*Eucharist for St Luke, Year A, 18.10.2020*

*The Gathering*

*Hymn* Angel voices ever singing

Angel voices ever singing round thy throne of light,  
angel harps, forever ringing, rest not day nor night;  
thousands only live to bless thee and confess thee Lord of might.

Thou who art beyond the farthest mortal eye can scan,  
can it be that thou regardest our poor hymnody?  
Yes, we know that Thou art near us and wilt hear us constantly.

Yea, we know that thou rejoices o'er each work of thine;  
thou didst ears and hands and voices for thy praise design;  
craftsman's art and music's measure for thy pleasure didst combine.

In thy house, great God, we offer of thine own to thee;  
and for thine acceptance proffer, all unworthily,  
hearts and minds and hands and voices in our choicest melody.

Honour, glory, might, and merit thine shall ever be,  
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, blessed Trinity:  
of the best that thou hast given earth and heaven render thee.

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

*The Greeting*

The Lord be with you

**and also with you.**

*Prayers of Penitence*

God so loved the world that he gave his only Son Jesus Christ

to save us from our sins, to be our advocate in heaven,

and to bring us to eternal life.

Let us confess our sins in penitence and faith,

firmly resolved to keep God's commandments

and to live in love and peace with all.

**Most merciful God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
we confess that we have sinned in thought, word and deed.**

**We have not loved you with our whole heart.**

**We have not loved our neighbours as ourselves.**

**In your mercy forgive what we have been, help us to amend what we are,**

**and direct what we shall be; that we may do justly, love mercy,**

**and walk humbly with you, our God. Amen.**

*Absolution*

Almighty God,

who forgives all who truly repent,

have mercy upon you,

pardon and deliver you from all your sins,

confirm and strengthen you in all goodness,

and keep you in life eternal;

through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*The Gloria*

Glory to God, glory to God, glory to the Father.

**Glory to God, glory to God, glory to the Father.**

To God be glory forever. **To God be glory forever.**

Alleluia, amen. **Alleluia, amen. Alleluia, amen. Alleluia, amen.**

Glory to God, glory to God, Son of the Father.

**Glory to God, glory to God, Son of the Father.**

To God be glory forever. **To God be glory forever.**

Alleluia, amen. **Alleluia, amen. Alleluia, amen. Alleluia, amen.**

Glory to God, glory to God, glory to the Spirit.

**Glory to God, glory to God, glory to the Spirit.**

To God be glory forever. **To God be glory forever.**

Alleluia, amen. **Alleluia, amen. Alleluia, amen. Alleluia, amen.**

*The Collect*

Almighty God,  
you called Luke the physician, whose praise is in the gospel,  
to be an evangelist and physician of the soul:  
by the grace of the Spirit and through the wholesome medicine of the gospel,  
give your Church the same love and power to heal;  
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

*The Liturgy of the Word*

*First Reading* **Isaiah 35: 3 - 6**

Strengthen the weak hands, and make firm the feeble knees. Say to those who are of a fearful heart, ‘Be strong, do not fear! Here is your God. He will come with vengeance, with terrible recompense. He will come and save you.’ Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf unstopped; then the lame shall leap like a deer, and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy. For waters shall break forth in the wilderness,  
and streams in the desert.

This is the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

## *Second Reading* 2 Timothy 4: 5 - 17

As for you, always be sober, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, carry out your ministry fully. As for me, I am already being poured out as a libation, and the time of my departure has come. I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. From now on there is reserved for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give to me on that day, and not only to me but also to all who have longed for his appearing. Do your best to come to me soon, for Demas, in love with this present world, has deserted me and gone to Thessalonica; Crescens has gone to Galatia, Titus to Dalmatia. Only Luke is with me. Get Mark and bring him with you, for he is useful in my ministry. I have sent Tychicus to Ephesus. When you come, bring the cloak that I left with Carpus at Troas, also the books, and above all the parchments. Alexander the coppersmith did me great harm; the Lord will pay him back for his deeds. You also must beware of him, for he strongly opposed our message. At my first defence no one came to my support, but all deserted me. May it not be counted against them! But the Lord stood by me and gave me strength, so that through me the message might be fully proclaimed and all the Gentiles might hear it. So I was rescued from the lion’s mouth.

