

GRACE EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Honesdale, PA

17-18 October 2020

Commemorating St. Luke, the Physician

ORGAN PRELUDE

GATHERING & PREPARATION

The APOSTOLIC GREETING & COLLECT of the DAY

Celebrant The grace of ... be with you all.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

silence is kept

for St. Luke Almighty God, who inspired your servant Luke the physician to set forth in the 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.**

Sit

PROCLAMATION of the WORD

FIRST READING

Ecclesiasticus 38:1-4, 6-10, 12-14

Honor physicians for their services, for the Lord created them; for their gift of healing comes from the Most High, and they are rewarded by the king. The skill of physicians makes them distinguished, and in the presence of the great they are admired. The Lord created medicines out of the earth, and the sensible will not despise them.

And he gave skill to human beings that he might be glorified in his marvelous works. By them the physician heals and takes away pain; the pharmacist makes a mixture from them. God's works will never be finished; and from him health spreads over all the earth. My child, when you are ill, do not delay, but pray to the Lord, and he will heal you. Give up your faults and direct your hands rightly, and cleanse your heart from all sin.

Then give the physician his place, for the Lord created him; do not let him leave you, for you need him. There may come a time when recovery lies in the hands of physicians, for they too pray to the Lord that he grant them success in diagnosis and in healing, for the sake of preserving life.

The Word of God.

Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL

PSALM 147: 1-7

read responsively by verse

¹ Hallelujah! How good it is to sing praises to our God! *

how pleasant it is to honor 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 wick-ed to the ground.

⁷ Sing to the Lord with thanksgiving; *

make music to our God upon the harp.

The EPISTLE Reading

2 Timothy 4: 5-8

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.

The Word of God.

Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM *"My hope is built on nothing less"*

& Bradbury

The HOLY GOSPEL according to St Luke:
Glory to you, O Christ.

Luke 4: 14-21

✠ Jesus, filled with the power of the Spirit, returned to Galilee, and a report about him spread through all the surrounding country. He began to teach in their synagogues and was praised by everyone. When he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read, and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written: "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor." And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. Then he began to say to them, "Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing."

The Gospel of Christ.
Praise to you, O Christ.

Sit HOMILY

Stand The NICENE CREED

Officiant: We believe in one God,

All: **the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,
begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary
and became truly human.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.
We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

(kneel) A LITANY of HEALING

Celebrant Let us pray for all in need.

A period of silence follows.

Celebrant God the Father, your will for all people is health and salvation;
All **We praise you and thank you, O God.**

God the Son, you came that we might have life, and might have it more abundantly;
We praise you and thank you, O God.

God the Holy Spirit, you make our bodies the temple of your presence;
We praise you and thank you, O God.

Holy Trinity, one God, in you we live and move and have our being;
We praise you and thank you, O God.

Lord, grant your healing grace to all who are sick, injured, or disabled, that they may be made whole;
Hear us, O God of life.

Grant to all who seek your guidance, and to all who are lonely, anxious, or despondent, a knowledge of your will and an awareness of your presence;
Hear us, O God of life.

Mend broken relationships, and restore those in emotional distress to soundness of mind and serenity of spirit;
Hear us, O God of life.

Bless physicians, nurses, first responders and all others who minister to the suffering, granting them wisdom and skill, sympathy and patience;
Hear us, O God of life.

Grant to the dying peace and a holy death, and uphold by the grace and consolation of your Holy Spirit those who are bereaved;
Hear us, O God of life.

Restore to wholeness whatever is broken by human sin, in our lives, in our nation, and in the world;
Hear us, O God of life.

You are our God who does wonders:
You have declared your power among the peoples.

With you, O God, is the well of life:
And in your light we see light.

Hear us, O Source of Life:
Heal us, and make us whole.

A period of silence follows.

Celebrant Almighty God, giver of life and health: Send your blessing on all who are sick, and upon those who minister to them, that all weakness may be vanquished by the triumph of the risen Christ; who lives and reigns for ever and ever. **Amen.**

CONFESSION of SIN

Celebrant Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbors.

A period of silence follows.

