

Luke, Evangelist and Martyr

Year A

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Prayer of the Day

Almighty God,
who inspired your servant Luke the physician
to set forth in his gospel
the love and healing power of your Son:
graciously continue in your Church
this love and power to heal,
to the praise and glory of your name;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

A reading from the Prophet Jeremiah,

Chapter 8 beginning at Verse 22

²²Is there no balm in Gilead? Is there no physician there? Why then has the health of my poor people not been restored?

¹O that my head were a spring of water, and my eyes a fountain of tears, so that I might weep day and night for the slain of my poor people! ²O that I had in the desert a traveler's lodging place, that I might leave my people and go away from them! For they are all adulterers, a band of traitors. ³They bend their tongues like bows; they have grown strong in the land for falsehood, and not for truth; for they proceed from evil to evil, and they do not know me, says the Lord.

[NRSV Jeremiah 8:22-9:3]

Hear the word of the Lord, ***thanks be to God***

Psalm 145:10-18

- ¹⁰ All creation praises you, O Lord:
and your faithful servants bless your name.
- ¹¹ They speak of the glory of your kingdom:
and tell of your great might,
- ¹² That the whole earth may know your mighty acts:
and the glorious splendour of your kingdom.
- ¹³ Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom:
and your dominion endures through all generations.
- ¹⁴ The Lord upholds all those who stumble:
and raises up those that are bowed down.
- ¹⁵ The eyes of all look to you in hope:
and you give them their food in due season;
- ¹⁶ You open wide your hand:
and fill all things living with your bounteous gift.
- ¹⁷ The Lord is just in all his ways:
and faithful in all his dealings.
- ¹⁸ The Lord is near to all who call upon him:
to all who call upon him in truth.

**A reading from second letter of Paul to Timothy,
Chapter 4 beginning at Verse 9**

⁹Do your best to come to me soon, ¹⁰for Demas, in love with this present world, has deserted me and gone to Thessalonica; Crescens has gone to Galatia, Titus to Dalmatia. ¹¹Only Luke is with me. Get Mark and bring him with you, for he is useful in my ministry. ¹²I have sent Tychicus to Ephesus. ¹³When you come, bring the cloak that I left with Carpus at Troas, also the books, and above all the parchments. ¹⁴Alexander the coppersmith did me great harm; the Lord will pay him back for his deeds. ¹⁵You also must beware of him, for he strongly opposed our message.

¹⁶At my first defense no one came to my support, but all deserted me. May it not be counted against them! ¹⁷But 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.

[NRSV 2 Timothy 4:9-17a]

Hear the word of the Lord, ***thanks be to God.***

**The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke,
Chapter 10 beginning at verse 1**

Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ.

¹After this 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. ²He said to them, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest. ³Go on your way. See, I am sending you out like lambs into the midst of wolves. ⁴Carry no purse, no bag, no sandals; and greet no one on the road. ⁵Whatever house you enter, first say, 'Peace to this house!' ⁶And if anyone is there who shares in peace, your peace will rest on that person; but if not, it will return to you. ⁷Remain in the same house, eating and drinking whatever they provide, for the laborer deserves to be paid. Do not move about from house to house. ⁸Whenever you enter a town and its people welcome you, eat what is set before you; ⁹cure the sick who are there, and say to them, 'The kingdom of God has come near to you.'

[NRSV Luke 10:1-9]

This is the Gospel of the Lord, ***praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.***

Sentence

The harvest is plentiful, but the labourers are few; ask therefore the Lord of the harvest to send out labourers into his harvest.