
TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME – YEAR A

18th October 2026

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 all that we have comes from God. We should never forget this and show gratitude for all that we have.

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.

Shine as lights in the world, holding fast to the word of life.

Alleluia.

Alternatively: *(Sing to the tune of 'If You're Happy and You Know It')*

Alleluia, alleluia, praise the Lord, Alleluia, alleluia, praise the Lord,

As we listen to the story, let us praise him for his glory.

Alleluia, alleluia, praise the Lord.

Gospel: Select the correct Gospel from the Children's Lectionary (Year A). 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.*

Matthew 22:15-21

Leader: "A reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew".

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? (The Pharisees tried to trick Jesus).

What did they try to do? (They tried to make him say the wrong thing).

Why is it wrong to try to trick someone like this? Discuss with the children the differences between playing a party trick on someone and playing a trick at someone else's expense.

In the story Jesus didn't fall for the trick and said, "Give back to Caesar what belonged to him and give back to God what belonged to God."

This is a reminder for us that what we have on earth has been given to us by God. He is the author of all creation, and we must show our thankfulness for all He has given to us. We can do this sharing what we have with others and by looking after the earth we live on, and saying prayers of thanksgiving.

Discuss with the children the ways they can show their gratitude to God. (Spend time in prayer and deepen our love for God by receiving the Sacraments, show kindness to others, share with others...)

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 loving us so much that You died on the cross to win eternal life for us in Heaven and for giving Yourself to us in the Eucharist. May we always share this great love with others by caring for them and sharing what we have especially with those in need and may we remember to show our gratitude for all you have done for us.

Leader: Lord, in your mercy.

All: Hear our prayer

Closing Prayer:

Dear Heavenly Father Help me to do as you have asked and to draw closer to you and to your beloved Son Jesus. Remind me of all the many blessings in my life that I may Glorify your Holy name.

All: Amen.