

WORSHIP - FEAST OF ST LUKE

18 October 2020



Welcome and notices

This year the Feast of St Luke falls on a Sunday. He is the Patron Saint of Doctors, which seems very appropriate. This order is similar to the one we are using at St Matthew's at 10 am as we celebrate. He is also the Gospel Writer, so here he is in the Lindisfarne Gospels.

I am just about old enough to remember "Dr Finlay's Casebook", so let's have the music - March from A Little Suite, by Trevor Duncan

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=S1UuWiNbtaw>

Please pray for those of us worshipping in one of our churches, as we pray for you. Light a candle and prepare to worship.

Grace, mercy and peace, from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ, be with you.
And also with you.

**Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known,
and from whom no secrets are hidden:
cleans 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.**

You will probably have heard that the shed on the north side of St Matthew's was burned down in the early hours of Friday morning. Thanks to prompt actions of neighbours and the work of the fire service, it was only the shed we lost. There is some stone work damage on church, the Fellowship Room needs some paint work, and we need some new rainwater goods - but it could have been far worse. The main gas pipe runs beside the shed. We give thanks to God that this was not much worse, and we confess the sins of this world. We pray for someone who is damaged enough to think it is OK to light fires, we ask that they may be found - and healed, and we accept that we are all sinners.

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.

Lord Jesus, you healed the sick:
Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

Lord Jesus, you forgave sinners:
Christ, have mercy, **Christ, have mercy.**

Lord Jesus, you give us yourself to heal us and bring us strength.
Lord, have mercy, **Lord, have mercy.**

Almighty God, who forgives all who truly repent,
have mercy upon us,
pardon and deliver us from all our sins,
confirm and strengthen us in all goodness,
and keep you in life eternal;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**



Gloria in excelsis - say this, as those of us in church will be saying it, or (as it's a Festival Day) join the Stanford Chamber chorale to enjoy the Coronation setting by C.V. Stanford
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bRMDlfsUOQ>

Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to his people on earth.

Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,

Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer.

For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

The Collect for Luke, Evangelist

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.

Bible readings - 2 Timothy 4.5-17 and Luke 10.1-9 - printed on the noticesheet

You could say **Psalm 147.1-7**, which printed on the noticesheet, or listen to this hymn (by Fred Pratt Green)
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KOMNIEIp2BE> from a Methodist Church with a loud band!

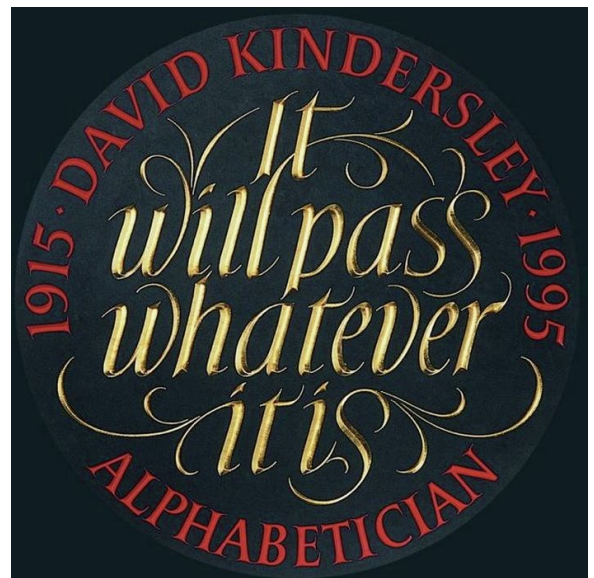
Rejoice in God's saints, today and all days:
A world without saints forgets how to praise.
Their faith in acquiring the habit of prayer,
Their depth of adoring, Lord, help us to share.

Some march with events to turn them God's way;
Some need to withdraw the better to pray;
Some carry the gospel through fire and through flood:
Our world is their parish; their purpose is God.

Rejoice in those saints, unpraised and unknown,
Who bear someone's cross or shoulder their own;
They shame our complaining, our comforts, our cares:
What patience in caring, what courage, is theirs!

Rejoice in God's saints, today and all days:
A world without saints forgets how to praise.
In loving, in living, they prove it is true -
The way of self-giving, Lord, leads us to you.

Address - there is a sermon from me on the front page of the website
(and some thoughts for Evensong as well). I mention this plaque
which is in Addenbrooke's Hospital in Cambridge.



