

The Parish of Hempsted with St Mary de Lode
and St Mary de Crypt, Gloucester
in partnership with Gloucester Cathedral

We sing or say

Go at the call of God, the call to follow on,
to leave security behind and go where Christ has gone.
Go in the name of God, the name of Christ you bear;
take up its cross its victim's love with all the world to share.

Go in the love of God, explore its depth and height.
Held fast by love that cares, that heals, in love walk in the light.
Go in the strength of God, in weakness prove God true.
The strength that dares to love and serve God will pour out in you.

Go with the saints of God, our common life upbuild,
that daily as we walk God's way we may with love be filled.
O God, to you we come, your love alone to know,
your name to own, your strength to prove, and at your call to go.

Blessing

May God grant you grace to grow in faith
and to follow the saints in faith and hope and love.
And the blessing of God, Creator, Redeemer and Sustainer
be upon you and all whom you love, today and always.
Amen.

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THE FEAST OF ST LUKE
18 October 2020



Opening Greeting

We meet in the presence of God
**who knows our needs, hears our cries,
feels our pain and heals our wounds.**

We sing or say

God of hope and God of healing
ever turning lives around
come restore, come re-inspire us
free the hearts that fear has bound.

Hope-filled God, you keep enlarging
boundaries we try to set;
raise our sights to new horizons
greater dreams than we dream yet.

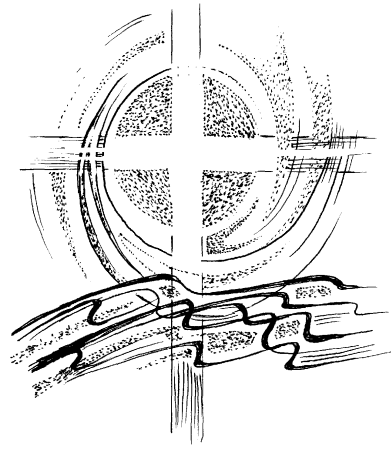
Healing God, your breath first formed us
then, made flesh, our sickness bore,
here we bring ourselves, our loved ones,
heal, made whole, breathe life once more.



Author God, you re-write stories
turn life's losses into gain,
hope is known where life seems hopeless,
health arises from the pain.

So we come with tears and triumphs
asking you to set us free,
hope and healing are your nature,
God of love and mystery.

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ever turning lives around,
come restore, come re-inspire us,
free the hearts that fear has bound.



We say Sorry to God and we Receive God's Forgiveness

Jesus said to his apostles, 'You are my friends if you obey my commands.' Let us now confess our disobedience to him.

Lord Jesus, in your love you invite us to be your friends:
Lord have mercy. **Lord have mercy.**

Lord Jesus, in your joy you choose us to go out and bear fruit:
Christ have mercy. **Christ have mercy.**

Lord Jesus, in your power you send us to be your faithful witnesses:
Lord have mercy. **Lord have mercy.**

May the God of love call *us* back, forgive *us* our sins,
and assure *us* of eternal love in Christ Jesus. **Amen.**

The Prayer for Today

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.

Bible reading: Luke 10:1-9

Reflection (attached)

We Declare our Faith

Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures;
he was buried;
he was raised to life on the third day
in accordance with the Scriptures;
afterwards he appeared to his followers,
and to all the apostles:
this we have received,
and this we believe. Amen.

1 Corinthians 15:3-7

Intercessions

*We name before God those people and situations we wish to pray for ending with **The Lord's Prayer.***

A Prayer in Lockdown

Ever present God, be with us in our isolation, be close to us in our distancing, be healing in our sickness, be joy in our sadness, be light in our darkness, be wisdom in our confusion, be all that is familiar when all is unfamiliar, that when the doors reopen we may with the zeal of Pentecost inhabit our communities and speak of your goodness to an emerging world. For Jesus' sake. Amen.

The Peace

We are fellow-citizens with the saints and of the household of God, through Christ our Lord, who came and preached peace to those who were far off and those who were near.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

We offer one another a sign of God's peace