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Treasured Words



*Church at Home
St Luke the Evangelist
October 18th 2020*

Welcome to our Service

Great is our Lord and mighty in power;
His wisdom is beyond all telling
Psalm 147:5

Cover picture

Inside the Syriac Orthodox Church of St. Mark in Jerusalem is this Icon of the Virgin Mary believed to be painted during Her life time by St.Luke the Evangelist, the author of the third Gospel of Christ and His Deeds and Miracles. This ancient icon dates to 50 AD.

The Preparation

The Greeting

Welcome in the name of Christ.
God's grace, mercy and peace be with you
and also with you.

Let everything be said and done in the name of the Lord Jesus,

giving thanks to God through Jesus Christ.

Sing psalms, hymns and sacred songs:

let us sing to God with thankful hearts.

Open our lips, Lord:

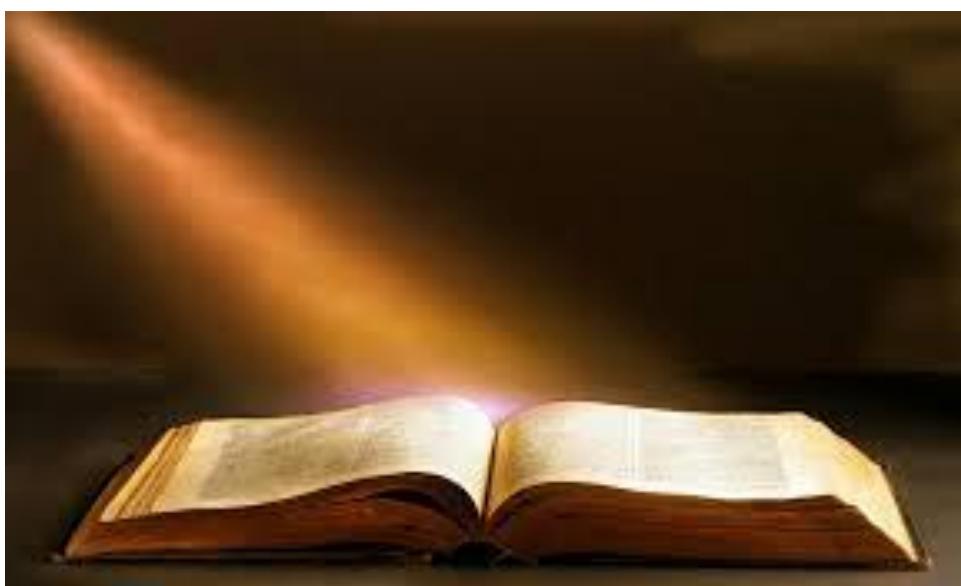
and we shall praise your name.

cf Colossians 3.16,17

Loving God, we have come to worship you.

**Help us to pray to you in faith,
to sing your praise with gratitude,
and to listen to your word with eagerness;
through Christ our Lord.**

Amen.



Hymn: Tell out my soul

Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord!
Unnumbered blessings, give my spirit voice;
 tender to me the promise of his word;
in God my Saviour shall my heart rejoice.

Tell out, my soul, the greatness of his Name!
Make known his might, the deeds his arm has done;
 his mercy sure, from age to age the same;
 his holy Name, the Lord, the Mighty One.

Tell out, my soul, the greatness of his might!
 Powers and dominions lay their glory by.
Proud hearts and stubborn wills are put to flight,
 the hungry fed, the humble lifted high.

Tell out, my soul, the glories of his word!
 Firm is his promise, and his mercy sure.
Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord
 to children's children and for evermore!

Confession

Jesus says, 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is close at hand.'
So let us turn away from our sin and turn to Christ, confessing our sins in penitence and faith.

God be gracious to us and bless us,
and make your face shine upon us:
Lord, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

May your ways be known on the earth,
your saving power among the nations:
Christ, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

You, Lord, have made known your salvation,
and reveal your justice in the sight of the nations:
Lord, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

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

Amen.

