

### 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.

### FIRST READING

Either **Isaiah 35:3-6**

*A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah.*

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.

Or **Acts 16:6-12a**

*A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.*

Paul and Timothy went through the  
region of Phrygia and Galatia, having  
been forbidden by the Holy Spirit  
to speak the word in Asia. When  
they had come opposite Mysia, they  
attempted to go into Bithynia, but  
the Spirit of Jesus did not allow them;  
so, passing by Mysia, they went  
down to Troas. 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." 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. We set sail  
from Troas and took a straight course  
to Samothrace, the following day to  
Neapolis, and from there to Philippi,  
which is a leading city of the district  
of Macedonia and a Roman colony.

### PSALM Psalm 147:1-7

**R** *The Lord heals the brokenhearted  
[and binds up their wounds].*

Alleluia!

How good it is to sing praises to our  
God!

how pleasant it is to honour him with  
praise!

The Lord rebuilds Jerusalem;

he gathers the exiles of Israel. **R**

He heals the brokenhearted  
and binds up their wounds.

He counts the number of the stars  
and calls them all by their names. **R**

Great is our Lord and mighty in  
power;

there is no limit to his wisdom.

The Lord lifts up the lowly,

but casts the wicked to the ground.

Sing to the Lord with thanksgiving;  
make music to our God upon the  
harp. **R**

### SECOND READING

**2 Timothy 4:5-17**

*A reading from the second letter of Paul to Timothy.*

As for you, always be sober,  
endure suffering, do the work of an  
evangelist, carry out your ministry  
fully. As for me, I am already being  
poured out as a libation, and the time  
of my departure has come. I have  
fought the good fight, I have finished  
the race, I have kept the faith. From  
now on there is reserved for me the  
crown of righteousness, which the  
Lord, the righteous judge, will give  
to me on that day, and not only to  
me but also to all who have longed  
for his appearing. Do your best to  
come to me soon, for Demas, in love  
with this present world, has deserted  
me and gone to Thessalonica;  
Crescens has gone to Galatia, Titus to  
Dalmatia. Only Luke is with me. Get  
Mark and bring him with you, for he  
is useful in my ministry. I have sent  
Tychicus to Ephesus. When you come,  
bring the cloak that I left with Carpus  
at Troas, also the books, and above  
all the parchments. Alexander the  
coppersmith did me great harm; the  
Lord will pay him back for his deeds.  
You also must beware of him, for he  
strongly opposed our message. At  
my first defence no one came to my  
support, but all deserted me. May  
it not be counted against them! 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. So I  
was rescued from the lion's mouth.

### GOSPEL Luke 10:1-9

*Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.*

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.'"

### POST COMMUNION

Almighty God,  
who on the day of Pentecost  
sent your Holy Spirit to the apostles  
with the wind from heaven and in  
tongues of flame,  
filling them with joy and boldness to  
preach the gospel:  
by the power of the same Spirit  
strengthen us to witness to your truth  
and to draw everyone to the fire of  
your love;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.