NINETEENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME - YEAR C

10th August 2025

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 Jesus tells us to be always ready and prepared for the day He returns.

Make the Sign of the Cross altogether.

Light the candles on the table next to the Lectionary.

The Collect:

Leader: Almighty ever-living God, whom, taught by the Holy Spirit, we dare to call our Father, bring, we pray, to perfection in our hearts the spirit of adoption as your sons and daughters, that we may merit to enter into the inheritance which you have promised. 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.

Stay awake and be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.

Alleluia.

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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 12: 32-48

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.

<u>Gospel Reflection:</u> the following are some suggestions to help with a discussion around the Gospel.

- Why do you think Jesus told the Disciples to sell everything they had? (Jesus was telling us that worldly things are not important in the eyes of God. They are not true treasure).
- I wonder what we are to stay prepared for. (We know that Jesus will come again but we do not know when, so we should live each day as though it might be today).
- Can you think of ways that you can live every day that would please Jesus? (Being kind, thoughtful and loving).

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 prayers

Dear Jesus.

May the Church learn from You and share your love throughout the world.

Leader: Lord, in your mercy.

All: Hear our prayer

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Dear Jesus,

May the world know peace through love, respect and care for each other.

Leader: Lord, in Your mercy.

All: Hear our prayer.

Dear Jesus,

May our community always be a place of welcome and love to all we meet.

Leader: Lord, hear your mercy.

All: Hear our prayer.

Closing Prayer

Lord, renew your Spirit in our hearts that we may always be prepared and ready for You.

All: Amen.