The 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.

Amen

The Word of God

Reading: Telling the story Luke 1: 1-4

Since many have undertaken to set down an orderly account of the events that have been fulfilled among us, ²just as they were handed on to us by those who from the beginning were eyewitnesses and servants of the word, ³I too decided, after investigating everything carefully from the very first, to write an orderly account for you, most excellent Theophilus, ⁴so that you may know the truth concerning the things about which you have been instructed.

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God.

Poem: Mary's Treasures

Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart

Song: The man who calmed the sea

See the stricken boat
as it tossed upon the sea;
hear the fearful cries
that wake the man from Galilee.
He stands before the raging,
speaks peace and harmony:
Winds and waves obey,
he is the man who calmed the sea.

Hear among the crowds
a desperate father's anguished plea:
'Heal my dying child'
he begs the man from Galilee.
With words that banish sorrow
'Don't fear, but just believe'
Daughter 'live again!'
Commands the man who calmed the sea.
And as she stands before them
what joy from agony!
He's the master and the maker,
he's the man who calmed the sea.

Feel the bitter pall
that shrouds the hill of Calvary;
high upon the cross
there hangs the man from the Galilee.
The earth it quakes with sorrow,
the sky grows dark with grief;
all creation mourns
to lose the man who calmed the sea.
But no, death could not hold him,
the stone is rolled away!
For He's the master and the maker,
he's the man who calmed the sea.

Now I hear the call
 that echoes down through history:
 'Come, deny yourself,
 take up your cross and follow me.
 Through every joy and sorrow
 my grace is all you'll need.
 Trust me in the storm
 for I'm the man who calms the sea.'
 No fear shall overwhelm me,
 for Lord, I do believe
 you're the master and the maker,
 you're the man who calms the sea.

I'll trust you for tomorrow
 and seek you for today:
 For you're the master and the maker,
 you're the man who calms the sea.

Reading: Travelling with Paul Acts 16:6-12



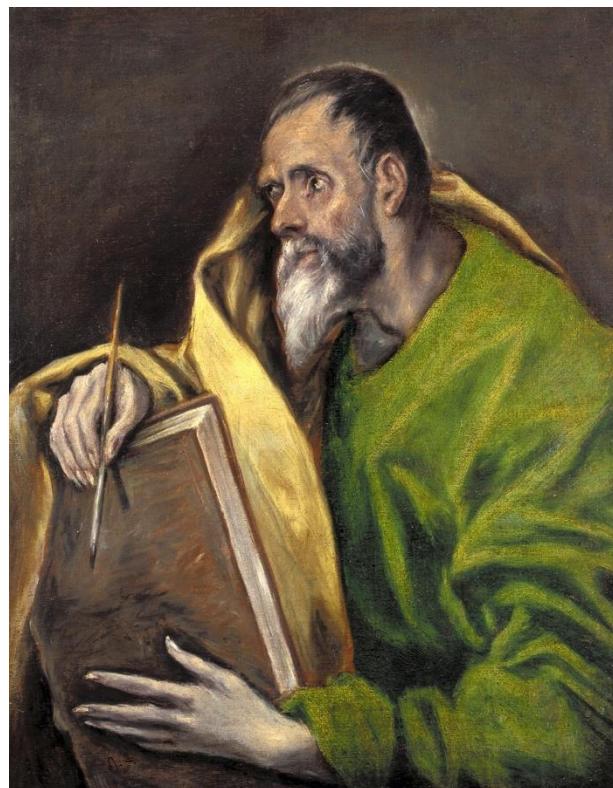
⁶ They went through the region of Phrygia and Galatia, having been forbidden by the Holy Spirit to speak the word in Asia. ⁷ When they had come opposite Mysia, they attempted to go into Bithynia, but the Spirit of Jesus did not allow them; ⁸ so, passing by Mysia, they went down to Troas. ⁹ During the night Paul had a vision: there stood a man of Macedonia pleading with him and saying, ‘Come over to Macedonia and help us.’ ¹⁰ When he had seen the vision, we immediately tried to cross over to Macedonia, being convinced that God had called us to proclaim the good news to them.