The Nicene Creed - *we affirm our faith, and the faith of the whole church (hence 'we' not 'I')*

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

Let us pray for the Church and for the world, and let us thank God for his goodness.

Father, your Son called men and women to leave the past behind them and to follow him as his disciples in the way of the cross. We give thanks for Paul, for Luke - we remember Alexander the Coppersmith. Look with mercy upon us, and upon all those whom he calls today, marks with the cross and makes his disciples within the Church. We pray for Libby, our bishop, for the life of our diocese, our friends in Allestree Churches Together. Today the Methodist Church on Duffield Road (by the garage) celebrates its 125th anniversary. They are not yet open for worship, but will be meeting later at St John's for celebration. We pray for them, and ask God's blessing on their ministry. For our corporate life in these strange times,
Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Your Son told his disciples not to be afraid and at Easter breathed on them his gift of peace. We are afraid Lord - we are afraid of so much in the world, and all that is happening locally. We pray for the person, or persons, who have been setting fire to our schools, our churches. We pray that they might be caught, brought to justice, and helped to find healing. We pray for our friends at St Mary's School especially, and ask for your blessing on them in their learning. We know that creation is under stress, that society is under stress, that our leaders seem stressed and confused. Lord, peace seems a very long way off - so we ask for health and healing. Help us to be men and women of faith, with faith to know you are our Lord and God. Help us to care and pray, to work for your Kingdom.
Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Your Son formed around him a company who were no longer servants but friends, and he called all those who obeyed him his brother and sister and mother. Look with mercy upon our families and our friends and upon the communities in which we share. We pray for Will and Karen, married here yesterday, and ask your blessing on them. In the peace of this place we also name before you Lord, people for whom we are concerned. For families who are stressed, people who are trapped, relationships that have broken down.
Lord, have mercy. **Christ, have mercy.**

Your Son sent out disciples to preach and heal the sick. Look with mercy on all those who yearn to hear the good news of salvation, and renew among your people the gifts of healing. We pray for our NHS, for those working in track and trace, for those working in healthcare. We pray for medics we know, people who have journeyed with us - our GPs, our hospitals, for all who work in community. We pray for those

working long shifts in their PPE, frightened as this new wave of the virus builds up. We ask Lord that they might get the resources they need, the remuneration they need, the thanks and the support they need. We give thanks too for our fire services and police - for the skill and professionalism that we have witnessed over the last few days. We ask you blessing on them. We pray for individuals for whom we have been asked to pray.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Your Son promised to those who followed him that they would sit on thrones judging the twelve tribes of Israel and would share the banquet of the kingdom. According to your promise, look with mercy on those who have walked with Christ in this life and now have passed through death. We remember those we miss every day.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Lord, help us to proclaim your love, to travel with you, to follow the vision you give us, and to walk together. We ask your blessing as we meet for our Annual Parochial Church Meeting later. May our churches, our lives, be proof of your healing power.

Merciful Father, **accept these prayers for the sake of your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.**

The Peace - *even if you are physically alone, remember you are part of God's Church across the world. We can share the peace with a phone call later today - who are you going to phone?*

Jesus says: 'Peace I leave with you. My peace I give to you. Not at the world gives give I unto you. Do not let your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid. The peace of the Lord be always with you. **And also with you.**

Hymn - For all thy saints, O Lord

This is a recording by Durham Cathedral Choir - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kvAXr3uxYzM>

The words are not quite the same as the ones I have on my computer - so if you sing along, you won't quite be singing what they are singing (but they won't mind!)

For all thy saints, O Lord,
Who strove in thee to live,
Who followed thee, obeyed, adored,
Our grateful hymn receive.

For all thy saints, O Lord,
Who strove in thee to die,
And found in thee a full reward,
Accept our thankful cry.

Thine earthly members fit
To join thy saints above,
In one communion ever knit,
One fellowship of love.

Jesu, thy name we bless,
And humbly pray that we
May follow them in holiness,
Who lived and died for thee.

All might, all praise, be thine,
Father, co-equal Son,
And Spirit, bond of love divine,
While endless ages run.



