

# Reader's Service for Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> October 2020

19<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

## The Holy Apostle and Evangelist Luke

*The 'Reader' may be the most senior person present – e.g. a parent or grandparent, according to the situation – or simply the most confident reader or singer. The parts marked for the 'Choir' can be read or sung by everyone together, or by one person alone. Music for some parts may be found on the website: [www.orthodoxcommunityrugby.com/choir/](http://www.orthodoxcommunityrugby.com/choir/) If no one present is a confident singer, the service can be chanted on one note, or simply read. You may prefer to use parts of the service in your own language. If so, please make sure that the prayers are read from an Orthodox prayer book or service book.*

### Before the Service

*If possible, the Service should be said in front of the household icons – e.g. in the family icon corner. If practical, and if they are available, a Cross and a Book of the Gospels (or a copy of New Testament, or a Bible) should be placed on a table in front of the icons. A lamp or candle, and incense, if available, should be lit before the Service begins.*

**Reader:** Through the prayers of our Holy Fathers, Lord Jesus Christ our God, have mercy upon us, and save us. Amen.

*In place of the GREAT LITANY, the choir sings:*  
Lord, have mercy. (x 12)

### FIRST ANTIPHON

#### Psalm 102

**Choir:** Bless the Lord, O my soul:/ Blessed art Thou, O Lord.  
Bless the Lord, O my soul:/ and all that is within me, bless His holy Name.  
Bless the Lord, O my soul:/ and forget not all His benefits:  
Who forgiveth all thine iniquities,/ Who healeth all thy diseases.  
The Lord is merciful and gracious,/ slow to anger and plenteous in mercy.  
Bless the Lord, O my soul:/ and all that is within me, bless His holy Name. Blessed art Thou, O Lord.

*In place of the LITTLE LITANY, the choir sings:*  
Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

### SECOND ANTIPHON

#### Psalm 145

**Choir:** Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.

Praise the Lord, O my soul./ While I live will I praise the Lord;/ I will sing praises unto my God while I have any being.  
Put not your trust in princes, nor in any sons of men/ in whom there is no help.  
His breath goeth forth, he returneth to his earth:/ in that very day his thoughts perish.  
The Lord shall reign forever:/ even thy God, O Zion, unto all generations.

Both now and ever and unto the ages of ages. Amen.

O only-begotten Son and Word of God. O Thou Who art Immortal, yet for our salvation didst deign to be incarnate of the holy Mother of God and Ever-Virgin Mary; and without change wast made man; Who also wast crucified for us; and by death didst overcome death: save us, O Christ, our God; one Person of the Holy Trinity, glorified together with the Father and the Holy Spirit.

*In place of the LITTLE LITANY, the choir sings:*

Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

### THIRD ANTIPHON

#### The Beatitudes

**Choir:** In Thy Kingdom remember us, O Lord,/ when Thou comest in Thy Kingdom.

Blessed are the poor in spirit:/ for theirs is the Kingdom of Heaven.

Blessed are they that mourn:/ for they shall be comforted.

Blessed are the meek:/ for they shall inherit the earth.

Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness:/ for they shall be filled.

Blessed are the merciful:/ for they shall obtain mercy.

Blessed are the pure in heart:/ for they shall see God.

Blessed are the peacemakers:/ for they shall be called the children of God.

Blessed are they which are persecuted for righteousness' sake:/ for theirs is the Kingdom of Heaven.

Blessed are ye when men shall revile you and persecute you,/ and shall say all manner of evil against you falsely, for my sake.

Rejoice and be exceeding glad:// for great is your reward in Heaven.

## ENTRANCE HYMN

**Choir:** O come, let us worship and fall down before Christ. O Son of God, Who art risen from the dead, save us who sing to Thee: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

## TROPARIA

### Troparion of the Resurrection in Tone 2

[Music on website]

When Thou didst descend to death, O Life immortal,  
Thou didst slay hell with the splendour of Thy Godhead.  
And when from the depths Thou didst raise the dead,  
all the powers of heaven cried out://  
“O Giver of life, Christ our God, glory to Thee!”

