
THIRTY THIRD SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME – YEAR C

16th November 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 we are reminded that Jesus will return. The Holy Spirit helps guide us in our lives so that one day we may share eternal happiness with our Father in Heaven.

Make the Sign of the Cross together.

Light the candles on the table next to the Lectionary.

The Collect

Leader: Grant us, we pray, O Lord our God, the constant gladness of being devoted to you, for it is full and lasting happiness to serve with constancy the author of all that is good. 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.

Straighten up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.

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 21: 5-19

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 did you hear in the Gospel today?** (In today's Gospel, we hear how the disciples asked Jesus about when the end of the world would take place. Jesus told them that before the world ends people will falsely claim to be the Christ and that terrible things including wars would happen. Jesus also said that people would hate us because we believe in Him).
- **What did Jesus say we must do when this happens?** (We should not be afraid but believe in Jesus and keep following what He has taught us, living good lives, being honest and truthful, loving and kind. If we do this Jesus has promised to save us and that our reward will be eternal happiness in Heaven).

Jesus said this as a reminder that these things will not last forever but his love for us will.

He will return at the end of time and nothing else will matter but our love for him.

- **Discuss with the children some of the things they see as a reward** (Might be sweets or time on their computer or a present. They remember how they felt when they receive these things but don't always remember what the gift or material possession is).

If we live as followers of Jesus and do as he has commanded us, we too will receive a great reward, an eternal one. We will join our Father in Heaven and share in **everlasting** happiness.

- **Remind the children that we do not know the hour or day when Jesus will return therefore, we must always be ready, just as we prepare when a special visitor is coming to our house.** We prepare for Jesus by sharing our Faith with others. It is not always easy, but we know it is worth it in order to receive the ultimate reward.

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 your unending love. We know that you are always with us in this life and in the next. Help us live our lives as faithful witnesses of your love.

Leader: Lord, in your mercy.

All: Hear our prayer

Closing Prayer

Let us pray as Jesus taught us to pray as we say together the "Our Father".

"Our Father, who art in heaven

All: Amen.