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## St Luke the Evangelist



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CATHEDRAL

### Collect and Readings for the Holy Communion

#### 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.

#### EPISTLE                    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 lion's mouth.

## **GOSPEL**

Luke 10. 1-5

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!"