

**OCTOBER 18, SAINT LUKE THE EVANGELIST:
EVENING PRAYER**

The First Lesson. The Reader begins

A Reading from the Book of Isaiah

How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of him who brings good tidings, who publishes peace, who brings good tidings of good, who publishes salvation, who says to Zion, “Your God reigns.” Hark, your watchmen lift up their voice, together they sing for joy; for eye to eye they see the return of the LORD to Zion. Break forth together into singing, you waste places of Jerusalem; for the LORD has comforted his people, he has redeemed Jerusalem. The LORD has bared his holy arm before the eyes of all the nations; and all the ends of the earth shall see the salvation of our God.

The Reader concludes

The Word of the Lord.

Please turn the page for the Second Lesson.

For use with the Second Lesson

Adapted from *The Vocabulary of the Church* (1960):

The-oph'ilus

thhee-AHF-uh-luhs

Jude'a

juu-DEE-uh

The Second Lesson. The Reader begins

A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles

In the first book, O The-oph'ilus, I have dealt with all that Jesus began to do and teach, until the day when he was taken up, after he had given commandment through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. To them he presented himself alive after his passion by many proofs, appearing to them during forty days, and speaking of the kingdom of God. And while staying with them he charged them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for the promise of the Father, which, he said, “you heard from me, for John baptized with water, but before many days you shall be baptized with the Holy Spirit.” So when they had come together, they asked him, “Lord, will you at this time restore the kingdom to Israel?” He said to them, “It is not for you to know times or seasons which the Father has fixed by his own authority. But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon

you; and you shall be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Jude'a and Sama'ria and to the end of the earth.”

The Reader concludes

The Word of the Lord.