### Troparion of Saint Luke in Tone 5

[Music on website]

Let us praise with sacred songs the holy Apostle Luke,  
the recorder of the joyous Gospel of Christ  
and the scribe of the Acts of the Apostles;  
for his writings are a testimony of the Church of Christ.  
He is the physician of human weaknesses and infirmities.  
He heals the wounds of our souls,//  
and constantly intercedes for our salvation.

## THE TRISAGION

**Choir:** Holy God, Holy Mighty, Holy Immortal, have mercy on us. (x 3)

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, both now  
and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen.

Holy Immortal, have mercy on us.

Holy God, Holy Mighty, Holy Immortal, have mercy on us.

## PROKEIMENA

**Reader:** The Prokeimenon in the Second Tone.

**Reader:** The Lord is my strength and my song; He has become my salvation.

**Choir:** The Lord is my strength and my song; He has become my salvation.

**Reader:** The Lord has chastened me sorely, but He has not given me over to death.

**Choir:** The Lord is my strength and my song; He has become my salvation.

**Reader:** [And] in the Eighth Tone.

**Reader:** Their proclamation has gone out into all the earth, and their words to the ends of the universe!

**Choir:** Their proclamation has gone out into all the earth, and their words to the ends of the universe!

## EPISTLE

**Reader:** The Reading from the Epistle of the Holy Apostle Paul to the Corinthians [2 Corinthians 11:31-12:9]

Ye Brethren: The God and Father of the Lord Jesus, he who is blessed forever, knows that I do not lie. At Damascus, the governor under King Aretas guarded the city of Damascus in order to seize me, but I was let down in a basket through a window in the wall, and escaped his hands. I must boast; there is nothing to be gained by it, but I will go on to visions and revelations of the Lord. I know a man in Christ who fourteen years ago was caught up to the third heaven – whether in the body or out of the body I do not know, God knows. And I know that this man was caught up into Paradise – whether in the body or out of the body I do not know, God knows – and he heard things that cannot be told, which man may not utter. On behalf of this man I will boast, but on my own behalf I will not boast, except of my weaknesses. Though if I wish to boast, I shall not be a fool, for I shall be speaking the truth. But I refrain from it, so that no one may think more of me than he sees in me or hears from me. And to keep me from being too elated by the abundance of revelations, a thorn was given me in the flesh, a messenger of Satan, to harass me, to keep me from being too elated. Three times I besought the Lord about this, that it should leave me; but he said to me, “My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness.” I will all the more gladly boast of my weaknesses, that the power of Christ may rest upon me.

Ye Brethren: Conduct yourselves wisely toward outsiders, making the most of the time. Let your speech always be gracious, seasoned with salt, so that you may know how you ought to answer every one. Tychicus will tell you all about my affairs; he is a beloved brother and faithful minister and fellow servant in the Lord. I have sent him to you for this very purpose, that you may know how we are and that he may encourage your hearts, and with him Onesimus, the faithful and beloved brother, who is one of yourselves. They will tell you of everything that has taken place. Aristarchus my fellow prisoner greets you, and Mark the cousin of Barnabas (concerning whom you have received instructions – if he comes to you, receive him), and Jesus who is called Justus. These are the only men of the circumcision among my fellow workers for the kingdom

of God, and they have been a comfort to me. Luke the beloved physician and Demas greet you. Give my greetings to the brethren at Laodicea, and to Nympha and the church in her house. And when this letter has been read among you, have it read also in the church of the Laodiceans; and see that you read also the letter from Laodicea. And say to Archippus, "See that you fulfil the ministry which you have received in the Lord." I, Paul, write this greeting with my own hand. Remember my fetters. Grace be with you. Amen. [Colossians 4:5-9, 14, 18]

### ALLELUIA

**Reader:** May the Lord hear thee in the day of trouble! May the Name of the God of Jacob protect thee!

**Choir:** Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

**Reader:** O Lord, save the king, and hear us on the day when we call upon Thee!

**Choir:** Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

**Reader:** The heavens shall confess Thy wonders, O Lord; and Thy truth in the congregation of the saints.

**Choir:** Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

### THE GOSPEL

*All stand for the reading of the Gospel. The Gospel is read by the most senior person present – e.g. a parent or grandparent – according to the situation.*

