

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

## Vespers for Tuesday after the Fourth 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 37: Part I *Noli aemulari*

*I will witness that the Lord is righteous, hallelujah.*

<sup>1</sup> Do not fret yourself because of evildoers; \*  
do not be jealous of those who do wrong.

<sup>2</sup> For they shall soon wither like the grass, \*  
and like the green grass fade away.

<sup>3</sup> Put your trust in the LORD and do good; \*  
dwell in the land and feed on its riches.

<sup>4</sup> Take delight in the LORD, \*  
and he shall give you your heart's desire.

<sup>5</sup> Commit your way to the LORD and put your trust in him, \*  
and he will bring it to pass.

<sup>6</sup> He will make your righteousness as clear as the light \*  
and your just dealing as the noonday.

<sup>7</sup> Be still before the LORD \*  
and wait patiently for him.

<sup>8</sup> Do not fret yourself over the one who prospers, \*  
the one who succeeds in evil schemes.

<sup>9</sup> Refrain from anger, leave rage alone; \*  
do not fret yourself; it leads only to evil.

<sup>10</sup> For evildoers shall be cut off, \*  
but those who wait upon the LORD shall possess the land.

<sup>11</sup> In a little while the wicked shall be no more; \*  
you shall search out their place, but they will not be there.

<sup>12</sup> But the lowly shall possess the land; \*  
they will delight in abundance of peace.

<sup>13</sup> The wicked plot against the righteous \*  
and gnash at them with their teeth.

<sup>14</sup> The Lord laughs at the wicked, \*  
because he sees that their day will come.

<sup>15</sup> The wicked draw their sword and bend their bow to strike down the poor and needy, \*  
to slaughter those who are upright in their ways.

<sup>16</sup> Their sword shall go through their own heart, \*  
and their bow shall be broken.

<sup>17</sup> The little that the righteous has \*  
is better than great riches of the wicked.

<sup>18</sup> For the power of the wicked shall be broken, \*  
but the LORD upholds the righteous.

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.

*I will witness that the Lord is righteous, hallelujah.*

### **Psalm 37: Part II *Novit Dominus***

*The LORD loves justice; he does not forsake his faithful ones, hallelujah.*

<sup>19</sup> The LORD cares for the lives of the godly, \*  
and their inheritance shall last forever.

<sup>20</sup> They shall not be ashamed in bad times, \*  
and in days of famine they shall have enough.

<sup>21</sup> As for the wicked, they shall perish, \*  
and the enemies of the LORD, like the glory of the meadows, shall vanish; they shall vanish like smoke.

<sup>22</sup> The wicked borrow and do not repay, \*  
but the righteous are generous in giving.

<sup>23</sup> Those who are blessed by God shall possess the land, \*  
but those who are cursed by him shall be destroyed.

<sup>24</sup> Our steps are directed by the LORD; \*  
he strengthens those in whose way he delights.

<sup>25</sup> If they stumble, they shall not fall headlong, \*  
for the LORD holds them by the hand.

<sup>26</sup> I have been young and now I am old, \*  
but never have I seen the righteous forsaken, or their children begging bread.

<sup>27</sup> The righteous are always generous in their lending, \*  
and their children shall be a blessing.

<sup>28</sup> Turn from evil, and do good, \*  
and dwell in the land for ever.

<sup>29</sup> For the LORD loves justice; \*  
he does not forsake his faithful ones.

<sup>30</sup> They shall be kept safe for ever, \*  
but the offspring of the wicked shall be destroyed.

<sup>31</sup> The righteous shall possess the land \*  
and dwell in it for ever.

<sup>32</sup> The mouth of the righteous utters wisdom, \*  
and their tongue speaks what is right.

<sup>33</sup> The law of their God is in their heart, \*  
and their footsteps shall not falter.

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 loves justice; he does not forsake his faithful ones, hallelujah.*

### **Psalm 37: Part II (cont.)**

*The Lord is a stronghold in time of trouble, hallelujah.*

<sup>34</sup> The wicked spy on the righteous \*  
and seek occasion to kill them.

<sup>35</sup> The LORD will not abandon them to their hand, \*  
nor let them be found guilty when brought to trial.

<sup>36</sup> Wait upon the LORD and keep his way; \*  
he will raise you up to possess the land, and when the wicked are cut off, you will see it.

<sup>37</sup> I have seen the wicked in their arrogance, \*  
flourishing like a tree in full leaf.

<sup>38</sup> I went by, and behold, they were not there; \*  
I searched for them, but they could not be found.

<sup>39</sup> Mark those who are honest; observe the upright; \*  
for there is a future for the peaceable.

<sup>40</sup> Transgressors shall be destroyed, one and all; \*  
the future of the wicked is cut off.

<sup>41</sup> But the deliverance of the righteous comes from the LORD; \*  
he is their stronghold in time of trouble.

<sup>42</sup> The LORD will help them and rescue them; \*  
he will rescue them from the wicked and deliver them, because they seek refuge in him.

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 is a stronghold in time of trouble, hallelujah.*

## The Lessons

### A reading from Luke 6:12-26 (NRSV)

Now during those days he went out to the mountain to pray; and he spent the night in prayer to God. And when day came, he called his disciples and chose twelve of them, whom he also named apostles: Simon, whom he named Peter, and his brother Andrew, and James, and John, and Philip, and Bartholomew, and Matthew, and Thomas, and James son of Alphaeus, and Simon, who was called the Zealot, and Judas son of James, and Judas Iscariot, who became a traitor. He came down with them and stood on a level place, with a great crowd of his disciples and a great multitude of people from all Judea, Jerusalem, and the coast of Tyre and Sidon. They had come to hear him and to be healed of their diseases; and those who were troubled with unclean spirits were cured. And all in the crowd were trying to touch him, for power came out from him and healed all of them. Then he looked up at his disciples and said: "Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God. "Blessed are you who are hungry now, for you will be filled. "Blessed are you who weep now, for you will laugh. "Blessed are you when people hate you, and when they exclude you, revile you, and defame you on account of the Son of Man. Rejoice in that day and leap for joy, for surely your reward is great in heaven; for that is what their ancestors did to the prophets. "But woe to you who are rich, for you have received your consolation. "Woe to you who are full now, for you will be hungry. "Woe to you who are laughing now, for you will mourn and weep. "Woe to you when all speak well of you, for that is what their ancestors did to the false prophets.

**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 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

O God, whose Son Jesus is the good shepherd of your people; Grant that when we hear his voice we may know him who calls us each by name, and follow where he leads; who, with you and the Holy Spirit, lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. *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.*

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### *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 forever 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.*