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## **TWENTY SECOND SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME – YEAR C**

**31<sup>st</sup> August 2025**

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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 went to eat at the house of a wealthy Pharisee. He noticed the behaviour of some of the guests who were full of their own importance and chose the best seats for themselves. He speaks to both the guests and the host and tells them to be humble, and they will receive God's blessing.

Make the Sign of the Cross together.

Light the candles on the table next to the Lectionary.

### **The Collect:**

**Leader:** God of might, giver of every good gift, put into our hearts the love of your name, so that, by deepening our sense of reverence, you may nurture in us what is good and, by your watchful care, keep safe what you have nurtured.

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.**

Take my yoke upon you, says the Lord, and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in 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 14: 1, 7-14**

**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.*

In today's Gospel, Jesus went to eat at the house of a wealthy Pharisee – a man who would be thought of as important by the Jewish people.

- What did Jesus notice that some of the guests did when they arrived? (They chose the best seats at the table).
- Why do you think they did this? (You will get a range of answers- They were selfish, greedy, wanted to feel important or felt they were more important than other guests).
- What did Jesus say to the guests? (Jesus said that they should not expect to be in the best seat and should instead be humble and chose the least important seat and then the host may ask them to move to a better seat beside him. Jesus

pointed out that if they chose the best seat they may be embarrassed when their host asks them to move to make way for a more important guest!)

- Ask the children if they have ever behaved like this, for example in rushing to take the best seat at a party?
- Why should we not do this? (It's selfish, greedy, unkind, thoughtless.....)
- What did Jesus say to the Pharisee who had invited the guests? He said not to just invite people who would invite him back, or who were rich or important.
- Who did Jesus say he should also invite and why? Jesus said he should invite those unable to repay him: the poor, the sick, the homeless – those the world considers unimportant.
- Jesus said that God will repay our kindness and bless us when we do this.

### 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

You have asked that we love one another as you loved us. Help us to be strong witnesses to your love daily by our actions and words.

**Leader:** Lord, in your mercy.

**All: Hear our prayer**

Dear Jesus,

Help us always to be kind and generous to others and to treat them the way we would like to be treated.

**Leader:** Lord, in Your mercy.

**All: Hear our prayer.**

### **Closing Prayer**

Let us pray as Jesus taught us to pray as we say together the “Our Father”.

“Our Father, who art in heaven ....

**All:** Amen.