God of all mercy,
All **we confess that we have sinned against you,
opposing your will in our lives.
We have denied your goodness in each other,
in ourselves, and in the world you have created.
We repent of the evil that enslaves us, the evil we have done,
and the evil done on our behalf.
Forgive, restore, and strengthen us through our Savior Jesus Christ,
that we may abide in your love and serve only your will. Amen.**

The Celebrant offers Absolution.

Celebrant Let us express our need for God's healing grace.

Silence is kept.

Compassionate God,
All: **we confess our weaknesses
and our need for your strengthening touch.
We confess that some illnesses stem from our own fault,
while others are beyond our control.
We turn to you, source of life,
and ask in the name of our Savior Jesus Christ
for the gifts of true healing and life in you. Amen.**

The Celebrant offers Words of Consolation.

PASSING of the PEACE
Celebrant The peace of God which surpasses all understanding ...
be always with you.
People **And also with you.**

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Eucharistic Prayer from Enriching Our Worship

Stand *Celebrant* God be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Celebrant Lift up your hearts.
People **We lift them up to God.**
Celebrant Let us give thanks our thanks to God.
People **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

The Celebrant continues

SANCTUS

**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.**

The Celebrant continues

The LORD'S PRAYER (traditional, using 'trespasses')

FRACTION ANTHEM

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us. 2x
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, grant us peace.**

The SHARING of HOLY COMMUNION

- + MASKS - must remain in place throughout the celebration, except when individuals partake of the wafer and wine.
- + SOCIAL DISTANCING of SIX FEET - Please observe distancing while proceeding to receive the elements. Remember that “Slow, Meditative and Prayerful Solemnity” are hallmarks of the Spiritual Life, especially in approaching the Divine Presence in the Sacrament.
- + INDIVIDUAL ELEMENTS - are provided on separate trays. Consecrated wafers are provided in paper containers. Consume the wafer, then dispose the paper container in the basket provided. Then proceed to the right for individual disposable cups of consecrated (golden) wine and (purple) grape juice. Take a cup and when consumed, place the empty cup in the basket provided.
- + RETURN - to your seats by the right-hand aisle when finished.

Stand The POST-COMMUNION PRAYER –

**Faithful God, in the wonder of your wisdom and love you fed
your people in the wilderness with the bread of angels,
and you sent Jesus to be the bread of life.
We thank you for feeding us with this bread.
May it strengthen us that by the power of the Holy Spirit
we may embody your desire and be renewed for your service
through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.**

BLESSING & DISMISSAL

respond, Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

DAUGHTERS of the KING - our St. Anne Chapter is meeting today (Sunday) at 10:45 in the Parish Hall. Continuing to discuss the book from the National Church, *Walk in Love*. This month figuring out the Liturgical Year - why *does* it start in December?!? All women and girls are welcome to join in.

BIBLE STUDY - Due to the Ham Dinner, there will be no Bible Study this Tuesday. But join us next Tuesday evening at 7:00pm. as we continue with the book of Job in the Old Testament. How does a person of faith deal with calamity? A Zoom invitation is sent to the Parish e-list each week.

FORWARD DAY BY DAY - the new edition of the daily devotionals are available at the entrance of the Church. Regular and large print versions.

HARVEST HAM DINNER - Our annual dinner is this Tuesday, October 20th with take-outs only. Adults \$12; Children (under 10) \$8. Offer your help for preparing, helping to cook, presenting the take-outs, and clean-up. See Sue Erb or Zach Wyckoff to volunteer. Items for donation include: – carrots; frozen peas and pearl onions; dinner rolls; store-bought pumpkin pies; and pounds of butter.

TAKE A HIKE - Sunday afternoon, October 25th Fr. Ed will lead a hike around Prompton Lake. Meet at the Church at noon. Wear solid shoes or boots, bring a mask, of course, a snack or two and a bottle of water, or thermos of (tea?) Let Fr. Ed know if you'd like to join him on either of these outings. Let us revel in the beauty of God's Creation.

IN MEMORIA - The annual Hallowe'en Organ Concert will be transformed into a 'service' of memorial for the now 230 Thousand who have died in the US due to Covid-19. Two 'live' 20-minute Zoom segments (with a typical intermission) will be broadcast on All Saints' Day, Sunday, November 1st at 3:00pm. It will also be placed on our Facebook page.

