



**Liturgy of the Word**  
**Celebration of the Feast of St. Luke**  
**October 18, 2020**  
**St. Luke's Episcopal Church**

**Song of Gathering**

*Oh Christ, Your Heart, Compassionate*

**The Word of God**

Presider Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People **And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

*The Presider may say*

**Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**Glory to God**

*Words and music by Sharon Anway, 2003*

**Chorus: Glory to God in the highest, and peace, peace to all God's people;  
Glory to God in the highest and peace to God's people on earth. (repeat)**

**Holy God, Most High, Source of light and goodness,  
We will worship you and praise you forever! Chorus  
Jesus Christ, God's Son, Savior, Lamb of God,  
You take away our sins and lead us to God. Chorus**

**The Collect**

Almighty God, who inspired your servant Luke the physician to set forth in the 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.*

## **First Reading**

**Sirach 38:1-4,6-10,12-14**

Honor physicians for their services,  
for the Lord created them;

for their gift of healing comes from the Most High,  
and they are rewarded by the king.

The skill of physicians makes them distinguished,  
and in the presence of the great they are admired.

The Lord created medicines out of the earth,  
and the sensible will not despise them.

And he gave skill to human beings  
that he might be glorified in his marvelous works.

By them the physician heals and takes away pain;  
the pharmacist makes a mixture from them.

God's works will never be finished;  
and from him health spreads over all the earth.

My child, when you are ill, do not delay,  
but pray to the Lord, and he will heal you.

Give up your faults and direct your hands rightly,  
and cleanse your heart from all sin.

Then give the physician his place, for the Lord created him;  
do not let him leave you, for you need him.

There may come a time when recovery lies in the hands of physicians,  
for they too pray to the Lord

that he grant them success in diagnosis  
and in healing, for the sake of preserving life.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm 147:1-7**

1 Hallelujah!

How good it is to sing praises to our God! \*  
how pleasant it is to honor him with praise!

2 The Lord rebuilds Jerusalem; \*  
he gathers the exiles of Israel.

3 He heals the brokenhearted \*  
and binds up their wounds.

4 He counts the number of the stars \*  
and calls them all by their names.

5 Great is our Lord and mighty in power; \*  
there is no limit to his wisdom.

6 The Lord lifts up the lowly, \*  
but casts the wicked to the ground.

7 Sing to the Lord with thanksgiving; \*  
make music to our God upon the harp.

**The Epistle**

**2 Timothy 4:5-13**

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 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.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **Gospel**

**Luke 4:14-21**

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

**Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus, filled with the power of the Spirit, returned to Galilee, and a report about him spread through all the surrounding country. He began to teach in their synagogues and was praised by everyone.

When he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read, and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written:

“The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,  
because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor.

He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives  
and recovery of sight to the blind,  
to let the oppressed go free,  
to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favor.”

And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. Then he began to say to them, “Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to You, Lord Christ.**

**Sermon**

**The Rev. Elizabeth Popplewell**

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:  
by the power of the Holy Spirit  
he became incarnate from 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 worshiped 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.

*Celebrant*        The Lord be with you.

*People*            **And also with you.**

*Celebrant*        As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray.

**Lord's Prayer** *all say*

**BCP 364**

Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your Name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done,  
on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins  
as we forgive those  
who sin against us.  
Save us from the time of trial,  
and deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours,  
now and for ever. Amen.

**Confession of Sin**

**BCP 360**

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Silence*

**Most merciful God,  
we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed,  
by what we have done, and by what we have left undone.  
We have not loved you with our whole heart;  
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.  
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.  
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us;  
that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways,  
to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

**Absolution**

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ,  
strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of your Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.  
**Amen.**

## **Prayers of the People**

We pray for all St. Luke's ministries.

For a spirit of compassion and generosity, that we may reach out into the brokenness of the world and bring a healing presence, we pray to you, O God.

### **Inspire and strengthen us to do this work.**

For a spirit of warmth and friendliness, that we may wholeheartedly welcome everyone into our community, we pray to you, O God.

### **Inspire and strengthen us to do this work.**

For a spirit of nurture and support, that we may affirm our youth in their spiritual journeys and encourage them as they connect to the community and to the Church, we pray to you, O God.

### **Inspire and strengthen us to do this work.**

For a spirit of discernment and generosity, that the mission and ministry of St. Luke's may be prayerfully and fully supported, we pray to you, O God.

### **Inspire and strengthen us to do this work.**

For a spirit of gratitude and joy, that in singing and worshipping together we may sense the light of your presence among us, we pray to you, O God.

### **Inspire and strengthen us to do this work**

For a spirit of artistry and energy, that we may furnish and care for our property in a creative and intentional way, we pray to you, O God.

### **Inspire and strengthen us to do this work.**

For a spirit of wonder and insight, that we may grow in spiritual understanding through stories we find in scripture and in the world around us, we pray to you, O God.

### **Inspire and strengthen us to do this work.**

For a spirit of care and concern for those in need, the sick, the shut-ins, and for those who feel alone in their struggles, that we may listen, comfort, and bring hope and healing, we pray to you, O God.

### **Inspire and strengthen us to do this work.**

For a spirit of celebration and fun, that we may draw closer as a community to you and to each other, we pray to you, O God.

### **Inspire and strengthen us to do this work.**

In the spirit of community, let us now pray for our own needs and those of others either silently, aloud, or in the chat box.

*Silence*

**Concluding Collect**    *all say*

**Direct us, O God, in all our doings with your most gracious favor, and further us with your continual help; that in all our works begun, continued, and ended in you, we may glorify your holy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**Passing of the Peace**

The peace of the Lord be always with you. **And also with you.**

**Blessing**

**Song of Sending**

*O God beyond All Praising*

**Dismissal**

We give special thanks to our talented musicians Janet Sanders and Sharon Anway for their musical offerings today. Thank you, David O'Shields and Jen Rasmussen for managing the technical portions of our worship!

The Rt. Rev. Alan Scarfe, *Bishop of Iowa*

The Rev. Elizabeth Duff Popplewell, *Rector*

The Rev. Liane Nichols, *Deacon*      The Rev. Ruth Ratliff, *Deacon*

Ms. Sharon Anway, *Music Director & Composer-in-Resident*      Janet Sanders, *Organist*

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