

## Readings for Luke Evangelist and Martyr - 18<sup>th</sup> October 2020.

### Sentence

The harvest is plentiful, but the labourers are few; ask therefore the Lord of the harvest to send out labourers into his harvest. Luke 10.2

### Collect

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

### Jeremiah 8.22-9.3

Our first reading is taken from the Book of Jeremiah, Chapter 8, beginning at verse 22

**8** <sup>22</sup> Is there no balm in Gilead?  
Is there no physician there?  
Why then has the health of my poor people  
not been restored?

**9** <sup>1</sup> O that my head were a spring of water,  
and my eyes a fountain of tears,  
so that I might weep day and night  
for the slain of my poor people!

<sup>2</sup> O that I had in the desert  
a traveller's lodging-place,  
that I might leave my people  
and go away from them!

For they are all adulterers,  
a band of traitors.

<sup>3</sup> They bend their tongues like bows;  
they have grown strong in the land for falsehood, and not for truth;  
for they proceed from evil to evil,  
and they do not know me, says the Lord .

Hear the word of the Lord, **Thanks be to God.**

## Psalm 145

Our psalm today comes from Psalm 145, I will read one verse, and you will respond with the next verse

<sup>10</sup> All creation praises you, O Lord:

and your faithful servants bless your name.

<sup>11</sup> **They speak of the glory of your kingdom:**

**and tell of your great might,**

<sup>12</sup> That the whole earth may know your mighty acts:

and the glorious splendour of your kingdom.

<sup>13</sup> **Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom:**

**and your dominion endures through all generations.**

<sup>14</sup> The Lord upholds all those who stumble:

and raises up those that are bowed down.

<sup>15</sup> **The eyes of all look to you in hope:**

**and you give them their food in due season;**

<sup>16</sup> You open wide your hand:

and fill all things living with your bounteous gift.

<sup>17</sup> **The Lord is just in all his ways:**

**and faithful in all his dealings.**

<sup>18</sup> The Lord is near to all who call upon him:

to all who call upon him in truth.

## 2 Timothy 4: 9-17a

Our second reading is taken from the Paul's second letter to Timothy, Chapter 4, beginning at verse 9

<sup>9</sup> Do your best to come to me soon, <sup>10</sup> for Demas, in love with this present world, has deserted me and gone to Thessalonica; Crescens has gone to Galatia, Titus to Dalmatia. <sup>11</sup> Only Luke is with me. Get Mark and bring him with you, for he is useful in my ministry. <sup>12</sup> I have sent Tychicus to Ephesus. <sup>13</sup> When you come, bring the cloak that I left with Carpus at Troas, also the books, and above all the parchments. <sup>14</sup> Alexander the coppersmith did me great harm; the Lord will pay him back for his deeds. <sup>15</sup> You also must beware of him, for he strongly opposed our message. <sup>16</sup> At my first defence no one came to my support, but all deserted me. May it not be counted against them! <sup>17</sup> 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.

Hear the word of the Lord, **Thanks be to God.**

## **Luke 10: 1-9**

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke, chapter 10, beginning at verse 9, **Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ.**

<sup>1</sup> 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. <sup>2</sup> 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. <sup>3</sup> Go on your way. See, I am sending you out like lambs into the midst of wolves. <sup>4</sup> Carry no purse, no bag, no sandals; and greet no one on the road. <sup>5</sup> Whatever house you enter, first say, "Peace to this house!" <sup>6</sup> And if anyone is there who shares in peace, your peace will rest on that person; but if not, it will return to you. <sup>7</sup> 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. <sup>8</sup> Whenever you enter a town and its people welcome you, eat what is set before you; <sup>9</sup> cure the sick who are there, and say to them, "The kingdom of God has come near to you."

This is the Gospel of the Lord, **praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.**