

**18 OCTOBER**  
**± Apostle and Evangelist Luke (Loukás) C1**

**VESPERS**

**Lord I have cried**

Tone 8

O Lord, I have cried to you, listen to me;

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O Lord, I have cried to you, listen to me;

Note the voice of my plea when I cry to you.

O Lord, listen to me.

<sup>2</sup> Let my prayer be directed before you like incense,  
the raising of my hands be an evening sacrifice.  
O Lord, listen to me.

S6: O Lord, if you mark offences, who will stand?

But there is forgiveness with you.

What shall we call you, O apostle? Heaven, for you have written  
an account of God's glory for us? Lightning, for you illuminate  
the world with radiance? A cloud, for you rain down the  
knowledge of God in a torrent? A chalice pouring the rich wine  
of wisdom to gladden our hearts? Pray for the salvation of our  
souls.

S5: O Lord, I have waited for you for your name's sake;  
my soul has waited for your word,  
my soul has hoped in the Lord.

What shall we call you, O divinely-inspired apostle? A river  
which flows to us from Paradise? The ark of the New Covenant  
ratified by Christ our God? The illuminator, made radiant by the  
unfading Light? The lamp-stand which enlightens the Church?  
Your words are the bread of life, the divine table and the cup of  
joy. Pray for the salvation of our souls.

S4: Let Israel hope in the Lord  
from morning watch until night,  
from morning watch.

What shall we call you, for you have seen our God? An efficient  
steward of the mysteries of Christ? A wise builder of the  
spiritual tabernacle? The carver of the tablets of grace on which  
you have engraved the newest of laws which came from Zion and  
are preached by you? Pray for the salvation of our souls.

S3: For there is mercy with the Lord  
and abundant redemption with *him*.

He will redeem Israel from all his offences.

What shall we call you, O glorious apostle? An attentive  
physician who heals souls and bodies with the treasures of  
heavenly graces? A colleague and travelling companion of Paul?  
The writer of the Acts of the Apostles? Many are your names  
and many are your gifts. Pray for the salvation of our souls.

S2: Every nation, praise the Lord;  
every people, acclaim him!

What shall we call you, O God-inspired preacher? A faithful  
steward of the mysteries of Christ? A servant of the divine tent  
not made with human hands and perfected in the fullness of time  
by the Builder of wisdom? He entrusted to you the new law of  
grace *which was* inscribed in Zion on tablets hewn from the rock  
of love. O faithful witness, pray for the salvation of our souls.

S1: For his mercy is strengthened over us  
and the truth of the Lord remains for ever.

What shall we call you, O amazing apostle? A faithful observer  
of the wisdom which educates us? The writer of the Acts of the  
Apostles whose teaching you relate? The immovable pillar of  
faith, the fortification of the Church or the impregnable fortress?  
Many are your deeds and many are your gifts. Pray for the  
salvation of our souls.

Glory: Tone 6

O apostle of Christ, compiler of divine teaching and foundation  
of the Church, you were the attendant and emulator of Paul *who*  
*was* the Vessel of Election. You have rescued us from the  
turmoil of ignorance by wisdom, for our hearts were in the  
depths of destruction. Therefore, most admirable Luke, the pride  
of Antioch, we implore you to pray to our Saviour and God for  
those who celebrate your most honourable memory with faith.

Both now:

Most holy Virgin, who will not bless you? Who will not sing  
about your most pure childbearing? O pure *Lady*, the uniquely-  
fathered Son shone timelessly from the Father, but was ineffably  
incarnate from you. He was God by nature, but became man for  
our sake. He was not divided into two persons, but known as one  
in two natures. O honourable and all-blessed Lady, implore him  
to have mercy on our souls.

**Phos Ilarón**

P/D: Wisdom! Stand upright!

O Jesus Christ, joyful light of the holy glory  
of the immortal, heavenly, holy, blessed Father,  
when we come to the setting of the sun  
and see the light of evening,  
we praise God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

For it is right at all times to worship you  
with voices of praise,  
O Son of God *and* Giver of life.  
Therefore the world glorifies you.

