

**The Parish Church of
All Saints, Peterborough**



Evening Prayer

**The nineteenth Sunday after Trinity
A healing service on the feast of St Luke**

18th October, 2020

Welcome to All Saints' Church this evening! Whether you are here or joining us online we are delighted to have you with us, and we hope that you will enjoy and value the service.

All that you need to follow the service from beginning to end is contained in this leaflet.

Today, the church remembers **St Luke**, writer of the third gospel. It is the universal gospel. Jesus Christ is for all people without distinction. Only Luke tells the story of the Good Samaritan. We know that Jews did not wish for any dealings with Samaritans, but Luke did not exclude them. Luke shows Jesus speaking with approval of gentiles whom the orthodox Jews would have considered unclean. The Roman centurion is praised for the greatness of his faith. And Luke is supremely interested in the poor.

Luke shows Jesus as the friend of outcasts and sinners. He alone tells us of Zachaeus, the tax gatherer, and only Luke has the immortal story of the prodigal son and the loving father.

St Paul refers to Luke as the **beloved physician** and Luke has become associated with the church's ministry of healing. Healing is not only personal healing, but also healing is something our whole world needs: the healing of our environment climate, the healing of inequalities, the healing of wars and conflict.

In this worship we seek to open ourselves to God's gift of healing and offer ourselves to be part of God's response to a hurting world.

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Welcome

O Lord, open thou our lips.
And our mouth shall show forth thy praise.

O God, make speed to save us.
O Lord, make haste to help us.

Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and shall be forever. Amen

Opening hymn: Love divine, all loves excelling

Love Divine, all loves excelling,
Joy of heaven, to earth come down,
Fix in us thy humble dwelling,
All thy faithful mercies crown.
Jesu, thou art all compassion,
Pure unbounded love thou art;
Visit us with thy salvation,
Enter every trembling heart.

Come, almighty to deliver,
Let us all thy grace receive;
Suddenly return, and never,
Never more thy temples leave.
Thee we would be always blessing,
Serve thee as thy hosts above;
Pray, and praise thee, without ceasing,
Glory in thy perfect love.

Finish then thy new creation:
Pure and spotless let us be;
Let us see thy great salvation
Perfectly restored in thee;
Changed from glory into glory
Till in heaven we take our place,
Till we cast our crowns before thee,
Lost in wonder, love, and praise!

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Opening Prayer

God of all compassion,
we give you thanks for St Luke,
the beloved physician.
As we turn to you for healing,
For ourselves and for our broken world,
we pray for your wholeness and restoration,
that we may find the path of healing
in the footsteps of Jesus
and in the power of your Spirit. **Amen.**

Psalm: 34:4-8

I sought the Lord, and he answered me,
and delivered me from all my fears.
**Look to him, and be radiant;
so your faces shall never be ashamed.**
This poor soul cried, and was heard by the Lord,
and was saved from every trouble.
**The angel of the Lord encamps
around those who fear him, and delivers them.**
O taste and see that the Lord is good;
happy are those who take refuge in him

**Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and shall be forever. Amen**

Reading: Luke 5: 12-16

Once, when he was in one of the cities, there was a man covered with leprosy. When he saw Jesus, he bowed with his face to the ground and begged him, "Lord, if you choose, you can make me clean." ¹³ Then Jesus stretched out his hand, touched him, and said, "I do choose. Be made clean." Immediately the leprosy left him. ¹⁴ And he ordered him to tell no one. "Go," he said, "and show yourself to the priest, and, as Moses commanded, make an offering for your cleansing, for a testimony to them." ¹⁵ But now more than ever the word about Jesus spread abroad; many crowds would gather to hear him and to be cured of their diseases. ¹⁶ But he would withdraw to deserted places and pray.

This is the word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

Reflection

After a period of silence to reflect on the reading and meditation, the Nunc Dimittis is said

Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace: according to thy word.
For mine eyes have seen : thy salvation;
Which thou hast prepared : before the face of all people;
To be a light to lighten the Gentiles : and to be the glory of thy people Israel.

Luke 2.29-32

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son : and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be for ever. Amen.

Prayers of recognition

We recognize the places of suffering, conflict and cruelty in our world and in our own lives today. (silence)

Lord have mercy. (kyrie from the mass of St Cedd)

We recognize in our own lives the choices we make that bring pain to others. (silence)

Christ have mercy

We hold in the light of God's compassion all that has been rejected or ignored. (silence)

Lord have mercy.

Assurance of God's generous love

Compassionate God,
your choice, your longing,
is always for our deepest need,
bring your healing grace to our hurting.
When we make poor choices,
for ourselves and for others,
Draw us back to your way.
Reach out and touch us
with your healing love,

that we may be made whole,
In the name of Jesus,
who touches the untouchable. **Amen**

Hymn: O God of hope and healing

Liturgy of Healing

**O God, we seek your anointing.
In the heart of our hurting, Come O God
with your healing and wholeness.**

Spirit of the living God fill you, heal you and make you whole.

We say together:

**Healing God,
you chose to reach out to us,
you long for our wellbeing,
you touched us with your healing love.
By your Holy Spirit
you make us whole,
you give us new strength,
you bring us peace.
Help us to reach out to others with your grace,
that all may be set free,
in Jesus' name. Amen**

Prayers of intercession

To the bidding Compassionate God, please respond, Hear our prayer.

Hymn: The Kingdom of God is justice and joy (591)

The kingdom of God is justice and joy;
for Jesus restores
what sin would destroy.
God's power and glory
in Jesus we know
and here and hereafter
the kingdom shall grow.

The kingdom of God
is mercy and grace;
the captives are freed,
the sinners find place,
the outcast are welcomed
God's banquet to share;
and hope is awakened
in place of despair.

The kingdom of God
is challenge and choice:
believe the good news,
repent and rejoice!
His love for us sinners
brought Christ to his cross:
our crisis of judgement
for gain or for loss.

God's kingdom is come,
the gift and the goal;
in Jesus begun,
in heaven made whole.
The heirs of the kingdom
shall answer his call
and all things cry 'Glory!'
to God all in all

Closing responses

As God's chosen ones, holy and beloved
Clothe yourselves with compassion.
Whatever you do, in word or deed,
Do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus,
giving thanks to God the Father through him.

Blessing

The Lord be with you.
And with thy Spirit

God who longs for our healing, meet us in our hurting with your compassion. Jesus who stands with us, touch us in our brokenness, that we may be made whole. Spirit who anoints us with power, fill us with your grace, that we may reach out to others; and the Blessing..... **Amen.**

Go in the peace of Christ.
Thanks be to God