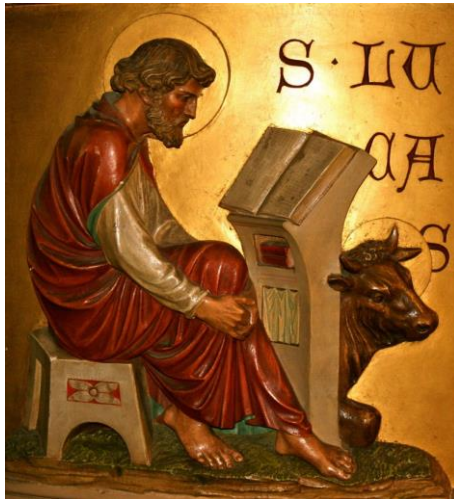


The Parish Church of St Matthew
Northampton

St Luke the Evangelist



The Parish Mass

live streamed from church
during the Coronavirus Pandemic

Sunday 18th October 2020

10.15 am



Keeping everyone safe at St Matthew's

If you have any of the recognised Covid-related symptoms, please self-isolate immediately and seek a test.

For all others, and in accordance with Government guidance and local decision, we respectfully request and require you to:

Go directly to a chair where there is an order of service booklet, and remain there. Please fill up the available chairs in the centre of the nave and transepts first. Do not move from chair to chair, or remove a booklet from another chair. (NB - some chairs in the side aisles have a restricted view).

Please do not move the chairs, or handle any other furniture. Soft furnishings such as church kneelers (hassocks) cannot be used.

You are required to **wear a face covering throughout** unless you belong to one of the medically exempted groups. This must cover both your mouth and your nose. (Plastic visors do not protect others).

At communion - you are asked to ensure that your face covering is in place until the words of administration have been spoken by the priest and you have responded by saying 'Amen'.

After the service - you may wish to light a candle. Please departed via the north door. A monetary offering for your booklet, candle, and towards parish funds may be made there. Please sanitise your hands as you leave.

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Order of Service

¶ The Gathering

*At the sound of the bell, **all STAND***

Priest † In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
All **Amen.**

The Greeting

All Praise the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ:
**he has given us a new birth to a living hope
by raising Jesus from the dead.**

The Mass is introduced

Invitation to Confession

We run the race set before us,
surrounded by a great cloud of witnesses.
Therefore let us lay aside every weight,
and the sin which clings so closely,
bringing them to Jesus in penitence and faith.

A period of silent reflection

Kyrie Confession

You were sent to preach the good news of light
in the darkness of the world:

Kyrie eleison.

All Kyrie eleison.

You were sent to plant in our hearts the seed of eternal life:
Christe eleison.

All Christe eleison.

You were sent to reconcile us to yourself
by the shedding of your blood:

Kyrie eleison.

All Kyrie eleison.

Absolution

May the God of love and power
forgive † us and free us from our sins,
heal and strengthen us by his Spirit,
and raise you to new life in Christ our Lord.

All Amen.

Gloria in Excelsis

*Choir Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to his people on earth.*

*Lord God, heavenly King,
almighty God and Father,
we worship you,
we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.*

*Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:
receive our prayer.*

*For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father.
Amen.*

The Mass of St. Cedd
Peter Nardone (b. 1965)

The Collect

Let us pray to the Lord
that we may testify to the light of Christ:

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.

All

Amen.

¶ The Liturgy of the Word

All sit

First Reading 2 Timothy 4:5-17

Reader 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.

This is the word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

Psalm 147:1-7

Alleluia.

How good it is to make music for our God,
how joyful to honour him with praise.

The Lord builds up Jerusalem
and gathers together the outcasts of Israel.

**All Sing to the Lord with thanksgiving;
make music to our God upon the lyre.**

He heals the brokenhearted
and binds up all their wounds.
He counts the number of the stars
and calls them all by their names.

All **Sing to the Lord with thanksgiving;
make music to our God upon the lyre.**

Great is our Lord and mighty in power;
his wisdom is beyond all telling.
The Lord lifts up the poor,
but casts down the wicked to the ground.

