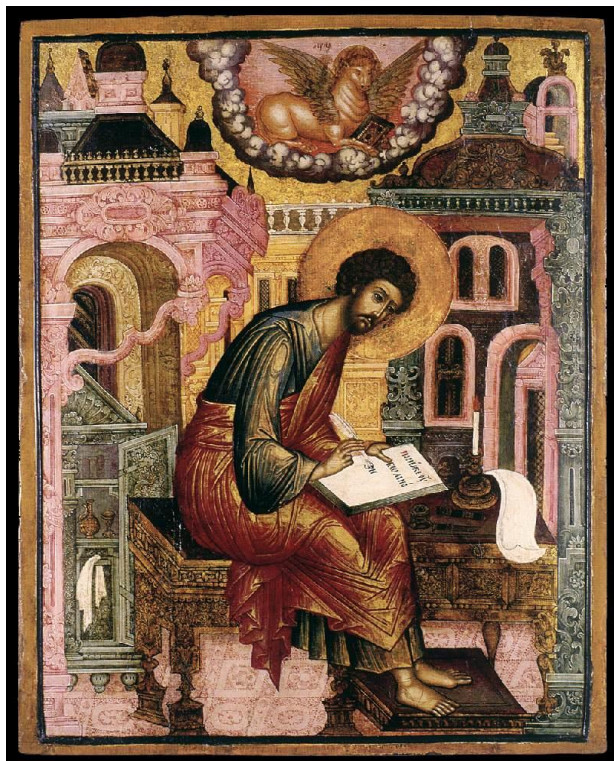


MORNING PRAYER
THE FEAST OF ST LUKE THE EVANGELIST
18 OCTOBER 2020



Russian Orthodox Icon, Artist Unknown, 17th century.

HOLY TRINITY CATHEDRAL, WANGARATTA

PRAYER FOR THE WEEK

Gracious and loving God, you chose Luke the evangelist to reveal in his gospel the mystery of your love for the poor and outcast: unite in heart and spirit all who profess your name, and lead your church to show forth to the world your love for all creation, which you have shown in Jesus Christ, your Son; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vK7D-sLKxwc>

1. Saint Luke, beloved physician,
with honour now recall,
who served his Master's mission,
who ministered to Paul;
whose skill to distant ages
bequeathed a gift unpriced,
a gospel in whose pages
we see the face of Christ.
2. He tells for us the stories
of Jesus here on earth,
the unsung pains and glories
that marked the church's birth;
the Spirit's power in preaching,
the contrite sinner freed,
the grace and mercy reaching
our deepest human need.
3. For all who work our healing
we lift our hearts in prayer,
the love of God revealing
in science, skill and care:
his gifts be still imparted
to those who make us whole,
like Luke the tender-hearted,
physician of the soul.

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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

Glory to God; Father, Son and Holy Spirit:
as in the beginning, so now, and for ever. Amen.

The Opening Canticle, A Song of Joy, is said

Be joyful in the Lord, all the earth:
serve the Lord with gladness
and come before his presence with singing.

Know that the Lord is God:
it is he who has made us, and we are his;
for we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.

Enter his gates with thanksgiving;
go into his courts with praise:
give thanks to him and praise his name.

For the Lord is good;
his loving-kindness is everlasting:
and his faithfulness endures from age to age.

Psalm 100

The Opening Prayer

As we rejoice in the gift of this new day,
so may the light of your presence, O God,
set our hearts on fire with love for you;
now and for ever. Amen.

CONFESSION

A pause for self-examination is taken before the confession is said.

Heavenly Father,
you have loved us with an everlasting love,
but we have broken your holy laws
and have left undone what we ought to have done.

We are sorry for our sins
and turn away from them.

For the sake of your Son who died for us,
forgive us, cleanse us and change us.

By your Holy Spirit,
enable us to live for you;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

God, who is rich in mercy, out of the great love with which he loved us, even when we were dead through our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ – by grace you have been saved.