**Reader:** The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to Luke

**Choir:** Glory be to Thee, O Lord, glory be to Thee.

**Reader:** At that time: Jesus came to a city called Nain, and his disciples and a great crowd went with him. As he drew near to the gate of the city, behold, a man who had died was being carried out, the only son of his mother, and she was a widow; and a large crowd from the city was with her. And when the Lord saw her, he had compassion on her and said to her, "Do not weep." And he came and touched the bier, and the bearers stood still. And he said, "Young man, I say to you, arise." And the dead man sat up, and began to speak. And he gave him to his mother. Fear seized them all; and they glorified God, saying, "A great prophet has arisen among us!" and "God has visited his people!" [Luke 7:11-16] The Lord said to his disciples, "He who hears you hears me, and he who rejects you rejects me, and he who rejects me rejects him who sent me." The seventy returned with joy, saying, "Lord, even the demons are

subject to us in your name!" And he said to them, "I saw Satan fall like lightning from heaven. Behold, I have given you authority to tread upon serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy; and nothing shall hurt you. Nevertheless do not rejoice in this, that the spirits are subject to you; but rejoice that your names are written in heaven." In that same hour he rejoiced in the Holy Spirit and said, "I thank thee, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, that thou hast hidden these things from the wise and understanding and revealed them to babes; yea, Father, for such was thy gracious will." [Luke 10:16-21]

**Choir:** Glory be to Thee, O Lord, glory be to Thee.

*Instead of the AUGMENTED LITANY, the Choir sings:*

Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

### PRAYER TO THE LORD OF HOSTS

**Reader:** Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, both now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen.

Remember us, O Lord, when Thou comest into Thy Kingdom. *(All make a deep reverence)*

Remember us, O Master, when Thou comest into Thy Kingdom. *(Reverence)*

Remember us, O Holy One, when Thou comest into Thy Kingdom. *(Reverence)*

The heavenly choir sings to Thee, and cries: Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God of Hosts; heaven and earth are full of Thy glory.

Come unto Him and be enlightened, and your faces shall not be ashamed.

The heavenly choir sings to Thee, and cries: Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God of Hosts; heaven and earth are full of Thy glory.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.

The choir of holy Angels and Archangels, with all the Powers of heaven, sing Thy praises and do cry: Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God of Hosts; heaven and earth are full of Thy glory.

Both now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen.

## **THE CREED (SYMBOL OF FAITH)**

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of the Father before all worlds, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made; of one substance with the Father, by Whom all things were made.

Who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven, and was incarnate of the Holy Ghost and the Virgin Mary, and was made man. And was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate, He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again, according to the Scriptures; and ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of the Father. And He shall come again with glory to judge the quick and the dead, Whose kingdom shall have no end.

And in the Holy Ghost, the Lord, the Giver of Life, Who proceedeth from the Father;

Who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified, Who spake by the Prophets.

In One Holy Catholic and Apostolic Church.

I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins.

And I look for the Resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

## **PRAYER OF FORGIVENESS**

**Reader:** O God, remit, pardon and forgive our sins, whether voluntary or involuntary, whether by words or deeds, whether in knowledge or ignorance, whether by day or night, whether in mind or thought; forgive us all these, for Thou art good and lovest mankind.

## **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

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 the evil one.

**Reader:** Through the prayers of our Holy Fathers, Lord Jesus Christ our God, have mercy upon us, and save us. Amen.

## **KONTAKIA**

### **Kontakion of the Resurrection in Tone 2**

[[Music on website](#)]

Hell became afraid, O almighty Saviour,

seeing the miracle of Thy Resurrection from the tomb!

The dead arose! Creation, with Adam, beheld this and rejoiced with Thee, // and the world, O my Saviour, praises Thee forever.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.

### **Kontakion of Saint Luke in Tone 2**

[[Music on website](#)]

Let us praise the godly Luke,

the true preacher of piety;

the speaker of ineffable mysteries;

the star of the Church.

For the Word, Who alone knoweth men's hearts, //

chose him to be, with the wise Paul, a teacher of the Gentiles!

Both now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen.

