
TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME – YEAR C

24th 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: Anyone can enter the kingdom of God only if they accept Jesus and are able to enter through the narrow door.

Make the Sign of the Cross together.

Light the candles on the table next to the Lectionary.

The Collect:

Leader: O God, who cause the minds of the faithful to unite in a single purpose, grant your people to love what you command and to desire what you promise, that, amid the uncertainties of this world, our hearts may be fixed on that place where true gladness is found. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who 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.

I am the way, and the truth, and the life, says the Lord. No one comes to the Father except through me.

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 13: 22-30

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.*

- **How many people did Jesus say will be allowed into the kingdom of God?** (Many will try but few will succeed).
- **Who do you think can enter heaven?** (Anyone who believes in Jesus).
- **How do we take our place?** (By loving God and our neighbours. By living the way that Jesus taught us, by living like Him).
- **Why do some find it hard to enter heaven?** (They reject Jesus and refuse to follow Him and His way of life. They want to do things their own way).

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:

Father, we ask that as your family our lives reflect your love as we pray

Dear Jesus,

May we share your love with everyone we meet so that all will be fit for heaven.

Leader: Lord, in your mercy.

All: Hear our prayer

Dear Jesus,

May world leaders work for peace following your way of love.

Leader: Lord, in Your mercy.

All: Hear our prayer.

Closing Prayer

Lord, grant that we may follow you and find our place with you in heaven.

All: Amen.