Ephesians 2:4-5

Psalm 103: 1-14

- 1 Praise the Lord, O my soul:
and all that is within me, praise his holy name.
- 2 Praise the Lord, O my soul:
and forget not all his benefits,
- 3 Who forgives all your sin:
and heals all your infirmities,
- 4 Who redeems your life from the Pit:
and crowns you with mercy and compassion;
- 5 Who satisfies your being with good things:
so that your youth is renewed like an eagle's.
- 6 The Lord works righteousness:
and justice for all who are oppressed.
- 7 He made known his ways to Moses:
and his works to the children of Israel.
- 8 The Lord is full of compassion and mercy:
slow to anger and of great goodness.
- 9 He will not always be chiding:
nor will he keep his anger for ever.
- 10 He has not dealt with us according to our sins:
nor rewarded us according to our wickedness.
- 11 For as the heavens are high above the earth:
so great is his mercy over those that fear him;
- 12 As far as the east is from the west:
so far has he set our sins from us.
- 13 As a father is tender towards his children:
so is the Lord tender to those that fear him.
- 14 For he knows of what we are made:
he remembers that we are but dust.

or Psalm 103

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TnRFH7tOF8I>

God of grace, we thank you for all your gifts to us: grant us to accept both pain and joy in faith and hope, and never to fail in love to you and to our sisters and brothers; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord. **Amen.**

FIRST READING

Isaiah 55

A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah

Ho, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and you that have no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price. Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread, and your labor for that which does not satisfy? Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food. Incline your ear, and come to me; listen, so that you may live. I will make with you an everlasting covenant, my steadfast, sure love for David. See, I made him a witness to the peoples, a leader and commander for the peoples. See, you shall call nations that you do not know, and nations that do not know you shall run to you, because of the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel, for he has glorified you.

Seek the Lord while he may be found, call upon him while he is near; let the wicked forsake their way, and the unrighteous their thoughts; let them return to the Lord, that he may have mercy on them, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon. For my thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways my ways, says the Lord. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts. For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven, and do not return there until they have watered the earth, making it bring forth and sprout, giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater, so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth; it shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose, and succeed in the thing for which I sent it. For you shall go out in joy, and be led back in peace; the mountains and the hills before you shall burst into song, and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands. Instead of the thorn shall come up the cypress; instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle; and it shall be to the Lord for a memorial, for an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off.

HYMN

THINE ARM, O LORD, IN DAYS OF OLD

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VZmideCR1qk>

- 1 Thine arm, O Lord, in days of old
 Was strong to heal and save;
 It triumphed o'er disease and death,
 O'er darkness and the grave;
 To thee they went, the blind, the dumb,
 The palsied and the lame,
 The leper with his tainted life,
 The sick with fevered frame.

- 2 And lo! thy touch brought life and health,
 Gave speech, and strength, and sight;
 And youth renewed and frenzy calmed
 Owned thee the Lord of light;
 And now, O Lord, be near to bless,
 Almighty as of yore,
 In crowded street, by restless couch,
 As by Gennesaret's shore.

- 3 Be thou our great deliverer still,
 Thou Lord of life and death;
 Restore and quicken, soothe and bless
 With thine almighty breath;
 To hands that work, and eyes that see,
 Give wisdom's heavenly lore,
 That whole and sick, and weak and strong,
 May praise thee evermore.

Author: E. H. Plumptre (1866)

SECOND READING

2 Timothy 3:10 – 4:8

A reading from the second letter of Paul to Timothy

Now you have observed my teaching, my conduct, my aim in life, my faith, my patience, my love, my steadfastness, my persecutions and suffering the things that happened to me in Antioch, Iconium, and Lystra. What persecutions I endured! Yet the Lord rescued me from all of them. Indeed, all who want to live a godly life in Christ Jesus will be persecuted. But wicked people and impostors will go from bad to worse, deceiving others and being deceived. But as for you, continue in what you have learned and firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it, and how from childhood you have known the sacred writings that are able to instruct you for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. All scripture is inspired by God and is useful for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, so that everyone who belongs to God may be proficient, equipped for every good work.

In the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and in view of his appearing and his kingdom, I solemnly urge you: proclaim the message; be persistent whether the time is favorable or unfavorable; convince, rebuke, and encourage, with the utmost patience in teaching. For the time is coming when people will not put up with sound doctrine, but having itching ears, they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own desires, and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander away to myths. 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 me on that day, and not only to me but also to all who have longed for his appearing.

May your word live in us, and bear much fruit to your glory.

SERMON

The Canticle, A Song of Christ's Goodness, is said

Jesus, as a mother you gather your people to you:
you are gentle with us as a mother with her children.

Often you weep over our sins and our pride:
tenderly you draw us from hatred and judgement.

You comfort us in sorrow and bind up our wounds:
in sickness you nurse us
and with pure milk you feed us.

Jesus, by your dying,
we are born to new life:
by your anguish and labour
we come forth in joy.

Despair turns to hope through your sweet goodness:
through your gentleness, we find comfort in fear.

Your warmth gives life to the dead:
your touch makes sinners righteous.

