

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

## Vespers for Monday after the Fifth Sunday of Easter

### Opening Sentence

Let my prayer be set forth in your sight as incense, the lifting up of my hands as the evening sacrifice. *Psalms 141:2*

### 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 104 *Benedic, anima mea*

*Through Christ and in Christ were all things created; he is the image of the invisible God, and the first-born of all creation, hallelujah.*

- <sup>1</sup> Bless the LORD, O my soul; \*  
O LORD my God, how excellent is your greatness! you are clothed with majesty and splendor.
- <sup>2</sup> You wrap yourself with light as with a cloak \*  
and spread out the heavens like a curtain.
- <sup>3</sup> You lay the beams of your chambers in the waters above; \*  
you make the clouds your chariot; you ride on the wings of the wind.
- <sup>4</sup> You make the winds your messengers \*  
and flames of fire your servants.
- <sup>5</sup> You have set the earth upon its foundations, \*  
so that it never shall move at any time.
- <sup>6</sup> You covered it with the Deep as with a mantle; \*  
the waters stood higher than the mountains.
- <sup>7</sup> At your rebuke they fled; \*  
at the voice of your thunder they hastened away.
- <sup>8</sup> They went up into the hills and down to the valleys beneath, \*  
to the places you had appointed for them.
- <sup>9</sup> You set the limits that they should not pass; \*  
they shall not again cover the earth.
- <sup>10</sup> You send the springs into the valleys; \*  
they flow between the mountains.
- <sup>11</sup> All the beasts of the field drink their fill from them, \*  
and the wild asses quench their thirst.
- <sup>12</sup> Beside them the birds of the air make their nests \*  
and sing among the branches.
- <sup>13</sup> You water the mountains from your dwelling on high; \*  
the earth is fully satisfied by the fruit of your works.
- <sup>14</sup> You make grass grow for flocks and herds \*  
and plants to serve mankind;
- <sup>15</sup> That they may bring forth food from the earth, \*  
and wine to gladden our hearts,
- <sup>16</sup> Oil to make a cheerful countenance, \*  
and bread to strengthen the heart.
- <sup>17</sup> The trees of the LORD are full of sap, \*  
the cedars of Lebanon which he planted,
- <sup>18</sup> In which the birds build their nests, \*  
and in whose tops the stork makes his dwelling.

<sup>19</sup> The high hills are a refuge for the mountain goats, \*  
and the stony cliffs for the rock badgers.  
<sup>20</sup> You appointed the moon to mark the seasons, \*  
and the sun knows the time of its setting.  
<sup>21</sup> You make darkness that it may be night, \*  
in which all the beasts of the forest prowl.  
<sup>22</sup> The lions roar after their prey \*  
and seek their food from God.  
<sup>23</sup> The sun rises, and they slip away \*  
and lay themselves down in their dens.  
<sup>24</sup> Man goes forth to his work \*  
and to his labor until the evening.  
<sup>25</sup> O LORD, how manifold are your works! \*  
in wisdom you have made them all; the earth is full of your creatures.

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 and in Christ were all things created; he is the image of the invisible God, and the first-born of all creation, hallelujah.*

#### **Psalm 104 (cont.)**

*You send forth your Spirit, and they are created, hallelujah.*

<sup>26</sup> Yonder is the great and wide sea with its living things too many to number, \*  
creatures both small and great.  
<sup>27</sup> There move the ships, and there is that Leviathan, \*  
which you have made for the sport of it.  
<sup>28</sup> All of them look to you \*  
to give them their food in due season.  
<sup>29</sup> You give it to them; they gather it; \*  
you open your hand, and they are filled with good things.  
<sup>30</sup> You hide your face, and they are terrified; \*  
you take away their breath, and they die and return to their dust.  
<sup>31</sup> You send forth your Spirit, and they are created; \*  
and so you renew the face of the earth.  
<sup>32</sup> May the glory of the LORD endure forever; \*  
may the LORD rejoice in all his works.

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.

*You send forth your Spirit, and they are created, hallelujah.*

## Psalm 104 (cont.)

*I will sing to the LORD as long as I live, hallelujah.*

<sup>33</sup> He looks at the earth and it trembles; \*  
he touches the mountains and they smoke.

<sup>34</sup> I will sing to the LORD as long as I live; \*  
I will praise my God while I have my being.

<sup>35</sup> May these words of mine please him; \*  
I will rejoice in the LORD.

<sup>36</sup> Let sinners be consumed out of the earth, \*  
and the wicked be no more.

<sup>37</sup> Bless the LORD, O my soul. \*  
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.

*I will sing to the LORD as long as I live, hallelujah.*

## The Lessons

### A reading from Luke 7:36-50 (NRSV)

One of the Pharisees asked Jesus to eat with him, and he went into the Pharisee's house and took his place at the table. And a woman in the city, who was a sinner, having learned that he was eating in the Pharisee's house, brought an alabaster jar of ointment. She stood behind him at his feet, weeping, and began to bathe his feet with her tears and to dry them with her hair. Then she continued kissing his feet and anointing them with the ointment. Now when the Pharisee who had invited him saw it, he said to himself, "If this man were a prophet, he would have known who and what kind of woman this is who is touching him~ that she is a sinner." Jesus spoke up and said to him, "Simon, I have something to say to you." "Teacher," he replied, "Speak." "A certain creditor had two debtors; one owed five hundred denarii, and the other fifty. When they could not pay, he canceled the debts for both of them. Now which of them will love him more?" Simon answered, "I suppose the one for whom he canceled the greater debt." And Jesus said to him, "You have judged rightly." Then turning toward the woman, he said to Simon, "Do you see this woman? I entered your house; you gave me no water for my feet, but she has bathed my feet with her tears and dried them with her hair. You gave me no kiss, but from the time I came in she has not stopped kissing my feet. You did not anoint my head with oil, but she has anointed my feet with ointment. Therefore, I tell you, her sins, which were many, have been forgiven; hence she has shown great love. But the one to whom little is forgiven, loves little." Then he said to her, "Your sins are forgiven." But

those who were at the table with him began to say among themselves, "Who is this who even forgives sins?" And he said to the woman, "Your faith has saved you; go in peace."

**Here ends the Reading.**

*God, who raised Christ Jesus from the dead, will also give new life to your mortal bodies through the indwelling Spirit, 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 Christ Jesus from the dead, will also give new life to your mortal bodies through the indwelling Spirit, 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***

Almighty God, whom truly to know is everlasting life: Grant us so perfectly to know your Son Jesus Christ to be the way, the truth, and the life, that we may steadfastly follow his steps in the way that leads to eternal life; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

### ***A Collect for Peace***

Most holy God, the source of all good desires, all right judgements, and all just works: Give to us, your servants, that peace which the world cannot give, so that our minds may be fixed on the doing of your will, and that we, being delivered from the fear of all enemies, may live in peace and quietness; through the mercies of Christ Jesus our Savior. *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.*

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

### *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.*