



*St. Luke: Born of a pagan family and converted to the true faith, Luke, the companion of St. Paul, wrote the Gospel in accordance with the preaching of the apostle. He also wrote the account of the early days of the church in the book called the Acts of the Apostles.*

**First Reading:** (2 Tim 4:10-17) Demas, in love with this present world, has deserted me and gone to Thessalonica; Crescens has gone to Galatia, Titus to Dalmatia. Luke alone is with me. Get Mark and bring him with you; for he is very useful in serving me. Tychicus I have sent 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 requite him for his deeds. Beware of him yourself, for he strongly opposed our message. At my first defence no one took my part; all deserted me. May it not be charged against them! But the Lord stood by me and gave me strength to proclaim the message fully, that all the Gentiles might hear it.

*Ps 144:10-13, 17-18*

**R./ Your friends, O Lord, make known the glorious splendour of your reign**

**Gospel:** (Lk 10:1-9) The Lord appointed seventy others, and sent them on ahead of him, two by two, into every town and place where he himself was about to come. And he said to them, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; pray therefore the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest. Go your way; behold, I send you out as lambs in the midst of wolves. Carry no purse, no bag, no sandals; and salute no one on the road. Whatever house you enter, first say, 'Peace be to this house!' And if a son of peace is there, your peace shall rest upon him; but if not, it shall return to you. And remain in the same house, eating and drinking what they provide, for the laborer deserves his wages; do not go from house to house. Whenever you enter a town and they receive you, eat what is set before you; heal the sick in it and say to them, 'The kingdom of God has come near to you.'

## REFLECTION

Luke narrates the life and mission of Jesus as a journey beginning from Nazareth which would be continued to the end of the world and till the end of time. After the first part of the journey in Galilee, the second part of the journey towards Jerusalem begins with the sending of the 70 disciples two by two to proclaim his message. We are reminded of the anointing of 70 elders in Numbers 11 to help Moses to fulfil the mission of serving God's people. We are called to help Jesus to continue his mission. We should have no possession except Jesus. **We need to be focussed only on him and on the mission entrusted to us.**