

# The Saint Bede's Breviary: Companions of St. Luke Edition

## Vespers for Thursday after the Second Sunday of Advent

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### Opening Sentence

I will bless the Lord who gives me counsel; my heart teaches me, night after night. I have set the Lord always before me; because he is at my right hand, I shall not fall. *Psalm 16:7,8*

### The Invitatory and Psalter

V: O God, make speed to save us.

R: O Lord, make haste to help us.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: \*  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

Alleluia

**O Gracious Light** *Phos hilaron*

O gracious Light,  
pure brightness of the everliving Father in heaven,  
O Jesus Christ, holy and blessed!

Now as we come to the setting of the sun,  
and our eyes behold the vesper light,  
we sing your praises, O God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

You are worthy at all times to be praised by happy voices,  
O Son of God, O Giver of life,  
and to be glorified through all the worlds.

# The Psalm or Psalms Appointed

## Psalm 9 *Confitebor tibi*

*The Lord rules the world with righteousness; he judges the peoples with equity.*

<sup>1</sup> I will give thanks to you, O LORD, with my whole heart; \*

I will tell of all your marvelous works.

<sup>2</sup> I will be glad and rejoice in you; \*

I will sing to your Name, O Most High.

<sup>3</sup> When my enemies are driven back, \*

they will stumble and perish at your presence.

<sup>4</sup> For you have maintained my right and my cause; \*

you sit upon your throne judging right.

<sup>5</sup> You have rebuked the ungodly and destroyed the wicked; \*

you have blotted out their name for ever and ever.

<sup>6</sup> As for the enemy, they are finished, in perpetual ruin, \*

their cities plowed under, the memory of them perished;

<sup>7</sup> But the LORD is enthroned for ever; \*

he has set up his throne for judgment.

<sup>8</sup> It is he who rules the world with righteousness; \*

he judges the peoples with equity.

<sup>9</sup> The LORD will be a refuge for the oppressed, \*

a refuge in time of trouble.

<sup>10</sup> Those who know your Name will put their trust in you, \*

for you never forsake those who seek you, O LORD.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: \*

as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

*The Lord rules the world with righteousness; he judges the peoples with equity.*

## Psalm 9 (cont.)

*The Lord will not forget the cry of the afflicted.*

11 Sing praise to the LORD who dwells in Zion; \*  
proclaim to the peoples the things he has done.

12 The Avenger of blood will remember them; \*  
he will not forget the cry of the afflicted.

13 Have pity on me, O LORD; \*  
see the misery I suffer from those who hate me, O you who lift me up from the gate of death;

14 So that I may tell of all your praises and rejoice in your salvation \*  
in the gates of the city of Zion.

15 The ungodly have fallen into the pit they dug, \*  
and in the snare they set is their own foot caught.

16 The LORD is known by his acts of justice; \*  
the wicked are trapped in the works of their own hands.

17 The wicked shall be given over to the grave, \*  
and also all the people that forget God.

18 For the needy shall not always be forgotten, \*  
and the hope of the poor shall not perish forever.

19 Rise up, O LORD, let not the ungodly have the upper hand; \*  
let them be judged before you.

20 Put fear upon them, O LORD; \*  
let the ungodly know they are but mortal.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: \*  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

*The Lord will not forget the cry of the afflicted.*

## Psalm 129 *Sæpe expugnaverunt*

*In righteousness shall you be established; you will be far from oppression.*

1 Greatly have they oppressed me since my youth, \*  
let Israel now say;

2 Greatly have they oppressed me since my youth", \*  
but they have not prevailed against me."

<sup>3</sup> The plowmen plowed upon my back \*  
and made their furrows long.

<sup>4</sup> The LORD, the Righteous One, \*  
has cut the cords of the wicked.

<sup>5</sup> Let them be put to shame and thrown back, \*  
all those who are enemies of Zion.

<sup>6</sup> Let them be like grass upon the housetops, \*  
which withers before it can be plucked;

<sup>7</sup> Which does not fill the hand of the reaper, \*  
nor the bosom of him who binds the sheaves;

<sup>8</sup> So that those who go by say not so much as, "The LORD prosper you. \*  
We wish you well in the Name of the LORD."

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: \*  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

*In righteousness shall you be established; you will be far from oppression.*

## The Lessons

A reading from Luke 22:1-13 (NRSV)

Now the festival of Unleavened Bread, which is called the Passover, was near. The chief priests and the scribes were looking for a way to put Jesus to death, for they were afraid of the people. Then Satan entered into Judas called Iscariot, who was one of the twelve; he went away and conferred with the chief priests and officers of the temple police about how he might betray him to them. They were greatly pleased and agreed to give him money. So he consented and began to look for an opportunity to betray him to them when no crowd was present. Then came the day of Unleavened Bread, on which the Passover lamb had to be sacrificed. So Jesus sent Peter and John, saying, "Go and prepare the Passover meal for us that we may eat it." They asked him, "Where do you want us to make preparations for it?" "Listen," he said to them, "when you have entered the city, a man carrying a jar of water will meet you; follow him into the house he enters and say to the owner of the house, 'The teacher asks you, "Where is the guest room, where I may eat the Passover with my disciples?"' He will show you a large room upstairs, already furnished. Make preparations for us there.'" So they went and found everything as he had told them; and they prepared the Passover meal.

