

**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.

**FIRST READING**

Either **Isaiah 35:3-6**  
*A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah.*

strengthen the weak hands, and make  
 firm the feeble knees. Say to those  
 who are of a fearful heart, "Be strong,  
 do not fear! Here is your God. He will  
 come with vengeance, with terrible  
 recompense. He will come and save  
 you." Then the eyes of the blind shall  
 be opened, and the ears of the deaf  
 unstopped; then the lame shall leap  
 like a deer, and the tongue of the  
 speechless sing for joy. For waters  
 shall break forth in the wilderness, and  
 streams in the desert.

**Or Acts 16:6-12a**

*A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.*

Paul and Timothy went through the  
 region of Phrygia and Galatia,  
 having been forbidden by the Holy  
 Spirit to speak the word in Asia.  
 When they had come opposite Mysia,  
 they attempted to go into Bithynia,  
 but the Spirit of Jesus did not allow  
 them; so, passing by Mysia, they went  
 down to Troas. During the night Paul  
 had a vision: there stood a man of  
 Macedonia pleading with him and  
 saying, "Come over to Macedonia  
 and help us." When he had seen the  
 vision, we immediately tried to cross  
 over to Macedonia, being convinced  
 that God had called us to proclaim  
 the good news to them. We set sail  
 from Troas and took a straight course  
 to Samothrace, the following day to

Neapolis, and from there to Philippi,  
 which is a leading city of the district  
 of Macedonia and a Roman colony.

**PSALM Psalm 147:1-7**

**R** Great is our Lord and mighty in  
 power.

Alleluia.  
 How good it is to make music for our  
 God,  
 how joyful to honour him with praise.  
 The Lord builds up Jerusalem  
 and gathers together the outcasts of  
 Israel. **R**

He heals the brokenhearted  
 and binds up all their wounds.  
 He counts the number of the stars  
 and calls them all by their names.  
 Great is our Lord and mighty in  
 power;  
 his wisdom is beyond all telling. **R**

The Lord lifts up the poor,  
 but casts down the wicked to the  
 ground.  
 Sing to the Lord with thanksgiving;  
 make music to our God upon the lyre. **R**

**SECOND READING**

**2 Timothy 4:5-17**

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

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**

*Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.*

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.'"

**POST COMMUNION**

Almighty God,  
 who on the day of Pentecost  
 sent your Holy Spirit to the apostles  
 with the wind from heaven and in  
 tongues of flame,  
 filling them with joy and boldness to  
 preach the gospel:  
 by the power of the same Spirit  
 strengthen us to witness to your truth  
 and to draw everyone to the fire of  
 your love;  
 through Jesus Christ our Lord.



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