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SUNDAY WORSHIP

from the Community
of Leicester Cathedral

Sunday 18 October 2020
Luke the Evangelist

The Revd Canon Karen Rooms, Canon Missioner, leads the service.

Rosie Vinter, Assistant Director of Music, plays on the Organ

Elegy

George Thalben-Ball (1896–1987)

Welcome and Greeting

We meet in the presence of God, who is Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

Canon Karen continues with words of welcome.

Today, the Church gives thanks for the life and ministry of St. Luke the Evangelist, physician and teacher. So, as our world and nation remain in the grip of a pandemic, we gather to pray for healing; for the healing of our world and nation and for the healing of all those who are in any need this day. Today is also anti-slavery day, and so we remember all who in generations past have been taken from their homes and families as slaves and we hold in our prayers most especially those whose life today is held captive by the power of others.

And so, as we gather together across the distance, let us keep silence for a moment, and hold in our minds those who we know are in need of Christ's healing and all those who this day are in great danger.

A short silence is kept.

God gathers us across the distance.
Let us worship God together.

Penitence Asking for God's forgiveness and healing

Jesus said 'Whoever has two coats must share with anyone who has none; and whoever has food must do likewise.'
In sorrow for our selfishness and greed, let us call to mind our sins.

Lord Jesus, you call us to be your friends.
On our unfriendliness;

Lord, have mercy.
All **Lord, have mercy.**

Lord Jesus, you are holy and gentle in heart.
On our unholiness and aggression;
Christ, have mercy.
All **Christ, have mercy.**

Lord Jesus, you came to humble the mighty
and to lift up the lowly.
On our desire for status;
Lord, have mercy.
All **Lord, have mercy.**

Absolution God's forgiveness for us

May the God of all healing and forgiveness
draw you to himself,
and cleanse you from all your sins
that you may behold the glory of his Son,
the Word made flesh,
Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Prayer Collect for Luke the Evangelist

Let us pray.

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.

The First Reading

Isaiah 35.3–6

Read by Isaac Wiles

A reading from the Book of Isaiah.

The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad,
the desert shall rejoice and blossom;
like the crocus it shall blossom abundantly,
and rejoice with joy and singing.

The glory of Lebanon shall be given to it,
the majesty of Carmel and Sharon.
They shall see the glory of the Lord,
the majesty of our God.

Strengthen the weak hands,
and make firm the feeble knees.

Say to those who are of a fearful heart,
'Be strong, do not fear!

Here is your God.

He will come with vengeance,
with terrible recompense.

He will come and save you.'

Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened,
and the ears of the deaf unstopped;
then the lame shall leap like a deer,
and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy.
For waters shall break forth in the wilderness,
and streams in the desert;

Hear the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The Gospel Reading

Luke 10.1–9

Read by Jan Zientek

A reading from the Gospel of Luke.

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!" 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."

Hear the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Reflection

The Very Revd David Monteith, Dean of Leicester, *with Professor Martin Dyer*

David Cowen, Associate Organist, plays

Prelude on 'Rendez à Dieu'

Simon Mold (b.1957)

Prayers of Intercession

The following response is used

Lord, in your mercy
hear our prayer.

and this response may be used at the end:

Merciful Father,
**accept these prayers for the sake of your Son,
our Saviour Jesus Christ.
Amen.**

The prayers conclude with The Lord's Prayer

Let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us:

**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name;
thy kingdom come;
thy will be done; on
earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation;
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
the power and the glory,
for ever and ever.
Amen.**

The Hymn

**Be still, for the presence of the Lord,
the Holy One, is here;
come bow before him now
with reverence and fear:
in him no sin is found –
we stand on holy ground.
Be still, for the presence of the Lord,
the Holy One is here.**

**Be still, for the glory of the Lord
is shining all around;
he burns with holy fire,
with splendour he is crowned:
how awesome is the sight –
our radiant King of light!
Be still, for the glory of the Lord
is shining all around.**

**Be still, for the power of the Lord
is moving in this place:
he comes to cleanse and heal,
to minister his grace.
No work too hard for him,
in faith receive from him.
Be still, for the power of the Lord
is moving in this place.**

Canon Karen leads

The Blessing and Dismissal

May God the holy and undivided Trinity
preserve you in body, mind and spirit,
and bring you to that heavenly country
where peace and harmony reign:
and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit
by among you and remain with you always.
Amen.

Until we meet again,
Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
In the name of Christ. Amen.

David Cowen plays

Voluntary in G

Henry Purcell (1659–1695)

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