### **Steadfast Protectress of Christians in Tone 6**

[[Music on website](#)]

Steadfast Protectress of Christians,

Constant advocate before the Creator,

despise not the cry of us sinners,

but in thy goodness

come speedily to help us who call on thee in faith.

Hasten to hear our petition and to intercede for us, O Theotokos,

for thou dost ever protect those who honour thee.

**Reader:** Lord, have mercy. (x 12)

**Reader:** All-holy Trinity, Mighty one in essence, Kingdom undivided,

origin of all good things, be graciously inclined also to me, a sinner.

Establish me; give understanding to my heart, and purge away all my vileness. Enlighten my mind, that I may glorify, sing praises, and adore

Thee, and say:

Thee, and say:

**Choir:** One is Holy, / One is Lord, / Jesus Christ, / to the glory of God the Father. Amen.

**Choir:** Blessed be the Name of the Lord, from this time forth and for evermore. (x 3)

**Reader:** Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, both now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen.

### PSALM 33

**Reader:** I will bless the Lord at all times; his praise shall continually be in my mouth. My soul makes its boast in the Lord; let the afflicted hear and be glad. O magnify the Lord with me, and let us exalt His name together. I sought the Lord, and he answered me, and delivered me from all my fears. Look to Him, and be radiant; so your faces shall never be ashamed. This poor man cried, and the Lord heard him, and saved him out of all his troubles. The angel of the Lord encamps around those who fear Him, and delivers them. O taste and see that the Lord is good! Happy is the man who takes refuge in Him! O fear the Lord, you His saints, for those who fear Him have no want. The young lions suffer want and hunger; but those who seek the Lord lack no good thing.

Come, O sons, listen to me, I will teach you the fear of the Lord. What man is there who desires life, and covets many days, that he may enjoy good? Keep your tongue from evil, and your lips from speaking deceit. Depart from evil, and do good; seek peace, and pursue it. The eyes of the Lord are toward the righteous, and his ears toward their cry. The face of the Lord is against evildoers, to cut off the remembrance of them from the earth. When the righteous cry for help, the Lord hears, and delivers them out of all their troubles. The Lord is near to the broken-hearted, and saves the crushed in spirit. Many are the afflictions of the righteous; but the Lord delivers him out of them all. He kept all his bones; not one of them is broken. Evil shall slay the wicked; and those who hate the righteous will be condemned. The Lord redeems the life of his servants; none of those who take refuge in Him will be condemned.

### THE ZADOSTOYNIK

**Choir:**

It is truly meet to bless thee, O Theotokos,  
ever blessed and most pure, and the Mother of our God.  
More honourable than the Cherubim,  
and more glorious beyond compare than the Seraphim:  
without defilement thou gavest birth to God the Word:  
true Theotokos, we magnify thee!

### THE DISMISSAL

**Choir:** Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, both now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen.

Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy. Bless, O Lord.

*[When the service is used in church, the marked sections are omitted.]*

**Reader:** Lord Jesus Christ, Who rose again from the dead, through the intercessions of Thy most pure Mother; by the might of the precious and life-giving Cross; by the protection of the honourable bodiless powers of heaven; at the supplications of the Holy, Glorious Prophet, Forerunner and Baptist, John; of our Holy, Venerable and God-bearing Fathers; of our Father among the Saints, Chad, Bishop of Lichfield, Patron and Protector of this Community; of the Holy and Righteous Ancestors of God, Joachim and Anna; of the Holy, Glorious and All-laudable Apostle and Evangelist Luke; and of all the saints, have mercy upon us and save us. Amen.

*All kiss the Gospel Book (or New Testament, or Bible) and the Cross placed on the table. When all have done so, the reader or choir sings slowly:*

Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

**Reader:** Through the prayers of our Holy Fathers, Lord Jesus Christ our God, have mercy upon us, and save us. Amen.

*[When the service is used in church, the people come one at a time to venerate the Gospel Book and Cross by making the sign of the Cross and bowing before them, but **without kissing them**. Meanwhile, the Singer quietly repeats the Troparia and Kontakia of the day, or other appropriate hymns.*

*When all have venerated the Gospel Book and Cross, the Singer sings slowly:*  
Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.]