Here ends the Reading.

*When the Son of man comes, shall he find faith on the earth?*

## **The Song of Mary Magnificat**

*Luke 1:46-55*

My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord,  
my spirit rejoices in God my Savior; \*  
for he has looked with favor on his lowly servant.  
From this day all generations will call me blessed: \*  
the Almighty has done great things for me,  
and holy is his Name.  
He has mercy on those who fear him \*  
in every generation.  
He has shown the strength of his arm, \*  
he has scattered the proud in their conceit.  
He has cast down the mighty from their thrones, \*  
and has lifted up the lowly.  
He has filled the hungry with good things, \*  
and the rich he has sent away empty.  
He has come to the help of his servant Israel, \*  
for he has remembered his promise of mercy,  
The promise he made to our fathers, \*  
to Abraham and his children forever.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: \*  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

*When the Son of man comes, shall he find faith on the earth?*

## **The Prayers**

V: The Lord be with you.

R: *And also with you.*

Let us pray.

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your Name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

## Suffrages A

V. Show us your mercy, O Lord;  
R. And grant us your salvation.  
V. Clothe your ministers with righteousness;  
R. Let your people sing with joy.  
V. Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;  
R. For only in you can we live in safety.  
V. Lord, keep this nation under your care;  
R. And guide us in the way of justice and truth.  
V. Let your way be known upon earth;  
R. Your saving health among all nations.  
V. Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;  
R. Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.  
V. Create in us clean hearts, O God;  
R. And sustain us with your Holy Spirit.

### *Collect of the Day*

Merciful God, who sent your messengers the prophets to preach repentance and prepare the way for our salvation: Give us grace to heed their warnings and forsake our sins, that we may greet with joy the coming of Jesus Christ our Redeemer; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

### *A Prayer of Self-Dedication*

Almighty and eternal God, so draw our hearts to you, so guide our minds, so fill our imaginations, so control our wills, that we may be wholly yours, utterly dedicated unto you; and then use us, we pray you, as you will, and always to your glory and the welfare of your people; through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

### *Prayer for Mission*

O God and Father of all, whom the whole heavens adore: Let the whole earth also worship you, all nations obey you, all tongues confess and bless you, and men and women everywhere love you and serve you in peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

[\[Include authorized intercessions or thanksgivings~opens new window\]](#)

## *A Prayer of St. Chrysostom*

Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication to you; and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name you will be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting. *Amen.*

Let us bless the Lord.

*Thanks be to God.*

Glory to God whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine: Glory to him from generation to generation in the Church, and in Christ Jesus for ever and ever. *Amen. Ephesians 3:20*

## **The Supplication**

O Lord, arise, help us;

*And deliver us for your Name's sake.*

O God, we have heard with our ears, and our fathers have declared unto us, the noble works that you did in their days, and in the old time before them.

*O Lord, arise, help us; and deliver us for your Name's sake.*

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. *Amen.*

*O Lord, arise, help us; and deliver us for your Name's sake.*

V. From our enemies defend us, O Christ;

R. Graciously behold our afflictions.

V. With pity behold the sorrows of our hearts;

R. Mercifully forgive the sins of your people.

V. Favorably with mercy hear our prayers;

R. O Son of David, have mercy upon us.

V. Both now and ever vouchsafe to hear us, O Christ;

R. Graciously hear us, O Christ; graciously hear us, O Lord Christ.

Let us pray.

We humbly implore you, O Father, mercifully to look upon our infirmities; and, for the glory of your Name, turn from us all those evils that we most justly have deserved; and grant that in all our troubles we may put our whole trust and confidence in your mercy, and evermore serve you in holiness and pureness of living, to your honor and glory; through our only Mediator and Advocate, Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

## The Angelus

The Angel of the Lord announced to Mary

*And she conceived by the Holy Spirit.*

Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with you. Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb, Jesus

*Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death. Amen.*

Behold the handmaid of the Lord

*Be it unto me according to your word*

Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with you. Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb, Jesus

*Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners,*

*now and at the hour of our death. Amen.*

And the Word was made flesh.

*And dwelled among us.*

Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with you. Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb, Jesus

*Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death. Amen.*

V: Pray for us, O holy Mother of God.

R: *That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.*

Let us pray:

Pour your grace into our hearts, O Lord, that we who have known the incarnation of your Son Jesus Christ, announced by an angel to the Virgin Mary, may by his cross and passion be brought to the glory of his resurrection; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*