

St Luke the Evangelist

Today is Friday the 18 October, the feast of St Luke the Evangelist, in the 28th week of Ordinary Time.

The Kyiv Chamber Choir, sing the Credo: ?I believe in one God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.? As I start this prayer today, can I join in with this strong, almost exuberant expression of faith? Can I begin by declaring my faith in my God, my creator, my heavenly Father?

Today?s reading is from St Paul?s second letter to Timothy.

St Luke the gospel-writer, is remembered especially in the church today. In this letter to Timothy he makes a guest appearance as a traveling companion of St Paul. Have you ever accompanied someone on a hazardous journey?

The context Paul is writing in is one in which he has to defend himself repeatedly from attack. If your faith comes under attack, how do you go about defending yourself?

Ultimately, Paul believes that God rescued him ?from the lion?s mouth?. What?s your experience of being rescued by God from difficulties?

Listen out, as the passage is repeated, for the kind of things that Paul wants Timothy to bring him when they next meet.

In the last moments of this prayer, ask God for whatever you need for your journey today.