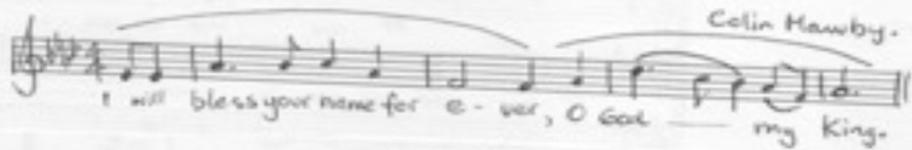


For they are all adulterers,
a band of traitors.
They bend their tongues like bows;
they have grown strong in the land for falsehood, and not for truth;
for they proceed from evil to evil,
and they do not know me, says the LORD. *Jeremiah 8.22-9.3*

Reader For the word of the Lord
All **Thanks be to God**

Psalm 145.10-18 – APBA p.376

This song of praise is an acrostic poem in the original Hebrew and is a joyous expression of God's wonderful deeds.



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| 1.
The Lord is kind and full of compassion,
slow to anger, abounding in love.
How good is the Lord to all,
compassionate to all his creatures. | 2.
All your creatures shall thank you. O Lord,
and your friends shall repeat their blessing.
They shall speak of the glory of your reign
and declare your might, O God. |
| 3.
They will make known to all your mighty deeds
and the glorious splendour of your reign.
Yours is an everlasting kingdom;
your rule lasts from age to age. | |

A reading from the second letter of Paul to Timothy

This letter is personal (unlike those written to whole churches) and directed to Timothy, Paul's companion in ministry. These closing words demonstrate Paul's endurance for the gospel and hope in the face of certain martyrdom (the lion's mouth was a common OT reference to a violent death.) Notice Luke's faithfulness in staying with Paul.

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.

2 Timothy 4.9-17a

Reader May your word live in us
All **And bear much fruit to your glory.**

Gospel Acclamation

All **Alleluia! Alleluia!**
Cantor No one lives on bread alone,
but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.

All **Alleluia!**
Reader The Lord be with you

ALL **And also with you**
Reader A reading from the holy Gospel according to St Luke
ALL **Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ.**

Known as the mission of the seventy, this whole account of Jesus sending out his disciples is replete with biblical imagery. They are to go in peace and be people of peace preparing the way for Jesus to go where he intends to go.

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."

Luke 10.1-9