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## **TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME – YEAR C**

**5<sup>th</sup> October 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:** In today's Gospel, Jesus tells a story to help the disciples understand that if they put their faith in God anything is possible and that by living lives of faith the world will be a better place.

Make the Sign of the Cross together.

Light the candles on the table next to the Lectionary.

### **The Collect:**

**Leader:** Almighty ever-living God, who in the abundance of your kindness surpass the merits and the desires of those who entreat you, pour out your mercy upon us to pardon what conscience dreads and to give what prayer does not dare to ask. 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 the Lord remains for ever and this word is the good news that was preached to you.

**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 17: 5-10**

**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?** It was a very short Gospel today. Jesus told his disciples a story to help make their faith stronger. What did He tell them? (Jesus said that if they only had very little faith as small as a mustard seed which is a very tiny seed – as small as a dot made by a pen- they would be able to tell a tree to uproot itself and plant itself in the sea!)
- **Discuss** with the children that Jesus is talking not about trees, but about the good effects of having and living lives of faith in God.
- **Discuss** what are the good things that people will notice about us if we are living good lives with faith in our loving God?

- **How** should we treat other people and each other if we are being faithful to God? (Discuss, being kind, caring, honest, hard-working.....)
- **If we** all live like this do think it will change the world? Will the world be a better place?

### **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 always to be kind and caring and to be generous with all the gifts that You have given us.

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

**All: Hear our prayer**

### **Closing Prayer**

Let us pray to Jesus to help us to live lives of faith.

“Most Sacred Heart of Jesus I place all my trust in You” (say three times)

**All:** Amen.