This is the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

*The Gospel*

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to *St Luke*.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

## Luke 10: 1 - 9

The Lord appointed seventy others and sent them on ahead of him in pairs to every town and place where he himself intended to go. He said to them, ‘The harvest is plentiful, but the labourers are few; therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out labourers into his harvest. Go on your way. See, I am sending you out like lambs into the midst of wolves. Carry no purse, no bag, no sandals; and greet no one on the road. Whatever house you enter, first say, “Peace to this house!” And if anyone is there who shares in peace, your peace will rest on that person; but if not, it will return to you. Remain in the same house, eating and drinking whatever they provide, for the labourer deserves to be paid. Do not move about from house to house. Whenever you enter a town and its people welcome you, eat what is set before you; cure the sick who are there, and say to them, “The kingdom of God has come near to you.”’

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

*Sermon*

*The Creed*

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,**

**maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,**

**eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light,**

**true God from true God, begotten, not made,**

**of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven,**

**was incarnate from the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and was made man.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;**

**he suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures;**

**he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,**

**and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,**

**who proceeds from the Father (and the Son,)**

**who with the Father and the Son**

**is worshipped and glorified,**

**who has spoken through the prophets.**

**We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.**

**We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.**

**We look for the resurrection of the dead,**

**and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

*Prayers of Intercession*

*In the Diocesan Calendar we pray for St Luke, Woodside: Samuel Dennis (V); Cordella Dawson (AsstC); Roy Collins (PTO); Jean Yearwood (PTO)*

*We pray for St Luke’s Healthcare for the Clergy*

*In the Anglican Communion Calendar, we pray for the Bishops, priests and people of the Episcopal Church.*

*In the Christ Church calendar, we pray for Vyvian House*

*We also pray for all whose year’s mind falls at this time.*

We pray today for doctors, nurses, and all who work in our hospitals, surgeries,

and in community health care.

God, there are varieties of gifts,  
**but the same Spirit.**

We give thanks for the skills and dedication of all medical staff,

and for the developments in medical science which guide their work.

There are varieties of service,  
**but the same Lord.**

We pray for those who bring health and healing to the neglected and the underprivileged, for mental health services, especially for the Memorial Hospital and for Oaktree Lodge,

and for those who take their skills to under-developed parts of the world.

There are many kinds of working,  
**but the same God is at work in all.**

We pray for hospital chaplains and their teams,  
and for all Christians working in the health services.

Strengthen them, and all who minister in Christ's name.  
**Give them courage to proclaim your Gospel.**

And we pray for the healing ministry of our churches.  
We pray that we may, by your grace, be agents and ministers of your gospel,  
bringing your love, faith and hope to all people,  
and especially those in any kind of trouble or distress.

Make your ways known upon earth, Lord God,  
**your healing power among all people.**

Lord, give skill, wisdom and humility to doctors and nurses  
and all who minister to the sick,  
that they may be blessed with compassion and patience,  
and show in our world  
the light of your healing power.

This we pray through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
**Amen.**

Merciful Father,

**accept these prayers for the sake of your Son,**

**our Saviour Jesus Christ.**

**Amen.**

*The Liturgy of the Sacrament*

*The Peace*

We are the body of Christ.

In the one Spirit we were all baptised into one body.

Let us then pursue all that makes for peace and builds up our common life.

The peace of the Lord be always with you

**and also with you.**

*Hymn Be Thou My Vision*

Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart; naught be all else to me, save that thou art--  
thou my best thought in the day and the night, waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.

Be thou my wisdom, be thou my true word; I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord;  
thou my great Father, I thy true heir; thou in me dwelling, and I with thy care.

Be thou my breastplate, sword for the fight; be thou my armour, and be thou my might,  
thou my soul's shelter and thou my high tow'r: raise thou me heav'n-ward, O Pow'r of my pow'r.

Riches I heed not, nor all the world’s praise, thou mine inheritance through all my days;  
thou, and thou only, the first in my heart, high King of heaven, my treasure thou art!

High King of heaven when battle is done, grant heaven's joy to me, O bright heav'n's sun!  
Christ of my own heart, whatever befall, still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

*Preparation of the Altar*

*Prayer at the preparation of the altar.*

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation:

through your goodness we have this bread to set before you,

which earth has given and human hands have made.

It will become for us the bread of life.