Lord Jesus, in your mercy, heal us:
in your love and tenderness, remake us.

In your compassion, bring grace and forgiveness:
for the beauty of heaven, may your love prepare us.

Anselm of Canterbury

HYMN

THE CHURCH'S ONE FOUNDATION

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FHCqXL3mCwU>

- 1 The Church's one foundation
Is Jesus Christ, her Lord;
She is his new creation
By water and the word:
From heaven he came and sought her
To be his holy Bride,
With his own blood he bought her,
And for her life he died.

- 2 Elect from every nation,
Yet one o'er all the earth,
Her charter of salvation
One Lord, one faith, one birth;
One holy name she blesses,
Partakes one holy food,
And to one hope she presses
With every grace endued.
- 3 Yet she on earth hath union
With God the Three in One,
And mystic sweet communion
With those whose rest is won:
O happy ones and holy!
Lord, give us grace that we
Like them, the meek and lowly,
On high may dwell with thee.

Samuel J. Stone (1866)

The Apostles' Creed is said.

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father;
from there 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.

The Prayers

Lord have mercy.

Christ have mercy.

Lord have mercy.

Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours
now and for ever. Amen.

The Collect of the Day

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.

CHORAL MUSIC

‘Nunc Dimittis’, Henry Purcell

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jiV4I58CIMc>

‘Deus judicium tuum’, Georg Philipp Telemann

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BI4sfSXc3mM>

‘Strengthen for Service, Lord’, Robert G. Farrell

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=J5VQIuJpteA>

‘Magnificat’, Orlando Gibbons

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZqamvsJEfk>

Intercessions

Holy God, slow to anger and infinite in mercy, hear us when we bring our prayers for the world and the church.

We give thanks for this world, for the beauty we see all around us each day. We pray for the world, for peace and co-operation between nations, for wise and honest government, especially in those nations struggling with high infection rates with the coronavirus.

Holy God, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

We pray for your church, for all who exercise leadership, for those who minister in your name, and for all who worship you.

We pray today within the Anglican Church of Australia for the Diocese of Gippsland, for Bishop Richard Treloar and for the clergy and people of that Diocese. We pray for St. Paul's Cathedral, Sale, for the Dean, the Very Rev'd Susanna Pain and for clergy and people of that Cathedral.

Within our own Diocese, we pray for our Bishop Clarence and his family and today for the Parochial District of Corryong, for the Priest Assisting the Rev'd Mitchell Porter and his family, and for the congregations of Corryong, Cudgewa and Biggara.

Holy God, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

We give thanks for our local community, for all who support and encourage us in our daily life. We pray for all who live in our community, for our families, our friends and all with whom our lives are bound. We pray for relationships may be based on mutual respect and trust.

Holy God, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

We give you thanks, O God, that you bring healing and wholeness. We pray for the hungry, homeless, unemployed, for the lonely and isolated; for those on our parish list of prayer: Bill, Penny, Joanne, Gwen, Dorothy, Greg, Matthew, Heather, Sonya, Patrick, Sylvia, Robyn, David, Marj, Bronwyn, Kevin, Kimberley, Nicola and Sarah.

Holy God, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

We give you thanks, holy God, for your faithful people of every generation, for all who have walked in your way and now find their eternal rest in you. We remember those who have died, and those whose Year's Mind occurs at this time. Give us grace to follow your commandments and to follow the path that leads to you, that, with all your saints, we may find our lasting treasure in you and come into the joy of your eternal presence.

Holy God, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

The Morning Collect

Eternal God and Father, by whose power we are created and by whose love we are redeemed; guide and strengthen us by your Spirit, that we may give ourselves to your service, and live this day in love to one another and to you; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all evermore. Amen. 2 Corinthians 13.14

HYMN

TELL OUT MY SOUL!

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=s6ji4y9Q-K0&t=23s>

- 1 Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord!
Unnumbered blessings, give my spirit voice;
tender to me the promise of his word;
in God my Saviour shall my heart rejoice.
- 2 Tell out, my soul, the greatness of his name!
Make known his might, the deeds his arm has done;
his mercy sure, from age to age the same;
his holy name, the Lord, the mighty one.
- 3 Tell out, my soul, the greatness of his might!
Powers and dominions lay their glory by.
Proud hearts and stubborn wills are put to flight,
the hungry fed, the humble lifted high.
- 4 Tell out, my soul, the glories of his word!
Firm is his promise, and his mercy sure.
Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord
to children's children and for evermore!

Timothy Dudley-Smith (1961)
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