**Prokeímenon**

*Of the Day*

**Ekteni**

**Prayer**

O Lord, allow us this night to be guarded from sin. Blessed are  
you, O Lord, God of our fathers! Praised and glorified be your  
name for ever. Amen. O Lord, let your mercy be on us, for we  
have hoped in you. Blessed are you, O Lord; teach me your  
statutes. Blessed are you, O Master; make me understand  
your statutes. Blessed are you, O Holy *One*; enlighten me with  
your statutes. O Lord, your mercy lasts for ever; do not overlook  
the work of your hands. To you belongs worship, to you belongs  
praise, to you belongs glory, to the Father, the Son and the Holy  
Spirit, both now and ever, and to ages of ages. Amen.

**Plirotiká**

**Prayer**

P: Peace be with you all. R: And with your spirit  
D: Bow down your heads to the Lord. R: To you, O Lord.

P: For blessed and glorified is the power of your Kingdom, of the  
Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, now and ever and to the  
ages of ages. *Amen*.

**Apósticha**

Tone 5

Grace is poured out on your lips like a tongue of fire. O apostle  
Luke, you received the word of light and proclaimed salvation  
for those who longed to be made children of light. You wrote  
and taught the holy Gospel with the fragrance of truth. You  
faithfully compiled the deeds and words of your teacher Paul.  
Your holy writings are powerful weapons of light and through  
them we pierce the darkness of evil. Pray that we may love the  
Light of all, so that after we have been rescued from the  
corruption of death, we may be granted peace, eternal light and  
great mercy.

S1: His sound has gone out into all the earth

and his words to the ends of the world. Ps 18

You saw the fullness of God's mysteries. Your words are a sure  
fortress of faith and to you was entrusted the task of writing the

word of life for us. O eye-witness and minister of the incarnate Word, you faithfully obeyed God's inspiration. You saw him after the resurrection together with Kleopas and recognised him with hearts aflame in the breaking of bread. Pray that he may fill the souls of all who keep your holy memory with the sweetness of divine warmth.

S2: The heavens declare God's glory

*and* the firmament speaks about his handiwork. Ps 18  
Hail, blameless writer of the gospel of joy! You have recorded for us: the conception and preaching of the Baptist, the marvellous annunciation to the Mother of the Lord, the ineffable incarnation and birth of the Word who came from her womb, his temptations, miracles and parables, his passion, cross and death, the glory of his risen body recognised in the breaking of bread, his glorious ascension and the coming of the Holy Spirit. As a faithful witness you compiled the Acts of the Apostles. O observer of divine mysteries and light of the Church, you were Paul's companion in travel and his greatest consolation. O glorious healer, guard us all.

Tone 4

S3: Grace has been poured on your lips. Ps 44  
O blessed Luke, you wisely fished the souls of believers from the pit of death. You cleansed your heart with the light of the Divine Spirit as a disciple of Paul. You enlightened the nations with your teaching and healed the evil people from passions by your miracles. Pray to Christ God to save our souls.

Glory: Tone 6

All-wise apostle, faithful labourer of the Saviour, witness of the triumph of his passion, you have completed the race, kept the faith, harvested the peoples from the darkness of error and offered us as a sweet-smelling oblation to the heavenly King. Now that you stand before the Judge of all, pray that he will rescue us from our sins and save us from eternal death when he comes in glory on the Day of Judgment.

Both now: Tone 6

Most pure Virgin, my Maker and Redeemer, Christ the Lord, was born from you; by accepting my nature he freed Adam from his ancient curse. We continually glorify you as the Mother of God. Hail, celestial joy! Hail, O Lady, the protection, intercession and salvation of our souls!

### Song of Simeon

B/P: O Master, now let your servant depart in peace  
according to your word,  
<sup>2</sup> for my eyes have seen your salvation,  
which you have prepared before all peoples,  
<sup>3</sup> a light of revelation for *the* nations  
and *the* glory of your people Israel.

### Triságon Prayers

#### Apolytikia

Tone 3

O holy apostle Luke, pray to the merciful God to grant our souls forgiveness for their failings.

Tone 3

O Virgin Theotokos, we praise you for mediating the Salvation of our race, for your Son and our God accepted suffering on the cross in the flesh he took from you. He has freed us from corruption, for he is the Lover of the human race.

#### Dismissal

### ORTHROS

#### God is the Lord Ps 117

R: God is the Lord and has appeared to us.  
Blessed is the one who comes in the Lord's name. Ps 117  
S1: Thank the Lord, for he is good,

for his mercy lasts for ever.

S2: All the nations surrounded me,  
but I opposed them in the Lord's name.

