
TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME – YEAR C

19th October 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 Jesus tells us of the importance of continuous prayer.

Make the Sign of the Cross together.

Light the candles on the table next to the Lectionary.

The Collect:

Leader: Almighty ever-living God, grant that we may always conform our will to yours and serve your majesty in sincerity of heart. 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.

The word of God is living and active, discerning the thoughts and intentions of the heart.

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 18: 1-8

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?** (Give the children time to respond).
- **Why did the widow keep going to the judge?** (The widow wanted justice against an adversary. You might need to explain what an adversary is).
- **Did the widow eventually get justice?** (Yes, the judge got fed up with the widow pestering him continuously).
- **I wonder how God will treat us if we continuously pray?** (Explain that even when we pray, we might not get what we want immediately. God will always answer our prayers with what He knows we need).

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 always continue our prayer to you for our needs. May we always be thankful to you for your love.

Leader: Lord, in your mercy.

All: Hear our prayer.

Closing Prayer

Dear Lord, thank you for listening to all our prayers.

All: Amen.