosses: one on your forehead, one on your lips and one on your heart (in this way we think God’s word, speak God’s word and keep God’s word in our hearts) as we say together **“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 answer if they wish.
- **Why do you think Jesus sent the Disciples out to the towns ahead of Him?**  
This was to prepare the people for his coming with His message.
- **Who prepares people today for the coming of Jesus?** We do by living as Jesus asks us and sharing the good news about Jesus with the help of the Holy Spirit.
- **Jesus sent the Disciples out in pairs.** I wonder why He did that? For safety while travelling and support to each other. Discuss the importance of having good friends who support you.
- **I wonder how the Disciples felt having to travel without with money, clothes, food and being like ‘lambs among wolves’.** Why would Jesus do that? They might feel afraid, confused or excited. The Disciples would need to trust in God to provide what they would need. They would have to become part of the community that they were visiting by accepting food and a place to stay from the people.

**Creed:** *This is time dependant.* If there is time to recite this the Apostles Creed can be used. Alternatively, a few lines of the Nicæan Creed can be recited to teach the Creed to the children.

**Activity:** *This is time dependant. If used it must reflect and enhance the Gospel message of the day.*

See the Archdiocese of St Andrew’s & Edinburgh for resources where ideas can be found

### 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

That our world leaders always seek to work together for peace in our world.

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

**All: Hear our prayer**

Dear Jesus,

That we also support each other in our Parish, school and family communities as brothers and sisters in Your Church.

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

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

### Closing Prayer

Glory be to the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.

**All:** Amen.

### Useful Resources

Archdiocese of St Andrew's and Edinburgh: <https://archedinburgh.org/>

CAFOD at <https://cafod.org.uk/Children-s-Liturgy>

Children's Liturgy with Emily: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HwnLJNMXemY>

Archdiocese of Dunkeld: <https://www.dunkelddiocese.co.uk/resources-for-children-liturgy/> Search for page entitled 'Resources for Children's Liturgy'

The Liturgy of the Word with Children by Katie Thompson, publisher Kevin Mayhew

**To utilise art:**

searchable by Lectionary date

- <https://www.liturgytools.net/p/artworks-for-roman-catholic-lectionary.html>
- <https://lectionary.library.vanderbilt.edu/illustrations/> (this one is organised around the Revised Common Lectionary, so double check it is the same as the Catholic one)

searchable by Scripture/topic

- [Art in the Christian Tradition: Search the collection](#)
- [Commons: Bible Illustrations - Wikimedia Commons](#)
- [Radiant Light](#)