

**Readings for 18<sup>th</sup> October 2020 – Luke, Evangelist & Martyr**

**A reading from Jeremiah chapter 8 beginning at verse 22 [8.22-9.3]**

**<sup>22</sup> Is there no balm in Gilead?**

**Is there no physician there?**

**Why then has the health of my poor people  
not been restored?**

**9.1 O that my head were a spring of water,  
and my eyes a fountain of tears,  
so that I might weep day and night  
for the slain of my poor people!**

**<sup>2</sup> O that I had in the desert  
a traveller's lodging-place,  
that I might leave my people  
and go away from them!**

**For they are all adulterers,  
a band of traitors.**

**<sup>3</sup> They bend their tongues like bows;  
they have grown strong in the land for falsehood, and not for truth;  
for they proceed from evil to evil,  
and they do not know me, says the LORD.**

**Hear the word of the Lord.**

***Thanks be to God.***

**Psalm 145 beginning at verse 10. [145.10-18]**

- 10. All creation praises you, O lord:  
and your faithful servants bless your name.**
- 11. They speak of the glory of your kingdom:  
and tell of your great might,**
- 12. That the whole earth may know your mighty acts:  
and the glorious splendour of your kingdom.**
- 13. Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom:  
and your dominion endures through all generations.**
- 14. The Lord upholds all those who stumble:  
and raises up those that are bowed down.**
- 15. The eyes of all look to you in hope:  
and you give them their food in due season;**
- 16. You open wide your hand:  
and fill all things living with your bounteous gift.**
- 17. The Lord is just in all his ways:  
and faithful in all his dealings.**
- 18. The Lord is near to all who call upon him:  
to all who call upon him in truth.**

**Glory to God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit:  
as in the beginning, so now, and for ever. Amen**

A reading from Paul's second letter to Timothy chapter 4 beginning at verse 9. [4.9-17]

9 Do your best to come to me soon,

<sup>10</sup>for Demas, in love with this present world, has deserted me and gone to Thessalonica; Crescens has gone to Galatia, Titus to Dalmatia.

<sup>11</sup>Only Luke is with me. Get Mark and bring him with you, for he is useful in my ministry.

<sup>12</sup>I have sent Tychicus to Ephesus.

<sup>13</sup>When you come, bring the cloak that I left with Carpus at Troas, also the books, and above all the parchments.

<sup>14</sup>Alexander the coppersmith did me great harm; the Lord will pay him back for his deeds.

<sup>15</sup>You also must beware of him, for he strongly opposed our message.

16 At my first defence no one came to my support, but all deserted me. May it not be counted against them!

<sup>17</sup>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.

Hear the word of the Lord.

*Thanks be to God.*

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke chapter 10 beginning at verse 1. [10.1-9]

*Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ.*

1 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.

<sup>2</sup>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.

<sup>3</sup>Go on your way. See, I am sending you out like lambs into the midst of wolves.

<sup>4</sup>Carry no purse, no bag, no sandals; and greet no one on the road.

<sup>5</sup>Whatever house you enter, first say, "Peace to this house!"

<sup>6</sup>And if anyone is there who shares in peace, your peace will rest on that person; but if not, it will return to you.

<sup>7</sup>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.

<sup>8</sup>Whenever you enter a town and its people welcome you, eat what is set before you;

<sup>9</sup>cure the sick who are there, and say to them,

"The kingdom of God has come near to you."

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

*Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.*