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### **COLLECT**

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.

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### **FIRST READING** (Acts 16 v 6-12a)

Paul and Timothy went through the region of  
Phrygia and Galatia, having been forbidden by  
the Holy Spirit to speak the word in Asia. When  
they had come opposite Mysia, they attempted to  
go into Bithynia, but the Spirit of Jesus did not  
allow them; so, passing by Mysia, they went  
down to Troas. During the night Paul had a  
vision: there stood a man of Macedonia pleading  
with him and saying, 'Come over to Macedonia  
and help us.' When he had seen the vision, we  
immediately tried to cross over to Macedonia,  
being convinced that God had called us to  
proclaim the good news to them.

We set sail from Troas and took a straight course  
to Samothrace, the following day to  
Neapolis, and from there to Philippi, which is a  
leading city of the district of Macedonia and a  
Roman colony.

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### **SECOND READING** (2 Timothy 4 v 5-17)

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.

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### **GOSPEL** (Luke 10 v 1-9)

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."