

WCRKB Words of Hope 18th October 2020 St Luke & Trinity 19

Tim Intro:-

St Luke who wrote the Gospel according to Luke and also the Acts of the Apostles was a Doctor, whom St Paul referred to as 'Luke, the beloved Physician'. St Luke has always been associated with healing. Today 18th October is St Luke's Day so are exploring further the church's ministry in healing and wholeness.

Welcome to our Words of Hope for St Luke's Day and the 19th Sunday after Trinity

Cue opening music

Our opening hymn gives thanks to God not just for His beautiful and wonderful world and His gifts He gives us, but also His love and care for us which as a church we seek to share and offer up in a sacrifice of love to God and to others

Opening Hymn:-

**For the beauty of the earth, for the beauty of the skies,
For the love which from our birth over and around us lies:
*Lord of all, to Thee we raise this our sacrifice of praise.***

**For the beauty of each hour of the day and of the night,
Hill and vale and tree and flow'r, sun and moon and stars of light:
*Lord of all...***

**For the joy of human love, brother, sister, parent, child,
Friends on earth, and friends above, pleasures pure and undefiled:
*Lord of all...***

**For each perfect gift of Thine, to our race so freely giv'n,
Graces human and divine, flow'rs of earth and buds of heav'n:
*Lord of all...***

**For Thy Church which evermore lifteth holy hands above,
Off'ring up on every shore her pure sacrifice of love:
*Lord of all...***

Folliot Sandford Pierpoint (1835-1917)

Sung by the Benefice Choir

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Intro to 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.

Confession:-

**Almighty God, our Heavenly Father,
we have sinned against You and against our neighbour,
in thought and word and deed, through negligence,**

**through weakness, through our own deliberate fault.
We are truly sorry, and repent of all our sins.
For the sake of Your Son Jesus Christ, who died for us,
forgive us all that is past;
and grant that we may serve You in newness of life
to the glory of Your Name, AMEN.**

Absolution:-

May the Father of all mercies cleanse *you* from *your* sins, and restore *you* in His image to the praise and glory of His Name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All **Amen.**

We say together the words of the Lord's Prayer:-

**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.**

And the collect for this St Luke's Day:-

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

Psalm 147.1–7: (Tim)

1. Alleluia. How good it is to make music for our God,
how joyful to honour Him with praise.
2. The Lord builds up Jerusalem
and gathers together the outcasts of Israel.
3. He heals the broken-hearted
and binds up all their wounds.
4. He counts the number of the stars
and calls them all by their names.
5. Great is our Lord and mighty in power;
His wisdom is beyond all telling.
6. The Lord lifts up the poor,
but casts down the wicked to the ground.
7. Sing to the Lord with thanksgiving;
make music to our God upon the lyre;

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

As it was in the beginning is now; and shall be for ever Amen.

Isaiah 35.3–6 read by Geraldine

Strengthen the weak hands, and make firm the feeble knees. ⁴ 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.' ⁵ Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf unstopped; ⁶ 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.

Song:

**Be still for the presence of the Lord, the Holy One, is here;
Come bow before Him now with reverence and fear:
In Him no sin is found - we stand on holy ground.
Be still for the presence of the Lord, the Holy One, is here.**

**Be still, for the glory of the Lord is shining all around;
He burns with holy fire, with splendour He is crowned:
How awesome is the sight – our radiant King of Light!
Be still for the glory of the Lord is shining all around.**

**Be still for the power of the Lord is moving in this place:
He comes to cleanse and heal, to minister His grace –
No work too hard for Him. In faith receive from Him.
Be still, for the power of the Lord is moving in this place.**

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Luke 10.1–9 read by Geraldine

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. ² 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. ³ Go on your way. See, I am sending you out like lambs into the midst of wolves. ⁴ Carry no purse, no bag, no sandals; and greet no one on the road. ⁵ Whatever house you enter, first say, "Peace to this house!" ⁶ And if anyone is there who shares in peace, your peace will rest on that person; but if not, it will return to you. ⁷ 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. ⁸ Whenever you enter a town and its people welcome you, eat what is set before you; ⁹ cure the sick who are there, and say to them, "The kingdom of God has come near to you."

Sermon from Jane Bass

Creed

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried;
He descended to the dead.
On the third day He rose again; He ascended into Heaven,
He is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and He will come to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Holy Catholic Church,
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

David & Sarah lead prayers:-

Final hymn:

**Praise You, Lord for the wonder of Your healing
Praise You, Lord for Your love so freely given
Outpouring, anointing, flowing in to heal our wounds
Praise You, Lord, for Your love for me**

**Praise You, Lord for Your gift of liberation
Praise You, Lord, You have set the captives free
The chains that bind are broken by the sharpness of Your sword
Praise You, Lord, You gave Your life for me**

**Praise You, Lord, You have borne the depths of sorrow
Praise You, Lord for Your anguish on the tree
The nails that tore Your body, and the pain that tore Your soul
Praise You, Lord, Your tears they fell for me**

**Praise You, Lord, You have turned our thorns to roses
Glory, Lord, as they bloom upon Your brow
The path of pain is hallowed, for Your love has made it sweet
Praise You, Lord, and may I love You now**

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Thank you for joining us for this Words of Hope

Next Sunday's Words of Hope for Bible Sunday will be on the Church Website from early next Sunday morning, so we look forward to you joining us then

But our service of Public Worship in person next Sunday 25th October will be at St Dunstan's Bolnhurst at 10am for a service of Morning Prayer as we celebrate Bible Sunday. As ever you are very welcome to join us then but please let us know if you're coming to give us some idea of numbers to prepare for.

We also value your generosity to support the church financially in our work serving our communities. If you are able to give via your bank please email us via the website for details, and you can also give online via our website as each of our 5 churches are going through the process of setting up online giving.

Blessing

The love of the Lord Jesus draw you to Himself, the power of the Lord Jesus strengthen you in His service, and the joy of the Lord Jesus fill your hearts; & the blessing...