
TWENTY FIFTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME – YEAR C

21st September 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's Gospel reminds us of the importance of honesty and the true treasure of our life- Jesus.

Make the Sign of the Cross together.

Light the candles on the table next to the Lectionary.

The Collect:

Leader: O God, who founded all the commands of your sacred law upon love of you and of our neighbour, grant that, by keeping your precepts, we may merit to attain eternal life. 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.

Jesus Christ, though he was rich, yet for your sake he became poor, so that you by his poverty might become rich.

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 16: 1-13

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?** (We hear about the importance of always being honest. Ask the children what 'honesty' means).
- **Discuss with the children times when they had to make the choice of being honest or not.** (Maybe they have done something to a sibling and not been honest with their parents regarding this. Maybe they were not honest about an incident they saw in the playground or a time they took something that belonged to someone else, like a sweet perhaps).
- **Ask them about the impact of somebody not being honest.** (Perhaps it has made their parents sad, or others feel that they cannot be trusted).

- **Why are people dishonest at times?** (They may gain some physical possession or temporary happiness from doing what pleases them). However, knowing what they have done is wrong they will generally soon feel guilty and bad about what they have done.
- **You will feel real happiness if you do the right thing and are honest.** Your parents or teachers will be proud of you and God will be pleased with you.
- **Everlasting happiness comes from God alone,** becoming true followers of Jesus, doing the right thing and living in the way that He taught us.
- **Discuss different scenarios with the children that involve them making the right decision and help talk them through the decision process.**

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

Help us to follow your example and live honest and truthful lives. May we always strive to do the right thing when we are faced with making a decision.

Leader: Lord, in your mercy.

All: Hear our prayer

Closing Prayer

Let us pray to Mary our Heavenly Mother to help us to be good and honest as we say:

“Hail Mary, Full of Grace....

All: Amen.