**Blessed be God for ever.**

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation:

through your goodness we have this wine to set before you,

fruit of the vine and work of human hands.

It will become for us the cup of salvation.

**Blessed be God for ever.**

*The Eucharistic Prayer*

The Lord be with you

**and also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give thanks and praise.**

It is indeed right, it is our duty and our joy,

at all times and in all places to give you thanks and praise,

holy Father, heavenly King, almighty and eternal God,

through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord.

*For he is your living Word; through him you have created all things from the beginning,*

*and formed us in your own image. Through him you have freed us from the slavery of sin,*

*giving him to be born of a woman and to die upon the cross;*

*you raised him from the dead and exalted him to your right hand on high.*

*Through him you have sent upon us your holy and life-giving Spirit,*

*and made us a people for your own possession.*

Therefore, with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven,

we proclaim your great and glorious name, for ever praising you and saying:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,**

**heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

Accept our praises, heavenly Father, through your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ,

and as we follow his example and obey his command,

grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit these gifts of bread and wine

may be to us his body and his blood;

who, in the same night that he was betrayed, took bread and gave you thanks;

he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying:

Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of me.

In the same way, after supper he took the cup and gave you thanks;

he gave it to them, saying:

Drink this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant,

which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins.

Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.

Therefore, heavenly Father, we remember his offering of himself

made once for all upon the cross;

we proclaim his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension;

we look for the coming of your kingdom,

and with this bread and this cup we make the memorial of Christ your Son our Lord.

Great is the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died:**

**Christ is risen:**

**Christ will come again.**

Accept through him, our great high priest, this our sacrifice of thanks and praise,

and as we eat and drink these holy gifts in the presence of your divine majesty,

renew us by your Spirit, inspire us with your love

and unite us in the body of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Through him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit,

with all who stand before you in earth and heaven,

we worship you, Father almighty, in songs of everlasting praise:

**Blessing and honour and glory and power**

**be yours for ever and ever. Amen.**

*The Lord's Prayer*

Let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name;**

**thy kingdom come; thy will be done; on earth as it is in heaven.**

**Give us this day our daily bread.**

**And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us.**

**And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil.**

**For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory,**

**for ever and ever. Amen.**

*The president breaks the consecrated bread.*

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

**Though we are many, we are one body,**

**because we all share in one bread.**

*Agnus Dei*

**Jesus, Lamb of God, have mercy on us.**

**Jesus, bearer of our sins, have mercy on us.**

**Jesus, redeemer of the world, grant us peace.**

*Giving of Communion*

Jesus is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world.

Blessed are those who are called to his supper.

**Lord, I am not worthy to receive you,**

**but only say the word, and I shall be healed.**

*Quiet Music: Hamba Nathi / Thuma Mina*

*Prayer after Communion*

Almighty God,  
who on the day of Pentecost sent your Holy Spirit to the apostles  
with the wind from heaven and in tongues of flame,  
filling them with joy and boldness to preach the gospel:  
by the power of the same Spirit  
strengthen us to witness to your truth and to draw everyone to the fire of your love;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**.

*Then we pray together:*

**Father of all, we give you thanks and praise,**

**that when we were still far off you met us in your Son**

**and brought us home. Keep us firm in the hope you have set before us,**

**so we and all your children shall be free,**

**and the whole earth live to praise your name;**

**through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

*The Dismissal*

God give you grace to follow his saints   
in faith and hope and love;  
and the blessing of God almighty,  
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,  
be among you and remain with you always.  
Amen.

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

**In the name of Christ. Amen.**

*Hymn We have a Gospel to Proclaim*

We have a gospel to proclaim good news for all throughout the earth;

the gospel of a Saviour’s name: we sing his glory, tell his worth.

Tell of his birth at Bethlehem, not in a royal house or hall

but in a stable dark and dim: the Word made flesh, a light for all.

Tell of His death at Calvary, hated by those he came to save;

in lonely suffering on the cross: for all he loved, his life he gave.

Tell of that glorious Easter morn: empty the tomb, for he was free;

he broke the power of death and hell that we might share his victory.

Tell of his reign at God’s right hand, by all creation glorified.

He sends his Spirit on his Church to live for him, the Lamb who died.

Now we rejoice to name him King: Jesus is Lord of all the earth.

This gospel message we proclaim: we sing his glory, tell his worth.

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