

The Lord's Prayer

Let us pray with confidence as our Saviour taught us:

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come; thy will be one; on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

Breaking of the Bread

Jesus said, 'I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.' *John 6.35*

Giving of Communion

Jesus is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world. Blessed are those he calls.

All: Lord, I am not worthy to receive you, but only say the word, and I shall be healed.

Prayer after Communion

The Post-Communion Prayer for St Luke's Day:

All: Lord God, the source of truth and love, keep us faithful to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, united in prayer and the breaking of bread, and one in joy and simplicity of heart, in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Blessing

May he who healed the sick and called you to care for others, draw you to himself; and the blessing of God almighty, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, be with you now and always. **Amen.**

Conclusion

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord!
All In the name of Christ, Amen.

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St Mary the Virgin, Ticehurst

HOLY COMMUNION

*St Luke's Day with
Thanksgiving for the NHS and Carers*

Sunday 18th October 2020

The Gathering

We meet in the presence of God

**All: who knows our needs,
hears our cries,
feels our pain,
and heals our wounds.**

Greeting and introduction to the service.

Prayer of Preparation

Faithful one, whose word is life:
come with saving power
to free our praise,
inspire our prayer
and shape our lives
for the kingdom of your Son,
Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Penitence

The invitation to say sorry to God is extended:
Let us bring before almighty God those times when we have failed to care for others and for the health and wholeness of ourselves, and seek God's restoring love in the reality of our lives.

In a dark and disfigured world
we have not held out the light of life:
Lord, have mercy.

All: Lord, have mercy.

In a hungry and despairing world
we have failed to share our bread:
Lord, have mercy.

All: Lord, have mercy.

In a cold and loveless world
we have kept the love of God to ourselves:
Lord, have mercy.

All: Lord, have mercy.

Cast your burden upon the Lord and he will sustain you. In returning and rest you shall be saved. In quietness and trust shall be your strength. **Amen.**

This is love, not that we loved God,

All: but that he loved us and sent his Son.

He is the sacrifice for our sins,

All: that we might live through him.

If God loves us so much

All: we ought to love one another.

If we love one another

All: God lives in us.

cf 1 John 4.12

The Collect for St Luke's Day. Let us pray ...

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.**

Old Testament Reading *Isaiah 35.3-6*

At the end: This is the word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 145.9-18

At the end:

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

The Gospel Reading *Luke 10.1-9*

Reader: Hear the holy gospel according to St Luke.

Glory to you, O Lord.

At the end: This is the gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, O Christ.

The Sermon

Profession of Faith

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of
the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead. On the third day he
rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated
at the right hand of the Father, and he will come
to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic
Church, the communion of saints, the
forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Notices

*Prayers of Thanksgiving for the NHS and Carers,
and Prayers of Intercession*

The Peace

Peace to you from God our Father who hears our cry
Peace from his Son whose death brings healing
Peace from the Holy Spirit who gives life and strength
The peace of the Lord be always with you.

All: And also with you.

The Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord is here.

All: His Spirit is with us.

Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right to give thanks and praise.

It is right to give you thanks in sickness and in health, in suffering and in joy, through Christ our Saviour and Redeemer, who as the Good Samaritan tends the wounds of body and spirit. He stands by us and pours out for our healing the oil of consolation and the wine of renewed hope, turning the darkness of our pain into the dawning light of his kingdom. And now we join with saints and angels for ever praising you and saying:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest!
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest!**

We praise and bless you, loving Father, through Jesus Christ, our Lord; and as we obey his command, send your Holy Spirit, that broken bread and wine outpoured may be for us the body and blood of your dear Son.

On the night before he died he had supper with his friends and, taking bread, he praised you. He broke the bread, gave it to them and said: Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of me.

When supper was ended he took the cup of wine. Again, he praised you, gave it to them and said: Drink this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.

So, Father, we remember all that Jesus did, in him we plead with confidence his sacrifice made once for all upon the cross. Bringing before you the bread of life and cup of salvation, we proclaim his death and resurrection until he comes in glory. Praise to you, Lord Jesus:

**All: Dying you destroyed our death,
rising you restored our life:
Lord Jesus, come in glory.**

Lord of all life, help us to work together for that day when your kingdom comes and justice and mercy will be seen in all the earth. Look with favour on your people, gather us in your loving arms and bring us with St Luke and all the saints to feast at your table in heaven. Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory are yours, O loving Father, for ever and ever.

Amen.