

Hymns for S Luke (18th October) 2025

Entrance hymn



Come sing, ye choirs exultant,
Those messengers of God,
Through whom the living Gospels
Came sounding all abroad;
Whose voice proclaimed salvation,
That poured upon the night,
And drove away the shadows,
To flood the world with light.

He chose them, our Good Shepherd,
And, tending evermore,
His flock through earth's four quarters,
In wisdom made them four:
In one harmonious witness
The chosen four combine,
While each his own commission
Fulfil in every line.

Four-square on this foundation
The Church of Christ remains,
A house to stand unshaken
By floods or wind or rains.
O glorious happy portion
In this safe home to be,
By God, true man, united
With God eternally.

Words: Adam of S Victor c 1170
Tr Jackson Mason
Music: Aurelia
Samuel Sebastian Wesley 1810 - 76

Offertory hymn

In moderate time



What thanks and praise to Thee we owe,
O Priest and Sacrifice Divine,
For Thy dear Saint

through whom we know
So many a gracious Word of Thine;

Whom Thou didst choose to tell the tale
Of all Thy Manhood's toils and fears,
And for a moment lift the veil
That hides Thy Boyhood's

spotless years.

How many a soul with guilt oppressed
Has learned to hear the joyful sound
In that sweet tale of sin confessed,
The Father's love, the lost and found!

How many a child of sin and same
Has refuge found from guilty fears
Through her, who to the Saviour came
With costly ointments and with tears!

What countless worshippers have sung
In joyful psalm with tuneful chord,
The song that loosed the silent tongue
Of Him Who was the Baptist's Lord!

And still the Church through all her days
Uplifts the strains that never cease,
The Bless-ed Virgin's hymn of praise,
The ag-ed Simeon's words of peace.

O happy Saint! Whose sacred page,
So rich in words of truth and love,
Pours on the Church from age to age
This healing unction from above;

The witness of the Saviour's Life,
The great Apostle's chosen friend
Through weary years of toil and strife,
And still found faithful to the end.

So grant us, Lord, like him to live,
Beloved by man, approved by Thee,
Till Thou at last the summons give,
And we, with him, Thy Face shall see.

Words: Abp McClagan

Music: Hereford

Samuel Sebastian Wesley 1810 - 76

Communion Hymn

Dignified



Thou to Whom the sick and dying
Ever came, nor came in vain,
With Thy healing hands replying
To their wearied cry of pain,
Hear us, Jesu, as we meet
Suppliant at Thy mercy seat.

Still the wary, sick and dying
Call for hands of loving care;
On Thy help and grace relying
Grant we may their burden share,
And Thy heart of love entreat,
Suppliant at Thy mercy seat.

May Thy people all be willing,
Ready both in mind and heart,
Thus the heavenly Law fulfilling,
Strength and solace to impart,
And Thy heart of love entreat,
Suppliant at Thy mercy seat.

So may sickness, sin and sadness
To Thy powerful Presence yield,
And the sick and sad, in gladness,
Rescued, ransomed, cleansed and healed,
Joyful, praise Thy heart of love
With the heavenly Church above.

Words: from verses by Godfrey Thring
1823 - 1903

Music: All Saints

Melody from *Geistreiches Gesangbuch* Darmstadt 1698

Adapted by WH Monk 1823 - 69

Final hymn



Spirit of Jesus, Who didst move
The hearts and pens of men to write
The story of the world's true Light,
His words of power and deeds of love;

We thank Thee for those scribes of old
Who, while Apostles journeyed still
Their worldwide witness to fulfil,
Set down the glorious tale they told;

We thank Thee for the writers three,
Who from such fleeting records wrought
The first three Gospels, and so taught
The Truth for every age to see.

Then, as Faith ripened, Thou didst call
A fourth Evangelist, to show
The Christ Whom souls had come to know
As Way, as Truth, as Life for all.

Spirit of Jesus, give Thy Grace
To us who read, that so we may
Know Him more fully day by day
Until we see Him face to face.



Words: CS Phillips
Music: Song 34
Orlando Gibbons 1583 - 1625