A Service of the Word • Sunday 18th October 2026
The Feast of St Luke the Evangelist

Zoom: 9.50 Session opens 9.55 Gathering Music

10.00 **Introduction, Greeting**

In the name of the Father…

The Lord be with you: **All: and also with you.**

We have come together as the family of God …

Collect for Purity

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

Hymn 589

1. Angel-voices ever singing round thy throne of light,
   angel-harps for ever ringing rest not day nor night;
   thousands only live to bless thee
   and confess thee Lord of might.
2. Thou who art beyond the farthest mortal eye can scan,
   can it be that thou regardest songs of sinful man?
   Can we know that thou art near us,
   and wilt hear us? Yea, we can.
3. 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 all combine.
4. 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 psalmody.
5. Honour, glory, might and merit thine shall ever be,
   Father, Son and Holy Spirit, blessèd Trinity.
   Of the best that thou hast given earth and heaven render thee.

Confession

Lord, have mercy **All: Lord, have mercy**

Christ, have mercy **All: Christ, have mercy**

Lord, have mercy **All: Lord, have mercy.**

Absolution

Gloria *(said)*

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.

Collect for St Luke

A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah *Isaiah 35. 3-6*

This is the word of the Lord **All: Thanks be to God**

Psalm 147. 1-7 ***Refrain: Great is our Lord and mighty in power.***

A reading from the second letter of Paul to Timothy *2 Timothy 4. 6-17*

This is the word of the Lord **All: Thanks be to God**

Hymn 390

1. Thanks to God whose word was spoken
   in the deed that made the earth.
   His the voice that called a nation,
   his the fires that tried her worth.
   God has spoken: praise him for his open word.
2. Thanks to God whose Word Incarnate
   glorified the flesh of man;
   deeds and words and death and rising
   tell the grace in heaven's plan.
   God has spoken: praise him for his open word.
3. Thanks to God whose word was written
   in the Bible's sacred page,
   record of the revelation
   showing God to every age.
   God has spoken: praise him for his open word.
4. Thanks to God whose word is published
   in the tongues of every race.
   See in glory undiminished
   by the change of time or place.
   God has spoken: praise him for his open word.
5. Thanks to God whose word is answered by the Spirit's voice within.
   Here we drink of joy unmeasured, life redeemed from death and sin.
   God is speaking: praise him for his open word.

Gospel Reading *please stand* *Luke 10. 1-9*

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke **All: Glory to you, O Lord.**

After … This is the Gospel of the Lord. **All: Praise to you, O Christ.**

Music for meditation

Homily *The Vicar*

Affirmation of faith

Let us declare our faith in God.

We believe in God the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named. We believe in God the Son, who lives in our hearts through faith, and fills us with his love. We believe in God the Holy Spirit, who strengthens us with power from on high. We believe in one God; Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.

cf Ephesians 3

Prayers *using the response:*

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

Prayerful Hymn 297

1. For all the saints who showed your love
   in how they lived and where they moved,
   for mindful women, caring men,
   accept our gratitude again.
2. For all the saints who loved your name,
   whose faith increased the Saviour's fame,
   who sang your songs and shared your word,
   accept our gratitude, good Lord.
3. For all the saints who named your will,
   and saw your kingdom coming still
   through selfless protest, prayer and praise,
   accept the gratitude we raise.
4. Bless all whose will or name or love
   reflects the grace of heaven above.
   Though unacclaimed by earthly powers,
   your life through theirs has hallowed ours.

The Lord's Prayer

Notices

Peace

Hymn 394

1. Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord!
   Unnumbered blessings, give my spirit voice;
   tender to me the promise of his word;
   in God my Saviour shall my heart rejoice.
2. Tell out, my soul, the greatness of his name!
   Make known his might, the deeds his arm has done;
   his mercy sure, from age to age to same;
   his holy name, the Lord, the mighty one.
3. Tell out, my soul, the greatness of his might!
   Powers and dominions lay their glory by.
   Proud hearts and stubborn wills are put to flight,
   the hungry fed, the humble lifted high.
4. Tell out, my soul, the glories of his word!
   Firm is his promise, and his mercy sure.
   Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord
   to children's children and for evermore!

Blessing

Dismissal

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

Closing Music

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