S3: This *is* the Lord's doing  
and it is wonderful in our eyes.

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### Small Litany

P: For yours is the might, and yours is the kingdom, the power and the glory of the Father, the Son and Holy Spirit, now and ever and to the ages of ages. *Amen*

### Kathisma 1

Tone 3

Come and let us praise the apostle Luke as our guide in the faith. He drives away the errors of false gods, leads us towards light and life and teaches us to glorify the Trinity. As we honour his memory, let us celebrate the Saviour with faith.

Glory: Both now:

Hail Mary, virgin Mother of God! *You are* the holy mountain and stream from Eden. Christ our God, the Word who caused life to thrive for the world, was born from you without seed.

### Kathisma 2

Tone 3

O holy Luke, when you travelled, together with Kleopas, along the road to the village of Emmaus after the resurrection, you asked each other questions. Then the Lord became present, but was not recognised. However, when he broke the bread and gave it to you, you recognised the Saviour. Implore him to grant us great mercy.

Glory: Both now:

O Virgin, like a vineyard with no cultivator you produced the marvellous Bunch of Grapes from which the wine of salvation flows; it brings joy to our souls and bodies. O Virgin full of grace, we bless you as the source of these good things and continually give you the greeting of the angel.

### Small Litany

P: For blessed is your name, and glorified is your kingdom, of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit., now and ever, and to the ages of ages *Amen*

### Psalm 50

O God, have mercy on me in your abundant mercy  
and wipe out my offence through your great compassion.

<sup>4</sup> Wash me thoroughly from my lawless act  
and cleanse me from my sin.

<sup>5</sup> For I know my lawlessness  
and my sin is always before me.

<sup>6</sup> I have sinned against you alone  
and done this evil before you

<sup>6b</sup> so that you might be justified in your words  
and overcome when you are judged.

<sup>7</sup> For see, I was conceived in lawlessness  
and my mother gave birth to me in sin.

<sup>8</sup> For see, you have loved truth  
and revealed to me the hidden and secret *things* of your wisdom.

<sup>9</sup> You will sprinkle me with hyssop and I will be clean;  
you will wash me and I will become whiter than snow.

<sup>10</sup> You will make me hear about joy and gladness;

- the humbled bones will rejoice.
- <sup>11</sup> Turn your face from my sins  
and wipe out all my lawlessness.
- <sup>12</sup> O God, create a pure heart within me  
and renew an upright spirit within me.
- <sup>13</sup> Do not banish me from your presence  
or remove your Holy Spirit from me.
- <sup>14</sup> Restore the joy of your salvation to me  
and make me firm with your directing Spirit.
- <sup>15</sup> I will teach the lawless your ways  
and the ungodly will return to you.
- <sup>16</sup> O God, set me free from the guilt of blood;  
O God of my salvation,  
my tongue will rejoice in your justice.
- <sup>17</sup> O Lord, you will open my lips  
and my mouth will proclaim your praise.
- <sup>18</sup> For if you had wanted sacrifice, I would have given it;  
you will not be pleased with burnt offerings.
- <sup>19</sup> Sacrifice for God is a broken spirit;  
God will not despise a broken and humbled heart.
- <sup>20</sup> O Lord, be good to Zion in your pleasure  
and let the walls of Jerusalem be built.
- <sup>21</sup> Then you will be pleased with a sacrifice of justice,  
with an offering and burnt sacrifices;  
then they will offer calves on your altar.

### Kontákion

Tone 4

You became a disciple of God the Word and enlightened the whole world together with Paul. You cast out its darkness by composing the holy and divine Gospel of Christ.

### Íkos

O holy Luke, you are the dear physician and disciple. Heal the passions of my soul and body through your spiritual intervention. Grant me total healing in my whole being. Permit me joyfully to observe your famous festival and, instead of myrrh, to pour out the stream of my tears over you honourable and sacred body. Your epitaph is addressed to everyone as a guide to life in the wonderful temple of the apostles, for you have yourself written it by composing the holy and divine Gospel of Christ.

### Synaxáriorion

Today we remember the holy apostle and evangelist Luke. He was a physician who travelled with Paul on some of the missionary journeys. He wrote the two-volume Gospel and the Acts of the Apostles. There is a story that he also wrote the first icons and so is regarded as the father of iconography. On the Eighteenth the frail course of his life came to an end.

