

Service for the Feast of St Luke



St Laurence Church, Downton

18 October 2020

Preparation

Call to Worship

How beautiful upon the mountains
are the feet of the messenger who announces peace.

The one who brings good news,
who announces salvation,
proclaim to the people, 'Your God reigns.'

As we rejoice in the gift of this new day,
so may the light of your presence, O God,
set our hearts on fire with love for you;
now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Team Rector introduces the service

Hymn: *O for a thousand tongues to sing*
(Saint Michael's Singers)

O for a thousand tongues to sing
my great Redeemer's praise, my great Redeemer's praise,
the glories of my God and King,
the triumphs of his grace, the triumphs of his grace,
the triumphs of his grace!

Jesus! the name that charms our fears,
that bids our sorrows cease, that bids our sorrows cease;
'tis music in the sinner's ears,
'tis life, and health, and peace, 'tis life, and health, and peace,
'tis life, and health, and peace.

See all your sins on Jesus laid;
the Lamb of God was slain; the Lamb of God was slain;
his soul was once an offering made
for every soul of man, for every soul of man,
for every soul of man.

He breaks the power of cancelled sin,
he sets the prisoner free, he sets the prisoner free;
his blood can make the foulest clean;
his blood availed for me, his blood availed for me,
his blood availed for me.

He speaks; and, listening to his voice,
new life the dead receive, new life the dead receive;
the mournful, broken hearts rejoice;
the humble poor believe, the humble poor believe,
the humble poor believe.

Hear him, ye deaf; his praise, ye dumb,
your loosened tongues employ, your loosened tongues employ;
ye blind, behold your Saviour come;
and leap, ye lame, for joy, and leap, ye lame, for joy,
and leap, ye lame, for joy.

My gracious Master and my God,
assist me to proclaim, assist me to proclaim,
to spread through all the earth abroad
the honours of thy name, the honours of thy name,
the honours of thy name.

Charles Wesley (1707-1788)

Psalm 147:

Praise the Lord!

How good it is to sing praises to our God;
for he is gracious, and a song of praise is fitting.

The Lord builds up Jerusalem;
he gathers the outcasts of Israel.

He heals the broken-hearted,
and binds up their wounds.

He determines the number of the stars;
he gives to all of them their names.

Great is our Lord, and abundant in power;
his understanding is beyond measure.

The Lord lifts up the downtrodden;
he casts the wicked to the ground.

Sing to the Lord with thanksgiving;
make melody to our God on the lyre.

His delight is not in the strength of the horse,
nor his pleasure in the speed of a runner;
but the Lord takes pleasure in those who fear him,
in those who hope in his steadfast love.

Glory to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning is now
and shall be for ever. Amen.

Prayer:

God of compassion,
you are a strong tower for all who trust in you:
be now and evermore our defence,
that we may proclaim the only name under heaven
given for health and salvation,
even Jesus Christ our Lord, **Amen.**

Silence is kept

Praise the Lord, all you saints!
Praise the Lord, you heavenly hosts!

So great a cloud of witnesses surrounds us.
They witness to God's mighty acts.

They witness to God's steadfast love.
Their witness guides us in our faith.

Give thanks to God for St. Luke, the Evangelist,
Who tells of Christ's healing power.

Sing praise to God, sing praises.
Sing praise and thanks for all God's saints.

The Liturgy of the Word

Readings:

2 Timothy 4:5-17

Luke 10:1-9

After each reading:

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Reflection

Music: 2 Choruses and Sinfonia from the St Luke Passion
(arranged by Mike Magatagan)

Prayers

We are led in a time of prayer

This response is used:

Lord in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

The Lord's Prayer is said:

Gathering our prayers and praises into one,
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.**

Conclusion

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.**

Blessing:

May the Lord give you strength and wisdom.
May the Lord give you his healing power.
May the Lord give you grace to fight the good fight of faith
and win the crown of righteousness;
and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Go and proclaim the kingdom of God,
We are sent for this purpose.

Let us bless the Lord.
Thanks be to God.