

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.

FIRST READING

Either **Isaiah 35:3-6**

A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah.

strengthen the weak hands, and make
 firm the feeble knees. Say to those
 who are of a fearful heart, "Be strong,
 do not fear! Here is your God. He will
 come with vengeance, with terrible
 recompense. He will come and save
 you." Then the eyes of the blind shall
 be opened, and the ears of the deaf
 unstopped; then the lame shall leap
 like a deer, and the tongue of the
 speechless sing for joy. For waters
 shall break forth in the wilderness, and
 streams in the desert.

Or **Acts 16:6-12a**

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

Paul and Timothy went through the
 region of Phrygia and Galatia,
 having been forbidden by the Holy
 Spirit to speak the word in Asia.
 When they had come opposite Mysia,
 they attempted to go into Bithynia,
 but the Spirit of Jesus did not allow
 them; so, passing by Mysia, they went
 down to Troas. During the night Paul
 had a vision: there stood a man of
 Macedonia pleading with him and
 saying, "Come over to Macedonia
 and help us." When he had seen the
 vision, we immediately tried to cross
 over to Macedonia, being convinced
 that God had called us to proclaim
 the good news to them. We set sail
 from Troas and took a straight course
 to Samothrace, the following day to

Neapolis, and from there to Philippi,
 which is a leading city of the district
 of Macedonia and a Roman colony.

PSALM Psalm 147:1-7

R Great is our Lord and mighty in
 power.

Alleluia.
 How good it is to make music for our
 God,
 how joyful to honour him with praise.
 The Lord builds up Jerusalem
 and gathers together the outcasts of
 Israel. **R**

He heals the brokenhearted
 and binds up all their wounds.
 He counts the number of the stars
 and calls them all by their names.
 Great is our Lord and mighty in
 power;
 his wisdom is beyond all telling. **R**

The Lord lifts up the poor,
 but casts down the wicked to the
 ground.
 Sing to the Lord with thanksgiving;
 make music to our God upon the lyre. **R**

SECOND READING

2 Timothy 4:5-17

A reading from the second letter of
 Paul to Timothy.

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
 to 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. Alexander the
 coppersmith did me great harm; the
 Lord will pay him back for his deeds.
 You also must beware of him, for he
 strongly opposed our message. At
 my first defence no one came to my
 support, but all deserted me. May
 it not be counted against them! But
 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. So I
 was rescued from the lion's mouth.

GOSPEL Luke 10:1-9

Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus
 Christ according to Luke.

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

POST COMMUNION

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.



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