



**ST. LUKE, EVANGELIST & MARTYR** *transf* 15 October 2017

**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**

God of the gathering storm,  
calling us to announce the nearness of your rule:  
we praise you for the good news of Luke,  
for stories of searching love, and grace found in the foreigner;  
of women of strength and rebellion  
and men called from the margins;  
may we be bearers of that word to a world hungry for you; through  
Jesus Christ, our Lord, who feasted with sinners.

**Amen.**

**A reading from the book of the prophet Jeremiah**

*The balm of Gilead was resin from the Styrax tree, widely used for medicinal purposes. God is heartbroken by the lies and deceit of the people who know better but fail to follow God's path. Jeremiah is speaking into a political context where the fall of Jerusalem to Babylonian invaders in 597 BC was imminent.*

Is there no balm in Gilead?

Is there no physician there?

Why then has the health of my poor people  
not been restored?

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!

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.

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.*

### **A reading from the second letter of Paul to Timothy**

*This letter is very personal 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 Hebrew reference to a violent death.) Notice Luke's faithfulness.*

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 copper-smith 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 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."

*Lk.10.1-9*

Reader For the Gospel of the Lord

**ALL Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ**

**Prayer for the Week** Almighty God, in your wisdom you have so ordered our earthly life that we must walk by faith and not by sight: give us such trust in your fatherly care that in the face of all perplexities we may give proof of our faith by the courage of our lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**Readings next week Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost**

Exodus 33.12-23 Psalm 99 1 Thessalonians 1.1-10

Matthew 22.15-33

**Pray for the Faithful Departed** *We remember before God,* James Macindoe Guest, Cyril Horsburgh, April Powell, Edward Hughes, Mary Evelyn Street, Jessie Jones, Ulysses Richards, Thomas Belcher, Leslie Russell, Eleanor Krome, Florence Richards, Keith Emerson, Elaine Meyer, Patricia Elizabeth Belshaw *whose anniversaries occur this week.*

## **Commemorations of the week**

**October 16 Hugh Latimer (1485-1555) and Nicholas Ridley (1500-1555)** They were martyred for their protestant beliefs by being burnt at the stake in Oxford during in the reign of Queen Mary who returned the English Church to the jurisdiction of the Bishop of Rome (aka the Pope) and sought to overturn other changes to the English Church introduced by her father Henry VIII.

**October 17 Ignatius of Antioch (d. c.107 AD)** Bishop in Antioch and martyred in Rome. Like Paul, taken to Rome as a prisoner during Roman persecutions. He wrote seven letters which are important testimonies to early Christianity.

**October 18 Luke the Evangelist and Martyr.** A Greek physician and companion of Paul on the latter's missionary journeys. Author of the third Gospel and the Acts of the Apostles. He had a special interest in the poor, disadvantaged, women and the outcastes, making his Gospel a story of Jesus as the lover of the people on the fringes of society.

**October 19 Henry Martyn (1781-1812).** An Anglican missionary to the Middle East. He translated the Christian scriptures into Hindi, Persian, and Arabic.