Together with him we remember:  
Martyr Marinós of Anazarvos C4  
Hermit Julian of Mesopotamia C4  
Martyr Wenna of Talgarth C5  
O God, have mercy on us through their holy prayers. Amen.

### Katavasías

1: I will open my mouth and be filled with the spirit. I will sing a song to the Queen and Mother. I will come, rejoice in the feast and praise all her glory.

3: O Theotokos, living and inexhaustible fountain, in your divine glory spiritually establish your choir which is assembled in chorus. Make them worthy *to receive* crowns of glory in your mercy.

4: The counsel of God cannot be scrutinised. The Most High was incarnate from a Virgin. The prophet Habakkuk foresaw this and cried, "Glory to your power, O God!"

5: O Virgin, all creation was fearful at your divine glory, for you knew no man, yet bore the God of all. You held in your womb the Eternal Son who grants peace to those who praise you with song.

6: O believers, let us clap our hands in festivity and fulfil the most precious feast. Since we know God through the Theotokos, let us glorify him who was born from her.

7: The godly youths worshipped the Creator rather than the creature. They courageously trampled on the flames and joyfully sang, "Blessed are you, most praised Lord, the God of our fathers."

8: Let us praise, bless and worship the Lord.

The One who was born from the Theotokos saved the holy children in the furnace. The one who was then prefigured has now been born on earth and gathers all creation to sing, "All you works of the Lord, bless the Lord and exalt him above all for ever.

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3: O Theotokos, living and inexhaustible fountain, strengthen those who are united in spiritual fellowship and who sing your praises. Make them worthy *to receive* crowns of glory in your divine glory.

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5: O Virgin, all creation was amazed at your divine glory, for you knew no man. You held thee God of all in your womb and gave birth to the eternal Son. You order salvation for all those who praise you.

6: O devout people, come and clap hands while we observe this divine and most precious feast of the Mother of God. Let us glorify God who was born from her.

7: The devout youths worshipped the Creator rather than created things. They courageously trampled on the threatening fire and joyfully sang, "Blessed are you, most praised Lord, the God of our fathers."

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The *Lord* who was born from the Theotokos saved the holy children in the furnace. The one who was then prefigured has now been born on earth and gathers the whole inhabited earth to sing, "All you works of the Lord, bless the Lord and exalt him above all for ever.

### Ode 9

My soul glorifies the Lord  
and my spirit has rejoiced in God my Saviour. R:

R: *You are* more honourable than the Cherubim  
and beyond compare more glorious than the Seraphim.  
You gave birth to God the Word without defilement;  
O true Theotokos, we glorify you.

<sup>2</sup> For he has regarded his servant's humility;  
see, from now all generations will call me blessed. R:

<sup>3</sup> For the Almighty has accomplished great *things* for me  
and his name is holy.

His mercy is from generation to generation  
on those who fear him. R:

<sup>4</sup> He has accomplished strength with his arm  
*and* scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts. R:

<sup>5</sup> He has put down the mighty from *their* thrones  
and exalted the humble.

He has satisfied the hungry with good *things*  
and dismissed the rich with nothing. R:

<sup>6</sup> He has helped his servant Israel  
in remembering his mercy,  
as he spoke to our fathers,  
to Abraham and his seed for ever. R:

9: Let every earthborn mortal spiritually rejoice and carry lamps.  
be radiant and spiritually leap for joy. Let the ranks of angelic  
powers celebrate as they honour the sacred wonders of the  
Theotokos and cry, "Hail, O pure and blessed Ever-virgin who  
gave birth to God!"

#### Small Litany

P: For all the powers of heaven praise you, and to you we send  
up glory, to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, now  
and ever and to the ages of ages. *Amen*

#### Exaposteilária

Tone 2

O Luke, apostle of Christ, initiate of ineffable mysteries, teacher  
of the Gentiles, prophet of God *and* most wise announcer of the  
mysteries, together with the godly Paul and the all-pure  
Theotokos whose divine icon you lovingly wrote, pray for us  
who bless you and celebrate your holy dormition.

O sovereign Virgin of all, go before us in danger and distress,  
support us in the anguish of the last day, and snatch us from the  
Devil, Hades and destruction. Make us worthy to stand without  
fear before the awesome judgement seat of your Son. You can  
accomplish whatever you wish as the Theotokos.

