

**Luke the Evangelist & Martyr – Year A**  
**Sunday, 18<sup>th</sup> October 2026**

*Sentence: Luke 10:2*

The harvest is plentiful, but the labourers are few; ask therefore the Lord of the harvest to send out labourers into his harvest.

*Collect:*

Almighty God,  
who inspired your servant Luke the physician  
to set forth in his gospel  
the love and healing power of your Son:  
graciously continue in your Church  
this love and power to heal,  
to the praise and glory of your name;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
who lives and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God,  
now and for ever. **Amen.**

*First Reading: Jeremiah 8.22-9.3*

A reading from the book of the Prophet Jeremiah

<sup>8.22</sup> Is there no balm in Gilead? Is there no physician there? Why then has the health of my poor people not been restored? <sup>9.1</sup> 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! <sup>2</sup> 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. <sup>3</sup> 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.

Hear the Word of the Lord,

**Thanks be to God.**

*Psalm 145.10-18*

<sup>10</sup> All creation praises you, O Lord:  
and your faithful servants bless your name.

<sup>11</sup> They speak of the glory of your kingdom:  
and tell of your great might,

<sup>12</sup> That the whole earth may know your mighty acts:  
and the glorious splendour of your kingdom.

<sup>13</sup> Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom:  
and your dominion endures through all generations.

<sup>14</sup> The Lord upholds all those who stumble:  
and raises up those that are bowed down.

<sup>15</sup> The eyes of all look to you in hope:  
and you give them their food in due season;

<sup>16</sup> You open wide your hand:  
and fill all things living with your bounteous gift.

<sup>17</sup> The Lord is just in all his ways:  
and faithful in all his dealings.

<sup>18</sup> The Lord is near to all who call upon him:  
to all who call upon him in truth.

*Second Reading: 2 Timothy 4.9-17a*

A reading from the second Letter of St Paul to Timothy

<sup>9</sup> Do your best to come to me soon, <sup>10</sup> for Demas, in love with this present world, has deserted me and gone to Thessalonica; Crescens has gone to Galatia, Titus to Dalmatia. <sup>11</sup> Only Luke is with me. Get Mark and bring him with you, for he is useful in my ministry. <sup>12</sup> I have sent Tychicus to Ephesus. <sup>13</sup> When you come, bring the cloak that I left with Carpus at Troas, also the books, and above all the parchments. <sup>14</sup> Alexander the coppersmith did me great harm; the Lord will pay him back for his deeds. <sup>15</sup> You also must beware of him, for he strongly opposed our message. <sup>16</sup> At my first defence no one came to my support, but all deserted me. May it not be counted against them! <sup>17</sup> 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.

Hear the Word of the Lord,

**Thanks be to God.**

*Gospel Acclamation: John 15.16*

Alleluia. **Alleluia!**

I chose you from the world,  
to go and bear fruit that will last, says the Lord.

**Alleluia!**

*The Holy Gospel: Luke 10.1-9*

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke,  
**Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

<sup>1</sup> 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. <sup>2</sup> 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. <sup>3</sup> Go on your way. See, I am sending you out like lambs into the midst of wolves. <sup>4</sup> Carry no purse, no bag, no sandals; and greet no one on the road. <sup>5</sup> Whatever house you enter, first say, “Peace to this house!” <sup>6</sup> And if anyone is there who shares in peace, your peace will rest on that person; but if not, it will return to you. <sup>7</sup> 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. <sup>8</sup> Whenever you enter a town and its people welcome you, eat what is set before you; <sup>9</sup> cure the sick who are there, and say to them, “The kingdom of God has come near to you.”

This is the Gospel of the Lord,  
**Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.**