All **Sing to the Lord with thanksgiving;
make music to our God upon the lyre.**

Holy Gospel

Luke 10:1-9

All stand

Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia.
The grace of God has dawned upon the world
with healing for all.

All **Alleluia!**

All The Lord be with you
and also with you.

All Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.
Glory to you, O Lord.

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.”

All This is the Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

The Homily

All sit

The Apostles' Creed

All stand

Brothers and sisters, I ask you to profess the faith of the Church.

All **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.**

Prayers of the Faithful

All kneel or sit

Priest Let us pray to the God of our salvation who bears our burdens, and by whom we escape eternal death.

Intercessor Lord, your Word has gone out into all the world to bring healing and life to your children. As we give thanks for your Evangelist, St Luke, we pray that your Church may faithfully make known your grace and saving truth which have come to us in Jesus Christ. Bless and inspire all those who through translation and publishing, through broadcasting, television, writing and the arts seek to make the Christian faith more widely known.

All Lord, we come before your presence
Heal us with your word of life.

Bring healing to the nations of the world, and look with pity on the body of humanity wounded by the sins of fear, hatred and injustice. Strengthen and encourage all those who work to bring justice and reconciliation to all those places where life bleeds and hurts.

All Lord, we come before your presence
Heal us with your word of life.

We pray for the United Nations Organisation and all its agencies, for the Red Cross and Red Crescent: prosper their work that good may come to all.

All Lord, we come before your presence
Heal us with your word of life.

And on this day we pray especially for all those who share in Christ's ministry of healing, for all doctors and nurses and for all hospitals, nursing homes and hospices. For those engaged in scientific advancement.

We ask you to prosper the work of mission hospitals and clinics, and we pray for those who are acutely ill ...

All Lord, we come before your presence
Heal us with your word of life.

And we give thanks for all those who in this world lived in the light of the Gospel and who have gone from this life ...
May they rejoice for ever in the presence of him who is the true and living Word.

All Lord, we come before your presence
Heal us with your word of life.

Priest These things we ask in the name of Christ our Lord, relying on the intercession of the Blessed Mary, Mother of God, of St Luke, St Matthew and all the saints to support these our prayers.

All **Amen.**

All stand

¶ The Liturgy of the Sacrament

Sign of 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.

All The peace of the Lord be always with you
and also with you.

With an appropriate gesture, let us offer one another a sign of Christ's peace.

Invitation to Prayer

Pray, my brothers and sisters,
that our sacrifice may be acceptable to God,
the almighty Father.

All **May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands
for the praise and glory of his name,
for our good, and the good of all his Church.**

Prayer over the Gifts

God of life and health, in your Son Jesus Christ
we find the forgiveness of all that is past,
grant that in this eucharist today
we may find the healing of all our sins.
This we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All **Amen.**

The Eucharistic Prayer

All The Lord be with you
and also with you.

All Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.

All Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give thanks and praise.

It is indeed right and good
that we should give you thanks, praise and glory,
almighty and everlasting God,
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord.

For after his resurrection he sent out his apostles and evangelists
to preach the gospel to all nations
and lead us in the way of truth.

Himself the chief cornerstone,
he founded his Church upon the apostles
firmly to stand for ever as a sign of your holiness upon earth
and a living witness to all of the way that leads to heaven.

And so with angels and archangels,
and with all the company of heaven,
we lift our voices and join in their unending hymn of praise:

Choir *Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.*

*Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.*

Please remain standing

Lord, you are holy indeed, the source of all holiness;
grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit,
and according to your holy will,
these gifts of bread and wine
may be to us the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ;

who, in the same night that he was betrayed,
took bread and gave you thanks;
he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying:

Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;
do this in remembrance of me.

In the same way, after supper
he took the cup and gave you thanks;
he gave it to them, saying:
Drink this, all of you;
this is my blood of the new covenant,
which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins.
Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.

