

**Addresses  
for  
Morning and Evening Prayer**

**according to the  
1943 Lectionary  
of the  
USA 1928 Book of Common Prayer**

**Intended for use  
by Layreaders  
in the absence of a priest**

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**St. Luke  
(October 18)**

## **Morning Prayer**

### **First Lesson: Isa 52:7-10**

*Here beginneth the seventh verse  
of the fifty-second chapter of the Prophet Isaiah.*

7 How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of him that bringeth good tidings, that publisheth peace; that bringeth good tidings of good, that publisheth salvation; that saith unto Zion, Thy God reigneth!

8 Thy watchmen shall lift up the voice; with the voice together shall they sing: for they shall see eye to eye, when the LORD shall bring again Zion.

9 Break forth into joy, sing together, ye waste places of Jerusalem: for the LORD hath comforted his people, he hath redeemed Jerusalem.

10 The LORD hath made bare his holy arm in the eyes of all the nations; and all the ends of the earth shall see the salvation of our God.

*Here endeth the First Lesson.*

### **Second Lesson: Acts 1:1-8**

*Here beginneth the Acts of the Apostles.*

1 The former treatise have I made, O Theophilus, of all that Jesus began both to do and teach,

2 Until the day in which he was taken up, after that he through the Holy Ghost had given commandments unto the apostles whom he had chosen:

3 To whom also he shewed himself alive after his passion by many infallible proofs, being seen of them forty days, and speaking of the things pertaining to the kingdom of God:

4 And, being assembled together with them, commanded them that they should not depart from Jerusalem, but wait for the promise of the Father, which, saith he, ye have heard of me.

5 For John truly baptized with water; but ye shall be baptized with the Holy Ghost not many days hence.

6 When they therefore were come together, they asked of him, saying, Lord, wilt thou at this time restore again the kingdom to Israel?

7 And he said unto them, It is not for you to know the times or the seasons, which the Father hath put in his own power.

8 But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth.

*Here endeth the Second Lesson.*

**Homily to be written**

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see also the sermon by Canon Hollister  
under this date  
in the Sermons by Other Authors

## **Evening Prayer**

### **First Lesson: Ecclesiasticus 38:1-14**

*Here beginneth the thirty-Eighth chapter  
of the book called Ecclesiasticus.*

- 1: Honour a physician with the honour due unto him for the uses which ye may have of him: for the Lord hath created him.
- 2: For of the most High cometh healing, and he shall receive honour of the king.
- 3: The skill of the physician shall lift up his head: and in the sight of great men he shall be in admiration.
- 4: The Lord hath created medicines out of the earth; and he that is wise will not abhor them.
- 5: Was not the water made sweet with wood, that the virtue thereof might be known?
- 6: And he hath given men skill, that he might be honoured in his marvellous works.
- 7: With such doth he heal [men,] and taketh away their pains.
- 8: Of such doth the apothecary make a confection; and of his works there is no end; and from him is peace over all the earth,
- 9: My son, in thy sickness be not negligent: but pray unto the Lord, and he will make thee whole.
- 10: Leave off from sin, and order thine hands aright, and cleanse thy heart from all wickedness.
- 11: Give a sweet savour, and a memorial of fine flour; and make a fat offering, as not being.
- 12: Then give place to the physician, for the Lord hath created him: let him not go from thee, for thou hast need of him.

nor did he really fit the Greek and Roman culture all that well,  
but he obviously understood both,  
and is very intentional in presenting  
the Gospel of Christ  
as a message for all men.

And that is our mission.  
As Christians we live in a world that is not home,  
surrounded by people who do not know  
the eternal truths entrusted to us,  
who have not met our Savior.  
We do not fit any culture on this earth,  
but we live here, and those among whom we live  
are indeed beloved of the Lord.  
Can we love them as Luke did?  
Can we do that without being drawn away  
from the word God has given us?

Let us pray,

O God, who hast made of one blood all nations of men for to dwell on the face of the whole earth, and dists sent thy blessed Son to preach peace to them that are far off and to them that are nigh; Grant that all men everywhere may seek after thee and find thee. Grant that we, according to thy command, by the example and prayers of St. Luke, may so live and speak that they may be drawn to follow thee. Bring the nations into thy fold, pour out thy spirit on all flesh, and hasten thy kingdom; through the same thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

the Gospel under his name,  
and the history known as Acts,  
two of the foundational documents of the Church..