At St Matthew's we are celebrating Holy Communion, but I am aware that if you are remaining at home, the fact that we are sharing the sacrament and you are not, might well be very difficult. I have printed the Eucharistic Prayer, but quite understand if you prefer not to use it until you are able to come to church or I can bring Communion to you. I can't tell you that you are welcome to use this prayer and have some of your own bread and wine, as that introduces all sort of legal and theological complications, but I'm sure God has no problems if that's what you want to do.

**Yours, Lord, is the greatness, the power, the glory, the splendour, and the majesty;
for everything in heaven and on earth is yours.
All things come from you, and of your own do we give you.**

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, our duty and our joy,
always and everywhere to give you thanks,
holy Father, almighty and everlasting God,
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord.
We rejoice in the glorious splendour of your majesty
for you have given us a share with Luke
in the inheritance of the saints in light.
In the darkness of this passing age
they proclaim the glory of your kingdom.
Chose as lights in the world,
they surround our steps as we journey on
towards the city of eternal light
where they sing the everlasting song of triumph.
In communion with angels and archangels
and all who have served you on earth
and worship you now in heaven,
we raise our voices to proclaim your glory,
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.**

We praise and bless you, loving Father, through Jesus Christ, our Lord;
and as we obey his command, send your Holy Spirit,
that broken bread and wine outpoured may be for us the body and blood of your dear Son.

On the night before he died he had supper with his friends and, taking bread, he praised you.
He broke the bread, gave it to them, and said:
Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of me.

When supper was ended he took the cup of wine.
Again he praised you, gave it to them and said:
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.

So, Father, we remember all that Jesus did, in him we plead with confidence
his sacrifice made once for all upon the cross.

Bringing before you the bread of life and cup of salvation,
we proclaim his death and resurrection until he comes in glory.

Great is the mystery of faith:

Christ has died: Christ is risen: Christ will come again.

Lord of all life, help us to work together for that day
when your kingdom comes and justice and mercy will be seen in all the earth.

Look with favour on your people, gather us in your loving arms
and bring us with St Luke, St Matthew, St Edmund and all the saints to feast at your table in heaven.
Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all honour and glory are yours, O loving Father, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

As our Saviour taught us, so we pray.

**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.**

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.

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.

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.

In church I will walk round the church giving people communion in one kind (bread only). Here is an anthem:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qjN2u0GGMG40>

Here it is sung by Wakefield Cathedral choir. Our choir will sing it for Choral Evensong in St Matthew's at 6 pm today.

Give us the wings of faith to rise
Within the veil, and see
The Saints above, how great their joys,
How bright their glories be.

We ask them whence their victory came;
They, with one united breath,
Ascribe the conquest to the Lamb,
Their triumph to His death.

They marked the footsteps that he trod,
His zeal inspired their breast,
And following their incarnate God,
They reached the promised rest.



*Words: Isaac Watts, 1674-1748
Music: Ernest Bullock, 1890-1979*

**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.**

Almighty God, we thank you for feeding us with the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ.
Through him we offer you our souls and bodies to be a living sacrifice.
Send us out in the power of your Spirit to live and work to your praise and glory. Amen.

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May Christ, who out of defeat brings a new hope and a new future, fill you with his new life,
and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, be with us all, evermore. Amen.

Hymn

This is a modern hymn which the choir say they don't know. They are singing it this evening!

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1O5vdLNE-Gw>

O Christ, the healer, we have come
To pray for health, to plead for friends.
How can we fail to be restored,
When reached by love that never ends?

From every ailment flesh endures
Our bodies clamour to be freed;
Yet in our hearts we would confess
That wholeness is our deepest need.

How strong, O Lord, are our desires,
How weak our knowledge of ourselves!
Release in us those healing truths
Unconscious pride resists or shelves.

In conflicts that destroy our health
We diagnose the world's disease;
Our common life declares our ills:
Is there no cure, O Christ, for these?

Grant that we all, made one in faith,
In your community may find
The wholeness that, enriching us,
Should reach the whole of humankind.



Words: F. Pratt Green - CP 346

Go in peace, to love and serve the Lord; **In the name of Christ. Amen.**

Final music - for a major Feast it has to be *Widor's Toccata* - enjoy!

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dRbRu2DPx-Y>

Alternatively, thinking about the events of Thursday morning, you could have

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=96C14hr3E6Q>

Peter Barham, 17 October 2020