#### Praises

Tone 1

Let everything with breath praise the Lord.  
Praise the Lord from the heavens;  
praise him in the heights.  
To you, O God, is due a song.

Praise him, all his angels;  
praise him, all his powers.  
To you, O God, is due a song.

S4: Praise him with cymbal and dance;  
praise him with strings and flute.

O faithful, let us honour the apostle Luke with hymns. He is the  
disciple of Christ, the most wise recorder of the Gospel, the  
beautiful and chosen vessel, the living icon, and the boast of all  
the Churches. For he preached about the all-glorious miracles of  
God and by grace enlightened those *who are* on earth with rays  
of theology.

S3: Praise him with tuneful cymbals;  
praise him with joyful cymbals.  
Let everything with breath praise the Lord.

O wise *evangelist*, you learnt the healing of souls more than the  
skill of healing bodies, *but* were revealed as excellent at both.  
Most blessed Luke, you were inspired by the wisdom of God,  
and healed souls and bodies. You call men to knowledge, as  
though on wings in a flight towards God. You guide them all to  
heaven, where you pray for those who honour you.

S2: His sound has gone out into all the earth  
and his words to the ends of the world. Ps 18

You drew out like fish those who had fallen into the abyss of  
ignorance, with the hook of the Word for the knowledge of God.  
You gave rightful honour and purity of life to Christ as an  
offering. Therefore you were an apostle of Christ, a wise herald  
and a speaker for the active workings of grace.

Tone 8

4

S1: The heavens declare God's glory  
*and* the firmament speaks about his handiwork. Ps 18  
All creation, come and let us praise the true physician of souls  
with hymns; *he is* the ever-memorable Luke, the disciple of the  
Saviour. For he heals the sickness of godless behaviour with the  
anointing of Christ's fountain. He pours streams of water on  
living gardens with the rivers of divinely flowing waters which  
come from his mouth. Therefore his proclamation goes out into  
all the earth like prophecy and he prays that our souls may be  
saved.

Glory:

O faithful, let us assemble and cry out like David with hymns to  
Luke, the mystical preacher of the Word, "Your tongue is  
revealed to be the pen of a scribe, as it engraves the face of  
Christ, the chief Writer, so that the nations may understand the  
knowledge of God." He preached the Gospel and also recorded  
the Acts of the Apostles. Therefore he prays for our souls as he  
stands before God the Trinity.

Both now:

O Lady, accept the pleas of your servants. Rescue us from all  
anguish and tribulation.

#### Great Doxology

Glory to you who have shown us the light!

glory to God in the highest!

Peace on earth and goodwill to men!

<sup>2</sup> We praise you, we bless you, we worship you,  
we glorify you, we thank you for your great glory,

<sup>3</sup> O Lord King, heavenly God, almighty Father,  
O Lord, only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ,  
and you, O Holy Spirit!

<sup>4</sup> O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,  
you take away the sin of the world;  
have mercy on us,

*for* you take away the sin of the world.

<sup>5</sup> Receive our prayer,  
*for* you sit on the right of the Father,  
and have mercy on us.

<sup>6</sup> For only you are holy, only you are Lord,  
O Jesus Christ, to the glory of God the Father. Amen.

<sup>7</sup> I will bless you every day  
and always praise your name for ever and ever. Ps 144

<sup>8</sup> O Lord, allow us this day  
to be guarded from sin.

<sup>9</sup> Blessed are you, O Lord God of our fathers!  
Praised and glorified be your name for ever. Amen. Daniel 3

<sup>10</sup> O Lord, let your mercy *be* on us,  
for we have hoped in you. Ps 32

<sup>16</sup> Blessed are you, O Lord!  
Teach me your statutes. X3 Ps 118

<sup>12</sup> O Lord, you have been our refuge  
from generation to generation. Ps 89

I said, "O Lord, have mercy on me;  
heal my soul, for I have sinned against you." Ps 40

<sup>14</sup> O Lord, I have fled to you;  
teach me to do your will, for you are my God. Ps 142

<sup>15</sup> For with you is the source of life  
and in your light we will see light. Ps 35

<sup>16</sup> Stretch out your mercy  
to those who know you. Ps 35

#### Triságion

#### Apolytikion

Tone 3

O holy apostle Luke, pray to the merciful God that he may grant  
our souls forgiveness for their failings.

#### LITURGY

#### Antiphon 1 Ps 91 Tone 5

S1: It is good to thank the Lord

and make melody to your name, O Most High.

