

The Order of Vespers

for the Festival of St. Luke, Evangelist (Oct. 18)

Hymn

TLH #528 – *If God Himself Be for Me* (st. 1-5)

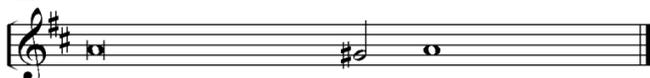
Stand

☐ O Lord, open my lips.



☐ And my mouth will de-clare Your praise.

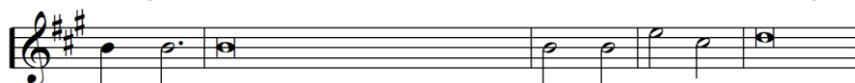
☐ Make haste, O God, to deliver me.



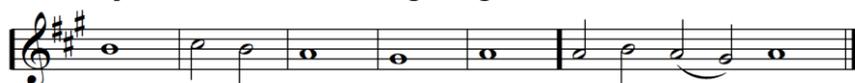
☐ Make haste to help me, O Lord.



Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Ho-ly



Spir-it; as it was in the beginning, is now and ev-er shall be,



for - ev - er - more. A - men. Al - le - lu - ia!

Psalmody

Psalm 57

The verses are chanted antiphonally between the Pastor and Congregation.

☐ (Antiphon) Be exalted, O God, above the heavens; your glory above all the earth.



Be gracious to me, O God, be gracious to me,

for my soul takes refuge | in you.

In the shadow of your wings I will take refuge,

until these calamities | have passed.

I will call out to God the Most High,

to God, who puts an end to my | troubles.

He shall send from heaven and save me; he shall give over to reproach the one who would crush me.

God shall send forth his mercy and | his truth.

My soul is among lions; there I lie.

The children of man are | enflamed.

Their teeth are spears and arrows,

and their tongue a | sharp sword.

Be exalted, O God, above the heavens;

your glory above all | the earth.

They prepared a net for my steps; my soul was bowed down.

**They dug a pit before me, but they themselves have fallen in- |
to it.**

My heart is firm, O God, my heart is firm.

I will sing a song | of praise.

Awake, my glory! Awake, harp and lyre!

I will awaken | the dawn.

I will praise you, O Lord, among the people;

I will sing to you among the | nations.

For your mercy is great; it reaches up to the heavens,

and your truth up to | the clouds.

Be exalted, O God, above the heavens;

your glory above all | the earth.

_Glory be to the Father, and to | the Son, *

and to the Holy | Spirit;

_as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever | shall be, *

forevermore. | Amen.

P (*Antiphon*) Be exalted, O God, above the heavens; your glory above all the earth.

Sit

First Lesson

2 Timothy 4:5-15

After each Lesson:

P O Lord, have mercy upon us.



R Thanks be to You, O Lord!

Second Lesson

Luke 10:1-9

Hymn

TLH #494 – Awake Thou Spirit Who Didst Fire

Sermon

Stand

V Let my prayer be set before You as incense.



R And the lifting up of my hands as the eve-ning sac-ri-fice.

The Canticle

The Magnificat — Luke 1:46-55



My — | soul | magni- | fies | the | Lord, *
And my spirit rejoices in | God | my | Sav- | ior.
For — | He | has | re- | gard- | ed *
the lowly estate of | His | hand- | maid- | en:
For, be- | hold | from this time | forth *
all generations will | call | me | bless- | ed.
For — | He who is mighty has | done to | me | great | things; *
and ho- | ly | is | His | name.
And His | mercy is on | those | who | fear | Him *
from generation to | gen- | er- | a- | tion.
He has | shown | strength | with | His | arm; *
He has scattered the proud in the imagi- | nation | of | their | hearts.
He has | put down the | mighty | from | their | seats, *
and exalted those | of | low | de- | gree.
He has | filled the | hungry | with | good | things; *
and the rich He has | sent a- | way | emp- | ty.
He has | come to the aid of His servant Israel, in remembrance | of | His
| mer- | cy; *
As He spoke to our fathers, to Abraham, and to his | seed | for- | ev- |
er.
Glo-ry | be to the Father, | and | to | the | Son, *
and to the | Ho- | ly | Spir- | it;
As it | was in the beginning, is now, and | ev- | er | shall | be, *
forev- | er- | more. | A- | men.

Prayers



☐ Lord, have mer- cy up-on us. Christ, have mer- cy up-on us.



Lord, have mer - cy up-on 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, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

P The Lord be with you.



R And with your spir - it.

The Pastor says one or more Collects. After each, the congregation sings:



R A - men.

P Let us bless the Lord.



R Thanks be to God.

P The grace of our Lord † Jesus Christ and the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.



R A - men.

St. Luke, “the beloved physician” (Col. 4:14), is the author of the third Gospel. The Gospel according to St. Luke is known for its orderly presentation (1:1), for the details it provides surrounding the birth of Christ (Luke 1-2), for its special emphasis on Jesus as the One who came to save the lost (Luke 15, 19:10), and for uniquely relating several of Jesus’ encounters with non-Jews—further evidence that Luke himself was likely a Gentile Christian. His Gospel is addressed to Theophilus, tying it directly to the book of Acts, also addressed to Theophilus, and thus identifying Luke as the author also of that book. The “we” sections in Acts indicate that the author accompanied St. Paul in many stages of his missionary journeys, beginning in Troas (Acts 16:8-10). St. Luke was there with St. Paul during his first imprisonment in Rome, where the book of Acts ends, and was the only faithful disciple to stay with the Apostle Paul during his second Roman imprisonment (2 Tim. 4:11). Thus both the Gospel of Luke and Acts were written under direct apostolic supervision, for which reason their authenticity has never been seriously questioned.