¹¹ We set sail from Troas and took a straight course to Samothrace, the following day to Neapolis, ¹² and from there to Philippi, which is a leading city of the district of Macedonia and a Roman colony. We remained in this city for some days.

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God.

Discovering Luke's Story



Saint Luke (1610-1614) El Greco

Song: Faithful vigil ended, (based on the words of the Nunc Dimitis)

Faithful vigil ended,
watching, waiting cease;
Master, grant your servant
his discharge in peace.

All the Spirit promised,
all the Father willed,
now these eyes behold it
perfectly fulfilled.

This your great deliverance
sets your people free;
Christ their light uplifted
all the nations see

Christ, your people's glory!
watching, doubting cease:
grant to us your servants
our discharge in peace.

The Creed

Let us affirm our faith in Jesus Christ the Son of God.

**Though he was divine,
he did not cling to equality with God,
but made himself nothing.
Taking the form of a slave,
he was born in human likeness.
He humbled himself
and was obedient to death,
even the death of the cross.
Therefore God has raised him on high,
and given him the name above every name:
that at the name of Jesus
every knee should bow,
and every voice proclaim that Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.
Amen.**

cf Philippians 2.6-11

Intercessions

We pray for the flourishing of God's gifts to his Church, saying:

Lord of the Church,

in your mercy hear us.

God our Father, you give us gifts that we may work together
in the service of your Son:
bless the leaders of your Church,
that they may be firm in faith,
and humble before you.

Lord of the Church,

in your mercy hear us.

Bless those who teach,
that they may increase our understanding,
and be open to your word for them.

Lord of the Church,

in your mercy hear us.

Bless those who minister healing,
that they may bring wholeness to others,
yet know your healing in themselves.

Lord of the Church,

in your mercy hear us.

Bless those through whom you speak,
that they may proclaim your word in power,
yet open their ears to your gentle whisper.

Lord of the Church,

in your mercy hear us.

Bless those who work in your world today,
that in the complexity of their daily lives
they may live for you, fulfil your purposes,
and seek your kingdom first.

Lord of the Church,

in your mercy hear us.

Bless those who are uncertain of their gifts
and those who are powerless in this world's eyes,
that they may be made strong in your gift of the Holy Spirit.

Lord of the Church,
hear our prayer,
and make us one in heart and mind
to serve you with joy for ever. Amen.

Gathering our prayers and praises into one,
as our Saviour has taught us so we pray

Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done, on earth as in heaven
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Lead us not into temptation
but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours
now and for ever. Amen.

Hymn: One more step

One more step along the world i go,
One more step along the world I go,
 From the old things to the new,
 Keep me travelling along with You.

And it's from the old I travel to the new,
Keep me travelling along with You.

Round the corners of the world I turn,
More and more about the world I learn.
 All the new things that I see,
 You'll be looking at along with me.

As I travel through the bad and good,
Keep me travelling the way I should.

Where I see no way to go,
You'll be telling me the way, I know.

Give me courage when the world is rough,
Keep me loving when the world is tough.

Leap and sing in all I do,
Keep me travelling along with You.

You are older than the world can be,
You are younger than the life in me.

Ever old and ever new,
Keep me travelling along with You.

Closing Prayer

Holy Spirit fill us up
Give us strength, give us power.

Holy Spirit fill us up
Make us one, sisters and brothers.

Holy Spirit fill us up
Give us strength to share your truth

Holy Spirit fill us up
Send us out, to live for you.

Blessing

May the boldness of the Spirit transform you,
may the gentleness of the Spirit lead you,
may the gifts of the Spirit equip you
to serve and worship God;
and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always.

Amen.