R: At the prayers of the Theotokos, Saviour, save us!

S2: To announce your mercy in the morning  
and your truth by night,

S3: For the Lord our God is upright  
and there is no injustice in him.

S4: Glory: Both now:

**Antiphon 2 Ps 92 Tone 2**

S1: The Lord reigns *and* is clothed with majesty;  
the Lord has put on power and clothed himself.

R: Save us, O Son of God. You are wonderful in your saints.  
We sing to you, "Alleluia!"

S2: For he founded the world which will not be moved.

S3: O Lord, holiness is right for your house  
to length of days.

S4: Glory: Both now:

*Monogenes*

**Antiphon 3 Ps 94 Tone 3**

S1: Come, let us rejoice in the Lord,  
and shout with joy to God our Saviour.

R: O holy apostle Luke, pray to the merciful God that he may  
grant our souls forgiveness for their failings.

S2: Let us enter his presence with thanksgiving  
and gladly cry to him with psalms,  
For the Lord is a great God  
and a high king over all the earth.

**Entrance Ps 94**

Come, let us worship and fall down before Christ.  
Save us, O Son of God.  
You are wonderful in your saints.  
We sing to you, "Alleluia!"

**Apolytikion**

Tone 3

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our souls forgiveness for their failings.

*Of the Church*

**Kontáktion**

O unfailing protection of Christians and unchanging mediator  
before the Creator, do not despise the prayers of us sinners, but in  
your goodness extend your help to those of us who faithfully cry  
to you, "O Theotokos, you always protect those who honour you,  
so hurry to intercede for us and hasten to plead for us."

**Triságion**

**Prokeímenon Ps 18 Tone 8**

R: His sound has gone out into all the earth.

S: The heavens declare God's glory.

**Apóstolos**

From the Letter of Paul to the Colossians (4:5-11, 14-18)  
Brothers, conduct yourselves wisely toward outsiders, making  
the most of the time. <sup>6</sup> Let your speech always be gracious,  
seasoned with salt, so that you may know how you ought to  
answer every one. <sup>7</sup> Tychicós will tell you all about my affairs;  
he is a beloved brother and faithful minister and fellow servant in  
the Lord. <sup>8</sup> I have sent him to you for this very purpose, that you  
may know how we are and that he may encourage your hearts, <sup>9</sup>  
and with him Onísimos, the faithful and beloved brother, who is  
one of yourselves. They will tell you of everything that has taken  
place here. <sup>10</sup> Aristarchos my fellow prisoner greets you, and  
Mark the cousin of Barnabas (concerning whom you have

received instructions -- if he comes to you, receive him), <sup>11</sup> 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. <sup>14</sup> Luke the beloved  
physician and Dimás greet you. <sup>15</sup> Give my greetings to the  
brethren at Laodikía, and to Nymphá and the church in her house.  
<sup>16</sup> And when this letter has been read among you, have it read  
also in the church of the Laodikéans; and see that you read also  
the letter from Laodice'a. <sup>17</sup> And say to Archippos, "See that you  
fulfil the ministry which you have received in the Lord." <sup>18</sup> I,  
Paul, write this greeting with my own hand. Remember my  
fettors. Grace be with you.

**Alleluia Ps 88 Tone 1**

S1: O Lord, the heavens will acknowledge your wonders.

S2: God is glorified in a council of the saints.

**Gospel**

From the Holy Gospel according to Luke (10:16-21)

The Lord said to his disciples, "The one who hears you hears me,  
and the one who rejects you rejects me, and the one who rejects  
me rejects the one who sent me." <sup>17</sup> The seventy returned with  
joy, saying, "Lord, even the demons are subject to us in your  
name!" <sup>18</sup> And he said to them, "I saw Satan fall like lightning  
from heaven. <sup>19</sup> 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. <sup>20</sup> Nevertheless do not rejoice in this, that  
the spirits are subject to you; but rejoice that your names are  
written in heaven." <sup>21</sup> In that same hour he rejoiced in the Holy  
Spirit and said, "I thank thee, Father, Lord of heaven and earth,  
that you have hidden these things from the wise and  
understanding and revealed them to babes; yes, Father, for such  
was your gracious will."

**Communion Tone 8**

His sound has gone out into all the earth  
and his words to the ends of the world. Alleluia!