

Morning Prayer for Sunday 18 October 2026, St Luke the Evangelist

*If you wish to join in the service, then the words in **bold** are to be said together.
Please join in with the Psalms and Canticles by reciting each one in its entirety.*

Preparation

O Lord, open our lips
and our mouth shall proclaim your praise.

Blessed are you, creator of all,
to you be praise and glory for ever.
As your dawn renews the face of the earth
bringing light and life to all creation,
may we rejoice in this day you have made;
as we wake refreshed from the depths of sleep,
open our eyes to behold your presence
and strengthen our hands to do your will,
that the world may rejoice and give you praise.
Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
Blessed be God for ever.

The night has passed, and the day lies open before us;
let us pray with one heart and mind.

Silence is kept.

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.**

The Word of God

Psalm 147:1-7

¹Alleluia. How good it is to make music for our God, ♦
how joyful to honour him with praise.

²The Lord builds up Jerusalem ♦
and gathers together the outcasts of Israel.

³He heals the brokenhearted ♦
and binds up all their wounds.

⁴He counts the number of the stars ♦
and calls them all by their names.

⁵Great is our Lord and mighty in power; ♦
his wisdom is beyond all telling.

⁶The Lord lifts up the poor, ♦
but casts down the wicked to the ground.

⁷Sing to the Lord with thanksgiving; ♦
make music to our God upon the lyre;

**Glory 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.**

First Reading: Acts 16:6-12a

⁶Paul and Timothy went through the region of Phrygia and Galatia, having been forbidden by the Holy Spirit to speak the word in Asia. ⁷When they had come opposite Mysia, they attempted to go into Bithynia, but the Spirit of Jesus did not allow them; ⁸so, passing by Mysia, they went down to Troas. ⁹During the night Paul had a vision: there stood a man of Macedonia pleading with him and saying, ‘Come over to Macedonia and help us.’ ¹⁰When 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.

¹¹We set sail from Troas and took a straight course to Samothrace, the following day to Neapolis, ¹²and from there to Philippi, which is a leading city of the district of Macedonia and a Roman colony.

Canticle

**The Lord has anointed me
and sent me to bring good news to the oppressed.**

¹The Spirit of the Lord is upon me ♦
because he has anointed me.

²He has sent me to bring good news to the oppressed, ♦
to bind up the broken-hearted,

³To proclaim liberty to the captives, ♦
and the opening of the prison to those who are bound;

⁴To proclaim the year of the Lord’s favour, ♦
to comfort all who mourn,

⁵To give them a garland instead of ashes, ♦
the oil of gladness instead of mourning,
the mantle of praise instead of a faint spirit,

⁶That they may be called oaks of righteousness, ♦
the planting of the Lord, that he may be glorified.

⁷For as the earth puts forth her blossom, ♦
and as seeds in the garden spring up,

⁸So shall the Lord God make righteousness and praise ♦
blossom before all the nations.

⁹You shall be called priests of the Lord; ♦
they shall speak of you as ministers of our God. *Isaiah 61.1-3, 11, 6a*

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Second Reading: Luke 10:1-9

¹The Lord appointed seventy others and sent them on ahead of him in pairs to every town and place where he himself intended to go. ²He 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. ³Go on your way. See, I am sending you out like lambs into the midst of wolves. ⁴Carry no purse, no bag, no sandals; and greet no one on the road. ⁵Whatever house you enter, first say, “Peace to this house!” ⁶And if anyone is there who shares in peace, your peace will rest on that person; but if not, it will return to you. ⁷Remain 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. ⁸Whenever you enter a town and its people welcome you, eat what is set before you; ⁹cure the sick who are there, and say to them, “The kingdom of God has come near to you.”’

Responsory

Open my eyes, O Lord
that I may see the wonders of your law.

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that I may see the wonders of your law.
Lead me in the path of your commandments
that I may see the wonders of your law.

Glory to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit.

Open my eyes, O Lord
that I may see the wonders of your law.

from Psalm 119

Gospel Cantic: Benedictus

**We bring you the good news that what God promised to the fathers
he has fulfilled to us their children by raising Jesus.**

¹Blessed be the Lord the God of Israel, ♦
who has come to his people and set them free.

²He has raised up for us a mighty Saviour, ♦
born of the house of his servant David.

³Through his holy prophets God promised of old ♦
to save us from our enemies, from the hands of all that hate us,

⁴To show mercy to our ancestors, ♦
and to remember his holy covenant.

⁵This was the oath God swore to our father Abraham: ♦
to set us free from the hands of our enemies,

⁶Free to worship him without fear, ♦
holy and righteous in his sight all the days of our life.

⁷And you, child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High, ♦
for you will go before the Lord to prepare his way,

⁸To give his people knowledge of salvation ♦
by the forgiveness of all their sins.

⁹In the tender compassion of our God ♦
the dawn from on high shall break upon us,

¹⁰To shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death, ♦
and to guide our feet into the way of peace. *Luke 1.68-79*

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Intercessions

United in the company of all the faithful and looking for the coming of the kingdom,
let us offer our prayers to God, the source of all life and holiness.

Merciful Lord, strengthen all Christian people by your Holy Spirit,
that we may live as a royal priesthood and a holy nation
to the praise of Jesus Christ our Saviour. **Lord, have mercy.**

Bless all ministers of your Church, that by faithful proclamation of your word
we may be built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets
into a holy temple in the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

Empower us by the gift of your holy and life-giving Spirit,
that we may be transformed into the likeness of Christ from glory to glory.
Lord, have mercy.

Give to the world and its peoples the peace that comes from above,
that they may find Christ's way of freedom and life. **Lord, have mercy.**

Hold in your embrace all who witness to your love in the service of the poor and needy;
all those who minister to the sick and dying;
and all who bring light to those in darkness.

Lord, have mercy.

Touch and heal all those whose lives are scarred by sin or disfigured by pain,
that, raised from death to life in Christ,
their sorrow may be turned to eternal joy.

Lord, have mercy.

Remember in your mercy all those gone before us, who have been well-pleasing to you from
eternity; preserve in your faith your servants on earth, guide us to your kingdom, and grant
us your peace at all times.

Lord, have mercy.

Hasten the day when many will come from east and west, from north and south,
and sit at table in your kingdom.

Lord, have mercy.

We give you thanks for the whole company of your saints in glory,
with whom in fellowship we join our prayers and praises;
by your grace may we, like them, be made perfect in your love.

**Blessing and glory and wisdom, thanksgiving and honour and power,
be to our God for ever and ever. Amen.**

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. **Amen.**

Lord's Prayer

Rejoicing in God's new creation, as our Saviour taught us, so we pray

**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.**

**Lead us not into temptation
but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours
now and for ever. Amen.**

Conclusion

The Lord bless us, and preserve us from all evil,
and keep us in eternal life. **Amen.**

Let us bless the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

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