

LUKE THE EVANGELIST 2020
ALL SAINTS WITLEY: LITURGY OF THE WORD



Grace, mercy and peace from God our Father,
and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

And also with you.

HYMN

Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;
be all else but naught to me, save that thou art;
be thou my best thought in the day and the night,
both waking and sleeping, thy presence my light.

Be thou my wisdom, be thou my true word,
be thou ever with me, and I with thee, Lord;
be thou my great Father; and I thy true son;
be thou in me dwelling, and I with thee one.

Be thou my breastplate, my sword for the fight;
be thou my whole armour, be thou my true might;
be thou my soul's shelter, be thou my strong tower:
O raise thou me heavenward, great Power of my power.

Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise:
be thou mine inheritance now and always;
be thou and thou only the first in my heart;
O Sovereign of heaven, my treasure thou art.

High King of heaven, thou heaven's bright Sun,
O grant me its joys after vict'ry is won;
great Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
still be thou my vision, O Ruler of all.

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. **Amen.**

CONFESSION

Lord you are gracious and compassionate:

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

You are loving to all
and your mercy is over all creation:

Christ, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Your faithful servants bless your name
and speak of the glory of your kingdom:

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

ABSOLUTION

Almighty God, who forgives all who truly repent, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and keep you in life eternal; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

READINGS

New Testament: 2 Timothy 4. 5 – 17

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

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." '

SERMON Ruth Gill

CHOIR ANTHEM *A Prayer of St Richard of Chichester*

Music: L J White

O holy Jesus, most merciful redeemer, friend and brother,
may I know thee more clearly, love thee more dearly, and follow thee more nearly.
Amen.

PRAYERS

Let us pray to the Father through Christ our light and our life.

Father, we give you thanks and praise for all who have had the courage to speak out boldly for the gospel; the saints, and martyrs of the past and all who stand for justice and freedom. May we join with them in serving you.

Lord, hear us,

Lord, graciously hear us.

We pray for all those who have shared their lives and faith with us. We thank you for all who teach the faith in our schools and in our homes. Bless all who are involved with children and families, that they may be able to meet again very soon.

Lord, hear us,

Lord, graciously hear us.

We thank you for all the people who are working for peace in our world; those who bring your love in service to the poor and needy, all who minister to the sick and dying and all who bring light to any kind of darkness.

Lord, hear us,

Lord, graciously hear us.

We pray for anyone who is feeling lost or lonely in these difficult times. We pray for those who are separated from their loved ones and those who feel unloved. Bless them and show us how to bring them your love. We pray for anyone who is unwell or anxious at this time. In a moment of silence, we name them in our hearts

Lord, hear us,

Lord, graciously hear us.

Lord God, may we know you more clearly, love you more dearly and follow you more nearly day by day. **Amen.**

THE PEACE

Delight in the Lord, in his love and light; proclaim his peace by day and by night.

The Peace of the Lord be always with you
and also with you.

HYMN

Fight the good fight with all thy might;
Christ is thy strength, and Christ thy right;
lay hold on life, and it shall be
thy joy and crown eternally.

Run the straight race through God's good grace,
lift up thine eyes, and seek his face;
life with its way before us lies,
Christ is the path, and Christ the prize.

Cast care aside, lean on thy guide;
his boundless mercy will provide;
trust, and thy trusting soul shall prove
Christ is its life, and Christ its love.

Faint not nor fear, his arms are near;
he changeth not, and thou art dear;
only believe, and thou shalt see
that Christ is all in all to thee.

LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins,
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Lead us not into temptation
but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours
now and for ever. Amen.**

NOTICES

BLESSING

The love of God, be in your heart,
the peace of God, be in your mind,
the grace of God, be in your actions;
and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always.
Amen.

DISMISSAL

Go in the peace of Christ to love and serve the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Piano Voluntary

