
TWENTY SIXTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME – YEAR C

28th September 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's Gospel reminds us of our responsibility to help those who are poor, sick, or less fortunate than ourselves.

Make the Sign of the Cross together.

Light the candles on the table next to the Lectionary.

The Collect:

Leader: O God, who manifest your almighty power above all by pardoning and showing mercy, bestow, we pray, your grace abundantly upon us and make those hastening to attain your promises heirs to the treasures of heaven. 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.

Jesus Christ, though he was rich, yet for your sake he became poor, so that you by his poverty might become rich.

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 16: 19-31

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, we hear about two people who had very different lives. Who were they?** (The rich man and a very poor man called Lazarus).
- **What do we know about Lazarus? What happened to him?** (Discuss with the children. He was very poor, homeless in fact. He sat outside the rich man's house to beg for food. He had no food, no money, nothing. He was malnourished, ill and covered in sores. Even the dogs took pity on him and tried to help by licking his sores. He would have been happy to eat scraps of food from the rich man's house. He died and went straight to Heaven).
- **What do we know about the rich man? What happened to him?** (Discuss with the children. We don't know his name, but he was very rich and dressed in fine clothes and feasted every day. He knew about Lazarus (he even knew his name),

but he was not interested in helping him. The rich man died and instead of going to Heaven he went to Hell. This meant that he was now suffering).

- **What did the rich man ask?** (He wanted Abraham to send Lazarus to bring him some cool water. When Abraham told him this was not possible and reminded him of how he had ignored Lazarus when he was suffering, he then asked that Lazarus be sent to warn his five brothers, so that they would not behave badly like him and end up suffering in Hell when they died).
- **What did Abraham say about sending Lazarus to warn the brothers?** (He said if they didn't listen to Moses and the prophets they would not even listen if someone who had died came back to warn them to change their ways).
- **How does Jesus want us to treat each other?** (Discuss that Jesus wants us to care for each other. He wants us to share with those who are less well off than ourselves. Even as children we can notice if someone is upset, being bullied, has no friends, or has no toys and we can help, by being welcoming and sharing what we have).

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 Mary our Heavenly Mother to help us to be good and honest as we say:

“Hail Mary, Full of Grace....

All: Amen.