 **“Open Door” Communion Service**

 **Sunday 19th October 2025 –**

 **Luke – Apostle and Evangelist**

**HYMN 140 All hail the power of Jesus’ name**

 The Lord is here

 **All: His Spirit is with us**

*The theme of the day is introduced.*

**OPENING PRAYER**

 **All: Loving God, we have come to worship you.**

 **Help us to pray to you,**

 **to sing your praise,**

 **and to listen to your word;**

 **through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**WE SAY SORRY**

 **All: Lord God,**

 **we have sinned against you;**

 **we have done evil in your sight.**

 **We are sorry and ask you to forgive us.**

 **Wash away our wrongdoing**

 **and cleanse us from our sin**

 **through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

 **Amen.**

 *We are assured of God’s forgiveness.*

May the God of love and power forgive you and free you from your sins,

heal and strengthen you by his Spirit and raise you to new life in Christ our Lord.

**Amen**.

**THE GLORIA**

Glory to God, Glory to God,

glory to the Father

**Glory to God, Glory to God,**

**glory to the Father.**

To him be glory for ever

**To him be glory for ever.** *Refrain*

Alleluia, amen. **Alleluia, amen,**

Alleluia, amen. **Alleluia, amen,**

Alleluia, amen, **Alleluia, amen.**

Glory to God, Glory to God,

Son of the Father

**Glory to God, Glory to God,**

**Son of the Father.**

To him be glory for ever

**To him be glory for ever.** *Refrain*

Glory to God, Glory to God,

glory to the Spirit.

**Glory to God, Glory to God,**

**Glory to the Spirit.**

To him be glory for ever

**To him be glory for ever.** *Refrain*

**THE PRAYER FOR THE DAY**

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. All   Amen.

***We Hear***

**THE FIRST READING**

*We sit for the reading and after it we say*

**Acts 16.6–12a**They 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. We remained in this city for some days.

This is the word of the Lord. **All: Thanks be to God.**

**THE SECOND READING**

**2 Timothy 4.5–17**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 lions mouth.

This is the word of the Lord. **All: Thanks be to God.**

**HYMN 207 Praise to the Lord, the almighty**

*During the hymn the Gospel will be processed as a mark of respect for the life and teaching of Jesus.*

**THE GOSPEL READING**

*We remain standing.*

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke **All: Glory to you, O Lord.**

**Luke 10.1–9**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. 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..

This is the Gospel of the Lord. **All: Praise to you, O Christ.**

**TALK**

**THE CREED**

*Stand*

 Let us declare our faith in God.

 **All: We believe in God the Father,**

 **from whom every family**

 **in heaven and on earth is named.**

 **We believe in God the Son,**

 **who lives in our hearts through faith,**

 **and fills us with his love.**

 **We believe in God the Holy Spirit,**

 **who strengthens us**

 **with power from on high.**

 **We believe in one God;**

 **Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.**

***We Pray***

**THE PRAYERS**

*We sit or kneel to pray*

**THANKSGIVINGS and WELCOMES**

*We sit to say thank you to God for the birth of a new child and welcome any children who are recently baptised.*

***We Share***

**THE PEACE** *Stand.*

 *We are invited to share the peace of God and respond*

We are all one in Christ Jesus.

We belong to him through faith,

heirs of the promise of the Spirit of peace.

The peace of the Lord be always with you

**All: and also with you.**

**HYMN 214 Guide me O Thou great redeemer**

**THE OFFERTORY PRAYER**

 Yours, Lord, is the greatness, the power,

 the glory, the splendour and the majesty:

 for everything in heaven and on earth is yours.

 **All: All things come from you,**

 **and of your own do we give you.**

**THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER**

*Sit or kneel*

The Lord be with you

**and also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give thanks and praise.**

Father, you made the world and love your creation.
You gave your Son Jesus Christ to be our Saviour.
His dying and rising have set us free from sin and death.

*Extended preface can be used here*

and now we thank you gladly

and join with saints and angels praising you, and singing:

**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 thank you, loving Father, because, when we turned away,
you sent Jesus, your Son.
He gave his life for us on the cross and shows us the way to live.

Send your Holy Spirit
that these gifts of bread and wine
may be for us Christ's body and his blood.

On the night before he died, when darkness had fallen,
Jesus took bread.
He gave thanks, broke it,
and shared it with his disciples, saying:
'This is my body, given for you.
Do this to remember me.'

After they had eaten, he took the cup of wine,
gave thanks, and shared it with his disciples, saying:
'This is my blood, poured out for you and for many,
for the forgiveness of sins.'

So Father, with this bread and this cup
we celebrate his love, his death, his risen life.
As you feed us with these gifts,
send your Holy Spirit,
and change us more and more
to be like Jesus our Saviour.

Help us, Father, to love one another,
as we look forward to that day
when suffering is ended,
and all creation is gathered in your loving arms.

And now with [*N* and] all your saints
we give you glory,
through Jesus Christ,
in the strength of the Spirit,
today and for ever. **Amen.**

**THE LORD’S PRAYER**

Let us pray with confidence, as our Saviour has taught us:

**Our Father, who art in heaven,**

**hallowed be thy name.**

**Thy Kingdom come, thy will be done,**

**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**

**THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD**

 We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

 **All: Though we are many, we are one body,**

 **because we all share in one bread.**

**THE GIVING OF HOLY COMMUNION AND BLESSING**

 God’s holy gifts for God’s holy people.

 **All: Jesus Christ is holy**

 **Jesus Christ is Lord,**

 **to the glory of God the Father.**

*If you regularly receive the bread and wine of Holy Communion you are welcome to do so today. Those who are not regular communicants are welcome to come forward, to receive a blessing.*

**THE PRAYER AFTER 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 .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.

All   Amen.

**All: Heavenly Father,**

**We have shared together**

**in the blessing of your presence,**

 **Give us in this life knowledge of your truth**

 **And in the world to come life everlasting;**

 **Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

***We Go Out***

**HYMN 422 Tell out my soul**

**THE BLESSING**

The God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus,

that great shepherd of the sheep, make you perfect in every good work to do his will;

and the blessing of God almighty,

the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,

be among you and remain with you always.

***All*   Amen.**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

**All: In the name of Christ. Amen.**

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