
SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME – YEAR C

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: In today's Gospel we hear the story of the ten lepers but only one returns to give thanks for being healed. That person was a foreigner.

Make the Sign of the Cross together.

Light the candles on the table next to the Lectionary.

The Collect:

Leader: May your grace, O Lord, we pray, at all times go before us and follow after and make us always determined to carry out good works. 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.

In everything give thanks; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.

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 17: 11-19

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?** (Allow the children time to discuss what they heard).
- **Why do you think the ten people stood away at a distance?** (Explain why people with leprosy were excluded from society).
- **Ten people were healed, but how many came back to thank God?** (One person returned).
- **Jesus explained that the one who returned was a foreigner why was this important?** (Explain why a Samaritan was considered a foreigner).
- **Discuss with the children things that they should thank God for? Why is it important to say thank you?**

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 your love for us. May our church grow in love to all.

Leader: Lord, in your mercy.

All: Hear our prayer

Dear Jesus,

Help us to be more like you to love everyone especially those who are lonely or feel like they do not belong.

Leader: Lord, in Your mercy.

All: Hear our prayer.

Closing Prayer

Thank you, Jesus, for all that you give us. Thank you for your never-ending love.

All: Amen.