

St Paul's Church, Egham Hythe

Zoom Gathering 18th October 2020

St Luke the Evangelist

Introduction and opening sentences

Be with us, Spirit of God;
nothing can separate us from your love.
Breathe on us, breath of God;
fill us with your saving power.
Speak in us, wisdom of God;
bring strength, healing and peace.



Song: My Jesus, My saviour

My Jesus, My Saviour
Lord there is no one like you
All of my days, I want to praise
The wonders of Your mighty love.
My comfort, my shelter
Tower of refuge and strength
Let every breath, all that I am
Never cease to worship You.

Shout to the Lord, all the earth let us sing
Power and majesty, praise to the King!
Mountains bow down and the seas will roar
At the sound of your name!
I sing for joy at the work of your hands
Forever I'll love you, forever I'll stand
Nothing compares to the promise I have in You.

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Prayer of Penitence (a time to say sorry to God)

Lord God, our maker and our redeemer, this is your world and we are your people:
come among us and save us.

We have wilfully misused your gifts of creation;

Lord, be merciful: **forgive us our sin.**

We have seen the ill-treatment of others and have not gone to their aid;

Lord, be merciful: **forgive us our sin.**

We have condoned evil and dishonesty and failed to strive for justice;

Lord, be merciful: **forgive us our sin.**

We have heard the good news of Christ but have failed to share it with others;

Lord, be merciful: **forgive us our sin.**

We have not loved you with all our heart, nor our neighbours as ourselves;

Lord, be merciful: **forgive us our sin.**

Absolution

May God who loved the world so much that he sent his Son to be our Saviour forgive *us* our sins and make *us* holy to serve him in the world, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Collect (*St Luke*)

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.**

Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 35:3-6

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; For waters shall break forth in the wilderness and streams in the desert then the lame shall leap like a deer and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy.



Gospel Reading: Luke 10:1-9

After 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. 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.'

Reflection

Hymn: Open the eyes of my heart, Lord

Open the eyes of my heart, Lord
Open the eyes of my heart
I want to see You, I want to see You.
Open the eyes of my heart, Lord
Open the eyes of my heart
I want to see You, I want to see You.

To see You high and lifted up
Shining in the light of Your glory
Pour out Your power and love
As we sing holy, holy, holy

To see You high and lifted up
Shining in the light of Your glory
Pour out Your power and love
As we sing holy, holy, holy.

Holy, holy, holy
We cry holy, holy, holy
You are holy, holy, holy
I want to see you.

Michael W Smith

The Creed

Let us declare our faith and trust 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**

Intercessions

The Lord's Prayer

**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 share the Peace

We are the body of Christ.
In the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body.
Let us then pursue all that makes for peace
and builds up our common life.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

Hymn: God of the poor (Beauty for brokenness)

Beauty for brokenness
Hope for despair
Lord, in the suffering
This is our prayer
Bread for the children
Justice, joy, peace
Sunrise to sunset
Your kingdom increase!

Shelter for fragile lives
Cures for their ills
Work for the craftsman
Trade for their skills
Land for the dispossessed
Rights for the weak
Voices to plead the cause
Of those who can't speak

God of the poor
Friend of the weak
Give us compassion we pray
Melt our cold hearts
Let tears fall like rain
Come, change our love
From a spark to a flame

Refuge from cruel wars
Havens from fear
Cities for sanctuary
Freedoms to share
Peace to the killing-fields
Scorched earth to green
Christ for the bitterness
His cross for the pain

Rest for the ravaged earth
Oceans and streams
Plundered and poisoned
Our future, our dreams
Lord, end our madness
Carelessness, greed
Make us content with
The things that we need

Lighten our darkness
Breathe on this flame
Until your justice
Burns brightly again
Until the nations
Learn of your ways
Seek your salvation
And bring you their praise

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Blessing

May God, who gives patience and encouragement, give you a spirit of unity to live in harmony as you follow Jesus Christ, so that with one voice you may glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ; and the blessing of God Almighty, Father Son and Holy Spirit be with you and all you love this day and for evermore. **Amen.**

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