

Stainton, Hilton and Brookfield
St Luke's Day-- 18th October 20

WELCOME. Together we are Church.

Thought for the day

The time will come when people will refuse to listen to sound teaching but will listen instead to those who will titillate their ears with the easy going, comfortable things they want to hear St Paul writing to Timothy

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.

The Acts of the Apostles. Ch 16.6–12a

Was it ill health that stopped Paul travelling through Asia. Is that why Luke, a doctor, was travelling with him. There is an attractive theory that Paul had a vision of Alexander the Great; the man who had conquered the world; and this gave him a new impulse towards making one world for Christ. The full name of Troas was 'Alexandrian Troas'. Just across the sea was Philippi called after Alexander's father and then Thessalonica called after his half sister. Whoever it was in Paul's vision he was prompted to bring the Gospel to Europe.

Paul and Timothy 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.

PSALM 147.1–7

The Lord heals the broken hearted

1 Alleluia!

**How good it is to sing praises to our God!
how pleasant it is to honour him with praise!**

2 The Lord rebuilds Jerusalem;

he gathers the exiles of Israel.

**3 He heals the broken hearted
and binds up their wounds.**

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

**5 Great is our Lord and mighty in power;
there is no limit to his wisdom.**

**6 The Lord lifts up the lowly,
but casts the wicked to the ground.**

**7 Sing to the Lord with thanksgiving;
make music to our God upon the harp.**

The second letter of Paul to Timothy 4.5–17

This is a personal letter written to a friend. Paul always speaks of Timothy with great affection. For Paul the end was near and he knew it. He talks frankly about several people – some with great disappointment - but he says 'Luke is with me' kind, loyal, trustworthy Luke, the beloved physician..

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 lion's mouth.

The gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke. Ch 10.1-9

70 was a symbolic number . Among other things it was held to be the number of nations in the world. It may well be that Luke was thinking of the day when all the nations of the world would know and love he Lord.

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."

Prayers

As members together of the worldwide church let us pray to God our Father and Creator . asking that we may we be awakened each day to the beauty of the earth , that we may rejoice in the wonder and diversity of creation in all its forms and colour. And that we may be ever thankful for the gift of our own lives

Lord of life, guide us and the leaders of our governments as we seek to care for the environment. Deliver us from selfishness and greed and help us to share the rich resources of this world gladly and justly

Lord of mercy we bring before you areas of our world affected by the lack of safe water to drink or to water the land . We think of those people suffering food shortages as a result of drought or the effects of extreme weather, or whose environment has been damaged by cyclones floods or wildfires.

Lord of all wisdom - help us to maintain the biodiversity of our fragile planet. Strengthen our resolve and bless the efforts of all who seek to protect the marine and land animals , insect and plant lives that are threatened with extinction.

Lord of creation you have placed us on the earth to care for it and call us to be co-workers with Christ your Son

Bless our farmers, those who work as custodians of the open country and green spaces so vital to our well - being .

Lord of the universe you have made us from the stuff of the earth
And to the earth we shall return , may we tread lightly upon this earth and succeed in the innovation and development of sources of renewable energy and green technology. By your grace may we live our days wisely, sustainably and at the last come with all your saints into paradise to enjoy creation made new.
Merciful Father .. Accept these prayers...

In times of change taken from the MU collection of prayers across the world.

Comfort us Lord when we feel overwhelmed
Help us through the challenges we face
Although we feel safe with familiar ways
Never let us become resistant to new ways
Give us grace to be open and receptive
Entrusting us to work to your praise and glory
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Let us say the Lord's prayer
OUR FATHER, WHO ART IN HEAVEN...

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