The PRAYERS of the PEOPLE

For those whose names have been offered for our prayers of God's comfort and care:

Richelle Stephens	George Varites	Donna Caulfield
Pat Coggins	Sue Erb	Pete Hooker
Carla Huss	Harry & Becky Southwell	Sandy Ames
Rob O'Connor	Kathy Cox	Nancy Weaver
Chris Reynolds	Donald Strike	
Libby Dimmock	Addison	
Lorraine Varley	Doug Black	

For those celebrating birthdays this week: Miklos Kiraly - Are we missing anyone?

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Psalm 147: 1-7
2 Timothy 4: 5-8
Luke 4: 14-21

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Two questions for the day, what is true healing?
and, How do we heal anyone?

Today we celebrate the feast of St. Luke.

According to Holy Women, Holy Men,

Church Publishing, 2010

Luke was a Gentile, a physician, and one of Paul's fellow missionaries in the early spread of Christianity through the Roman world. He has been identified as the writer of both the Gospel which bears his name, and its sequel, the Acts of the Apostles. He had apparently not known Jesus, but was clearly much inspired by hearing about him from those who had known him.

p. 644

How do you heal someone?

Like Luke, tend to the physical and mental needs,
and share the Good News.

End of sermon.

Kidding.

Deacon Jean Denton, director of National Episcopal Health Ministries,

notes that,

Luke was a physician, a healer, and Luke was an evangelist. These roles are inseparable, for an evangelist tells the good news of salvation, and salvation means healing. The root of the word "salvation" is the Latin verb *salvere*, to be well, to be in good health, to be whole. Salvation is not just of spirit in the world to come, but salvation is of body and mind as well. Salvation is not just for the life beyond but also for this life, for here, for now.

Sermons that Work, 2002

The real question for us to pray on is, what is true healing?

For some it is through medication, temporary or long-term.

For others it is with surgery and rehabilitation.

For many it is the various 12-Step programs.

For others it may be psycho-therapy.

And yes, we have to admit, for others - for all of us -

true healing comes in the death of this earthly shell.

We do the best we can here at Grace Church

to provide overnight accommodations,

safe havens for those in compromised relationships,

gas to get to work or doctor appointments,

and especially our food programs.

Over 40 years of offering free holiday dinners,
and for many years - at least 15-20 that I know of
our Saturday Community Luncheons
which this year has turned into food distribution bags
instead of a sit-down hot meal.
“Dear God, let me use our new stoves. Please!”
And maybe it’s just letting as many as we can
know that someone is here
(though, of course, we don’t like to be taken advantage of).
I have to tell of one family who would try
to eke out as much as they could from various programs.
But over the years they have become good friends
and grateful recipients.
As I mentioned two weeks ago in commemorating St. Francis,
he is reported as saying,
“Preach the Gospel;
if necessary, use words.”

You can do the research to find, as Deacon Denton describes
“the cavernous gap between the have and the have-nots which
grows daily. People live in fear. Surely this is not the kingdom
of God...

She continues,

Jesus said the kingdom of God will come when we tell the
good news of salvation -- when we tell people who are hanging
on by a thread that God loves and wants them; when we tell
people that God wants them to be whole, to have life and to have
life abundantly; when we sit with those who are suffering and
stay with them as they seek to find God in pain.

Jesus said the kingdom of God will come when we set the
captives free -- when we dare to befriend those who are bound
and help them take off their chains of addiction or self-hatred or
isolation; when we show those who are oppressed that there is a
way out and that we will be with them as they find it; when we
stay with them long enough to hear the pain and despair in their
stories and hold forth hope when they can not hold hope for
themselves.

Jesus said the kingdom of God will come when we
proclaim recovery of sight to the blind -- when we pray with
people for healing and expect that God will heal; when we believe
God wants to do a new thing in peoples' lives, giving a vision
where it was lost, giving insight where there was denial, giving
clarity where there was confusion.

Sorry, Luke,

I’m going back to Francis.

Pray with me:

Lord, make us instruments of your peace.
Where there is hatred, let us sow love;
where there is injury, pardon;
where there is discord, union;
where there is doubt, faith;

where there is despair, hope;
where there is darkness, light;
where there is sadness, joy.

Grant that we may not so much seek to be consoled as to console;
to be understood as to understand;
to be loved as to love.

For it is in giving that we receive;
it is in pardoning that we are pardoned;
and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.

Amen.