By his own testimony,  
he consulted everything he could find  
that had already been written,  
and also appears to have interviewed witnesses,  
most notably the Blessed Virgin Mary,  
as well as, at times,  
his own eye-witness testimony.

His descriptions are careful and precise,  
as we can especially notice in the sea scenes  
of the "we passages" of Acts,  
where he himself was present.

Luke certainly appears to have been  
at the heart of the early life of the Church.  
In our second reading we find him as being  
directly at the side of St. Paul,  
an extremely valued coworker.

There are also legends,  
somewhat unreliable,  
but somehow believable,  
that present St. Luke as the founder  
of Christian iconography,  
attributing to him the earliest paintings  
of the Blessed Virgin and of the Lord Himself.

Whether Luke was Jewish or Gentile in origin,  
he certainly represents a bridge between the cultures.  
He is not the kind of person  
that Jewish tradition would have expected  
to emerge as a religious leader,

13: There is a time when in their hands there is  
good success.

14: For they shall also pray unto the Lord, that he  
would prosper that, which they give for ease and  
remedy to prolong life.

*Here endeth the First Lesson.*

## **Second Lesson: Col 4:2-18**

*Here beginneth the second verse of the fourth  
chapter of the Epistle of St. Paul to the Colossians.*

2 Continue in prayer, and watch in the same with  
thanksgiving;

3 Withal praying also for us, that God would open  
unto us a door of utterance, to speak the mystery  
of Christ, for which I am also in bonds:

4 That I may make it manifest, as I ought to speak.

5 Walk in wisdom toward them that are without,  
redeeming the time. Let your speech be always  
with grace, seasoned with salt, that ye may know  
how ye ought to answer every man.

7 All my state shall Tychicus declare unto you,  
who is a beloved brother, and a faithful minister  
and fellowservant in the Lord:

8 Whom I have sent unto you for the same purpose,  
that he might know your estate, and comfort your  
hearts;

9 With Onesimus, a faithful and beloved brother,  
who is one of you. They shall make known unto  
you all things which are done here.

10 Aristarchus my fellowprisoner saluteth you,  
and Marcus, sister's son to Barnabas, (touching  
whom ye received commandments: if he come  
unto you, receive him;)

11 And Jesus, which is called Justus, who are of the circumcision. These only are my fellowworkers unto the kingdom of God, which have been a comfort unto me.

12 Epaphras, who is one of you, a servant of Christ, saluteth you, always labouring fervently for you in prayers, that ye may stand perfect and complete in all the will of God.

13 For I bear him record, that he hath a great zeal for you, and them that are in Laodicea, and them in Hierapolis.

14 Luke, the beloved physician, and Demas, greet you.

15 Salute the brethren which are in Laodicea, and Nymphas, and the church which is in his house.

16 And when this epistle is read among you, cause that it be read also in the church of the Laodiceans; and that ye likewise read the epistle from Laodicea.

17 And say to Archippus, Take heed to the ministry which thou hast received in the Lord, that thou fulfil it.

18 The salutation by the hand of me Paul. Remember my bonds. Grace be with you. Amen.

*Here endeth the Second Lesson.*

## Homily

There was a doctor named Luke,  
a man trained in the arts of healing,  
a man trained to observe closely,  
the closest thing to a scientist his age could offer.  
This man is sometimes thought to have been a Gentile,  
the only non-Jew to have written Scripture.  
Maybe so, maybe not,  
Though some of the Fathers thought it so,  
and it is generally believed so,  
neither his own writings  
nor the rest of the New Testament canon  
give us any clear information  
about his birth or background,  
and the various traditions about him  
are not really consistent with each other.  
We just don't know.

What do we know?

Well, St. Paul called him a beloved physician,  
(we just heard that in the Second Lesson)  
and he has been seen for centuries  
as a patron of the healing arts,  
and our first lesson, from Ecclesiasticus,  
could have been written with him in mind.  
He would seem to have been well-trained  
in art of medicine  
(as a close reading of his two books will show),  
and indeed a man of distinctly scientific bent,  
a keen observer of the physical world.  
His style of thinking shows also in the form  
of his writings,