
JESUS CHRIST UNIVERSAL KING – YEAR C

23rd 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: Today, we hear about Jesus as King. Who, even as He is dying forgives.

Make the Sign of the Cross together.

Light the candles on the table next to the Lectionary.

The Collect

Leader: Almighty ever-living God, whose will is to restore all things in your beloved Son, the King of the universe, grant, we pray, that the whole creation, set free from slavery, may render your majesty service and ceaselessly proclaim your praise. 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.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Blessed is the coming kingdom of our father David!

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 23: 35-43

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 do you think a king is like?** (Allow the children to offer examples. Talk about how rulers should look after the people they govern).
- **What kind of king do you think Jesus was?** (Jesus did not have money or palaces unlike earthly kings. Jesus loves and cares for each of us so much that He was willing to suffer the horrible things done to him. Jesus did not save Himself He chose to die to save us from our sins).
- **Who else was crucified with Jesus?** (Two thieves)
- **What did Jesus tell the thief who was sorry?** (That he would be in paradise with Him, in heaven. Even as Jesus was dying, He loved the good thief. Jesus loves us if we are sorry when we do wrong).

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 that all those in power and positions of authority care for all people under their care especially the poor and weak.

Leader: Lord, in your mercy.

All: Hear our prayer

Dear Jesus,

We pray for the sick and lonely of our parish community. That they may know your love.

Leader: Lord, in Your mercy.

All: Hear our prayer.

Closing Prayer

Dear Jesus

May your light shine through us to all the people we meet this week.

All: Amen.