
SOLEMNITY OF ALL SAINTS – YEAR C

2nd 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 celebrate the feast of All Saints – the day when we remember everyone who has led a good life and is now in Heaven. This includes the well known Saints recognised by the Church, but most especially today, the ordinary people who have tried their best to live as Jesus taught us and having died, are now with Him forever in Heaven.

Make the Sign of the Cross together.

Light the candles on the table next to the Lectionary.

The Collect

Leader: Almighty ever-living God, by whose gifts we venerate in one celebration the merits of all the Saints, bestow on us, we pray, through the prayers of so many intercessors, an abundance of the reconciliation with you for which we earnestly long. 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.

Come to me, all who labour and are heavy laden, says the Lord, and I will give you rest.

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.*

Matthew 5:1-12a

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? Build on the points that the children remember. Be sure to include the following:

- What did Jesus teach the disciples in this gospel? He said that people who are peaceful, humble, merciful and do God's will are children of God and will be granted the kingdom of Heaven.
- What does it mean to be peaceful? If we are peaceful in God's eyes, we are kind, help others, forgive others and generally do what God asks us to do. By doing what God asks and knowing we are doing his will, he gives us a peaceful heart.

- When can we think about God and feel peaceful? We can do this when we say our prayers or when we are unhappy, angry or confused. If we pray to God to help us, he will grant us peace and show us the way.
- Do you know people that make you feel peaceful? What are they like? How does being peaceful help others? Peaceful people are calm, kind, honest and fair. They make you feel safe and happy. Even pets like to be around peaceful people.
- What will you do in the next week to be peaceful?

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

Thank you for all the people in our lives that make us feel peaceful.

Leader: Lord, in your mercy.

All: Hear our prayer

Dear Jesus,

Help us to be calm, kind, honest and fair to others so that we may help others to feel God's love and peace.

Leader: Lord, in Your mercy.

All: Hear our prayer.

Closing Prayer

Leader

Children

Lord have mercy

Lord have mercy

Christ have mercy

Christ have mercy

Lord have mercy	Lord have mercy
Holy Mary	Pray for us
St John the Baptist	Pray for us
St Peter	Pray for us
St Joseph	Pray for us
St Patrick	Pray for us
St Francis	Pray for us
St Dominic	Pray for us
St Andrew	Pray for us
St Margaret	Pray for us
St Thérèse	Pray for us
(Name of the Saint of your Church)	Pray for us
All holy men and women	Pray for us

All: Amen.