# **Night Prayer: St Luke the Evangelist**

#### Introduction

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

#### Psalm 146

It is the Lord who keeps faith for ever, who is just to those who are oppressed. It is he who gives bread to the hungry, the Lord, who sets prisoners free.

It is the Lord who gives sight to the blind, who raises up those who are bowed down, the Lord, who protects the stranger, and upholds the widow and orphan.

It is the Lord who loves the just but thwarts the path of the wicked. The Lord will reign for ever, Zion's God, from age to age.

### Reading: St Luke 1: 1-4

Seeing that many others have undertaken to draw up accounts of the events that have reached their fulfilment among us, as these were handed down to us by those who from the outset were eyewitnesses and ministers of the word, I in my turn, after carefully going over the whole story from the beginning, have decided to write an ordered account for you, Theophilus, so that your Excellency may learn how well founded the teaching is that you have received.

#### Saint Luke the Evangelist

#### **Prayers**

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed by 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.

#### Hymn

We have a gospel to proclaim, Good news for men in all the earth, The gospel of a Saviour's name: We sing his glory, tell his worth. Tell of his birth at Bethlehem, Not in a royal house or hall, But in a stable dark and dim: The Word made flesh, a light for all.

Tell of his death at Calvary, Hated by those he came to save, In lonely suffering on the cross: For all he loved, his life he gave.

Tell of that glorious Easter morn, Empty the tomb, for he was free: He broke the power of death and hell That we might share his victory.

Tell of his reign at God's right hand, By all creation glorified, He sends his Spirit on his Church, To live for him, the Lamb who died.

Now we rejoice to name him King: Jesus is Lord of all the earth. This gospel message we proclaim; We sing his glory, tell his worth.

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## Responsory

The Lord is righteous and delights in righteous deeds; the just shall see his face.

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When the foundations are being destroyed, what can the righteous do?

The just shall see his face.

His eyes behold the inhabited world; his piercing eye weighs our worth.

The just shall see his face.

The Lord weighs the righteous as well as the wicked, but those that delight in violence he abhors.

The just shall see his face.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. The Lord is righteous and delights in righteous deeds; the just shall see his face.

#### Blessing

God, who has prepared for you a city with eternal foundations, bring you, with all the saints, to the eternal and triumphant joy of that city; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always.

Amen.