

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

## Vespers for Tuesday after the Third Sunday of Easter

### Opening Sentence

Worship the Lord in the beauty of his holiness; let the whole earth tremble before him. *Psalm 96:9*

### 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 137 *Super flumina*

*Stay in Jerusalem until you have been clothed with power from on high, hallelujah.*

- <sup>1</sup> By the waters of Babylon we sat down and wept, \*  
when we remembered you, O Zion.
- <sup>2</sup> As for our harps, we hung them up \*  
on the trees in the midst of that land.
- <sup>3</sup> For those who led us away captive asked us for a song, and our oppressors called for mirth: \*  
"Sing us one of the songs of Zion."
- <sup>4</sup> How shall we sing the LORD'S song \*  
upon an alien soil?
- <sup>5</sup> If I forget you, O Jerusalem, \*  
let my right hand forget its skill.
- <sup>6</sup> Let my tongue cleave to the roof of my mouth if I do not remember you, \*  
if I do not set Jerusalem above my highest joy.

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.

*Stay in Jerusalem until you have been clothed with power from on high, hallelujah.*

## Psalm 135 *Laudate nomen*

*In Christ all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, hallelujah.*

- <sup>1</sup> Hallelujah! Praise the Name of the LORD; \*  
give praise, you servants of the LORD.
- <sup>2</sup> You who stand in the house of the LORD, \*  
in the courts of the house of our God.
- <sup>3</sup> Praise the LORD, for the LORD is good; \*  
sing praises to his Name, for it is lovely.
- <sup>4</sup> For the LORD has chosen Jacob for himself \*  
and Israel for his own possession.
- <sup>5</sup> For I know that the LORD is great, \*  
and that our Lord is above all gods.
- <sup>6</sup> The LORD does whatever pleases him, in heaven and on earth, \*  
in the seas and all the deeps.
- <sup>7</sup> He brings up rain clouds from the ends of the earth; \*  
he sends out lightning with the rain, and brings the winds out of his storehouse.
- <sup>8</sup> It was he who struck down the firstborn of Egypt, \*  
the firstborn both of man and beast.

<sup>9</sup> He sent signs and wonders into the midst of you, O Egypt, \*  
against Pharaoh and all his servants.

<sup>10</sup> He overthrew many nations \*  
and put mighty kings to death:

<sup>11</sup> Sihon, king of the Amorites, and Og, the king of Bashan, \*  
and all the kings of Canaan.

<sup>12</sup> He gave their land to be an inheritance, \*  
an inheritance for Israel his people.

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 Christ all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, hallelujah.*

### **Psalm 135 (cont.)**

*Through Christ God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things by making peace through the blood of his cross, hallelujah.*

<sup>13</sup> O LORD, your Name is everlasting; \*  
your renown, O LORD, endures from age to age.

<sup>14</sup> For the LORD gives his people justice \*  
and shows compassion to his servants.

<sup>15</sup> The idols of the heathen are silver and gold, \*  
the work of human hands.

<sup>16</sup> They have mouths, but they cannot speak; \*  
eyes have they, but they cannot see.

<sup>17</sup> They have ears, but they cannot hear; \*  
neither is there any breath in their mouth.

<sup>18</sup> Those who make them are like them, \*  
and so are all who put their trust in them.

<sup>19</sup> Bless the LORD, O house of Israel; \*  
O house of Aaron, bless the LORD.

<sup>20</sup> Bless the LORD, O house of Levi; \*  
you who fear the LORD, bless the LORD.

<sup>21</sup> Blessed be the LORD out of Zion, \*  
who dwells in Jerusalem. Hallelujah!

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.

*Through Christ God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things by making peace through the blood of his cross, hallelujah.*

## The Lessons

### A reading from Luke 4:31-37 (NRSV)

He went down to Capernaum, a city in Galilee, and was teaching them on the sabbath. They were astounded at his teaching, because he spoke with authority. In the synagogue there was a man who had the spirit of an unclean demon, and he cried out with a loud voice, "Let us alone! What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are, the Holy One of God." But Jesus rebuked him, saying, "Be silent, and come out of him!" When the demon had thrown him down before them, he came out of him without having done him any harm. They were all amazed and kept saying to one another, "What kind of utterance is this? For with authority and power he commands the unclean spirits, and out they come!" And a report about him began to reach every place in the region.

**Here ends the Reading.**

*God who raised Jesus to life will with Jesus raise us, too, and bring us in to the holy presence, hallelujah.*

### 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.

*God who raised Jesus to life will with Jesus raise us, too, and bring us in to the holy presence, hallelujah.*

## 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 B

That this evening may be holy, good, and peaceful,  
*We entreat you, O Lord.*

That your holy angels may lead us in paths of peace and goodwill,  
*We entreat you, O Lord.*

That we may be pardoned and forgiven for our sins and offenses,  
*We entreat you, O Lord.*

That there may be peace to your Church and to the whole world,  
*We entreat you, O Lord.*

That we may depart this life in your faith and fear,  
and not be condemned before the great judgment seat of Christ,  
*We entreat you, O Lord.*

That we may be bound together by your Holy Spirit in  
the communion of [the glorious and ever-blessed Virgin Mary,  
St. Michael the Defender, \_\_\_\_\_ and] all your saints,  
entrusting one another and all our life to Christ,  
*We entreat you, O Lord.*

### *Collect of the Day*

O God, whose blessed Son made himself known to his disciples in the breaking of bread: Open the eyes of our faith, that we may behold him in all his redeeming work; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. *Amen.*

### *A Collect for Aid against Perils*

Be our light in the darkness, O Lord, and in your great mercy defend us from all perils and dangers of this night; for the love of your only Son, our Savior Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

### *Prayer for Mission*

O God, you manifest in your servants the signs of your presence: Send forth upon us the spirit of love, that in companionship with one another your abounding grace may increase among us; 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. Alleluia, alleluia

*Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia*

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*

### **Regina Caeli**

O Queen of heaven, be joyful: *Alleluia*

For he who was born of your body: *Alleluia*

Has arisen as he promised: *Alleluia*

Pray for us to the Father: *Alleluia*

V: Rejoice and be glad, O Virgin Mary, Alleluia.

**R: For the Lord is risen indeed, Alleluia.**

### **Let us pray:**

O God, who by the resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ gave gladness to the world: Grant, we pray, that we, aided by the prayers of the Virgin Mary his mother, may attain to the joys of everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*