All Jesus Christ is Lord:
**Lord, by your cross the resurrection you have set us free.
You are the Saviour of the world.**

And so, Father, calling to mind his death on the cross,
his perfect sacrifice made once for the sins of the whole world,
rejoicing in his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension,
and looking for his coming in glory,
we celebrate this memorial of our redemption.
As we offer you this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving,
we bring before you this bread and this cup
and we thank you for counting us worthy
to stand in your presence and serve you.

Send the Holy Spirit on your people
and gather into one in your kingdom
all who share this one bread and one cup,
so that we, in the company Mary, the Virgin Mother of God,
St Luke, and all the saints,
may praise and glorify you for ever,
through Jesus Christ our Lord;

by whom, and with whom, and in whom,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all honour and glory be yours, almighty Father,
for ever and ever.

All **Amen.**

The Blessed Sacrament is elevated, and bells are rung

The Lord's Prayer

All kneel or sit

We join our prayers with those of all God's saints
as we pray in the words Jesus taught us:

All **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 evil.**

**For thine is the kingdom,
the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever.
Amen.**

Breaking of the Bread

‘I am the bread of life,’ says the Lord,
‘whoever comes to me will never be hungry;
whoever believes in me will never thirst.’

All **Taste and see that the Lord is good;
happy are they who trust in him.**

Agnus Dei

Choir *Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us.*

*Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us.*

*Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world:
grant us peace.*

Invitation to Communion

All I heard the voice of a great multitude crying, alleluia!
**Blessed are those who are called
to the supper of the Lamb.**

Giving of Communion

Jesus said to the disciples,
'Go into all the world and proclaim the good news
to the whole creation.'

*If you are able, please stand at your chair to receive Holy Communion,
and then sit*

Spiritual Communion – for those at home

It is an ancient practice of the Church that, when you are prevented from attending the Holy Eucharist, people are invited to express, in the words of St Thomas Aquinas, “an ardent desire to receive Jesus in the Holy Sacrament and a loving embrace as though we had already received Him.” Therefore, during this time you are invited to pray this prayer, which may be said as often as you desire:

Act of Reception

All **In union, blessed Jesus,
with the faithful gathered at every altar of your Church
where your blessed Body and Blood are offered this day,**

(and remembering particularly my own parish)

**I long to offer you praise and thanksgiving,
for creation and all the blessings of this life,
for the redemption won for us by your life, death,
and resurrection,
for the means of grace and the hope of glory.**

(and particularly for the blessings given me ...)

**I believe that you are truly present in the Holy Sacrament,
and, since I cannot at this time receive communion,
I pray you to come into my heart.
I unite myself with you and embrace you with all my heart,
my soul, and my mind.
Let nothing separate me from you;
let me serve you in this life until, by your grace,
I come to your glorious kingdom and unending peace. Amen.**

Motet

A Prayer of St Richard of Chichester

L J White

Prayer after Communion

Let us pray:

All stand

All-powerful God,
through the paschal mystery of Christ your Son
you have completed the work of our redemption.
May we, who in these sacramental signs
proclaim his death and resurrection,
grow in the experience of your saving power.
We ask this through Christ our Lord.

All

Amen.

**God of truth,
we have seen with our eyes
and touched with our hands the bread of life:
strengthen our faith
that we may grow in love for you
and for each other;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.**

Notices for the Community

All sit

Sending Out

All The Lord be with you
and also with you.

Solemn Blessing

All May the God of all consolation bless you in every way
and grant you hope all the days of your life.
Amen.

All May he restore you to health of body, mind and spirit
and grant you salvation.
Amen.

All May he watch over you, keep you in his care,
and bless you with his peace.
Amen.

All And the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son †, and the Holy Spirit,
be upon you and remain with you always.
Amen.

The Dismissal

All The Mass is ended; go in peace.
Thanks be to God.

Organ Voluntary

Praeludium in A minor BuxWV153

Buxtehude

The procession departs

Please take this booklet home with you

You are welcome to light a votive candle

Please leave church via the north door,
facing Collingwood Road.

A monetary offering may be made there.

You are most welcome to join us on the green
at the east end of the church
in physically distanced groups of up to six.



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