

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

## Matins for Saturday after the Seventh Sunday of Easter

### The Invitatory and Psalter

V: Lord, open our lips.

R: And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.

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

### Christ our Passover *Pascha nostrum*

1 Corinthians 5:7-8; Romans 6:9-11; 1 Corinthians 15:20-22

Alleluia. Christ our Passover has been sacrificed for us; \*  
therefore let us keep the feast,  
Not with the old leaven, the leaven of malice and evil, \*  
but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth. Alleluia.

Christ being raised from the dead will never die again; \*  
death no longer has dominion over him.  
The death that he died, he died to sin, once for all; \*  
but the life he lives, he lives to God.  
So also consider yourselves dead to sin, \*  
and alive to God in Jesus Christ our Lord. Alleluia.

Christ has been raised from the dead, \*  
the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep.  
For since by a man came death, \*  
by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead.  
For as in Adam all die, \*  
so also in Christ shall all be made alive. Alleluia.

# The Psalm or Psalms Appointed

## Psalm 42 *Quemadmodum*

*The water that I will give will become in them a spring of water gushing up to eternal life, hallelujah.*

<sup>1</sup> As the deer longs for the water-brooks, \*  
so longs my soul for you, O God.

<sup>2</sup> My soul is athirst for God, athirst for the living God; \*  
when shall I come to appear before the presence of God?

<sup>3</sup> My tears have been my food day and night, \*  
while all day long they say to me, "Where now is your God?"

<sup>4</sup> I pour out my soul when I think on these things; \*  
how I went with the multitude and led them into the house of God,

<sup>5</sup> With the voice of praise and thanksgiving, \*  
among those who keep holy-day.

<sup>6</sup> Why are you so full of heaviness, O my soul? \*  
and why are you so disquieted within me?

<sup>7</sup> Put your trust in God; \*  
for I will yet give thanks to him, who is the help of my countenance, and my God.

<sup>8</sup> My soul is heavy within me; \*  
therefore I will remember you from the land of Jordan, and from the peak of Mizar among the heights of Hermon.

<sup>9</sup> One deep calls to another in the noise of your cataracts; \*  
all your rapids and floods have gone over me.

<sup>10</sup> The LORD grants his loving-kindness in the daytime; \*  
in the night season his song is with me, a prayer to the God of my life.

<sup>11</sup> I will say to the God of my strength, "Why have you forgotten me? \*  
and why do I go so heavily while the enemy oppresses me?"

<sup>12</sup> While my bones are being broken, \*  
my enemies mock me to my face;

<sup>13</sup> All day long they mock me \*  
and say to me, "Where now is your God?"

<sup>14</sup> Why are you so full of heaviness, O my soul? \*  
and why are you so disquieted within me?

<sup>15</sup> Put your trust in God; \*  
for I will yet give thanks to him, who is the help of my countenance, and my God.

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 water that I will give will become in them a spring of water gushing up to eternal life, hallelujah.*

### **Psalm 30 *Exaltabo te, Domine***

*You have restored my life, O Lord, hallelujah.*

- <sup>1</sup> I will exalt you, O LORD, because you have lifted me up \*  
and have not let my enemies triumph over me.
- <sup>2</sup> O LORD my God, I cried out to you, \*  
and you restored me to health.
- <sup>3</sup> You brought me up, O LORD, from the dead; \*  
you restored my life as I was going down to the grave.
- <sup>4</sup> Sing to the LORD, you servants of his; \*  
give thanks for the remembrance of his holiness.
- <sup>5</sup> For his wrath endures but the twinkling of an eye, \*  
his favor for a lifetime.
- <sup>6</sup> Weeping may spend the night, \*  
but joy comes in the morning.
- <sup>7</sup> While I felt secure, I said, "I shall never be disturbed. \*  
You, LORD, with your favor, made me as strong as the mountains."
- <sup>8</sup> Then you hid your face, \*  
and I was filled with fear.
- <sup>9</sup> I cried to you, O LORD; \*  
I pleaded with the Lord, saying,
- <sup>10</sup> What profit is there in my blood, if I go down to the Pit? \*  
will the dust praise you or declare your faithfulness?
- <sup>11</sup> Hear, O LORD, and have mercy upon me; \*  
O LORD, be my helper."
- <sup>12</sup> You have turned my wailing into dancing; \*  
you have put off my sack-cloth and clothed me with joy.
- <sup>13</sup> Therefore my heart sings to you without ceasing; \*  
O LORD my God, I will give you thanks for ever.

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 have restored my life, O Lord, hallelujah.*

### **Psalm 150 *Laudate Dominum***

*Worship God who is seated upon the throne, saying, Amen, hallelujah.*

- <sup>1</sup> Hallelujah! Praise God in his holy temple; \*  
praise him in the firmament of his power.
- <sup>2</sup> Praise him for his mighty acts; \*  
praise him for his excellent greatness.

<sup>3</sup> Praise him with the blast of the ram's-horn; \*

Praise him with lyre and harp.

<sup>4</sup> Praise him with timbrel and dance; \*

praise him with strings and pipe.

<sup>5</sup> Praise him with resounding cymbals; \*

praise him with loud-clanging cymbals.

<sup>6</sup> Let everything that has breath \*

praise the Lord. 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.

*Worship God who is seated upon the throne, saying, Amen, hallelujah.*

## The Lessons

### A reading from Ezekiel 43:1-12 (NRSV)

Then he brought me to the gate, the gate facing east. And there, the glory of the God of Israel was coming from the east; the sound was like the sound of mighty waters; and the earth shone with his glory. The vision I saw was like the vision that I had seen when he came to destroy the city, and like the vision that I had seen by the river Chebar; and I fell upon my face. As the glory of the LORD entered the temple by the gate facing east, the spirit lifted me up, and brought me into the inner court; and the glory of the LORD filled the temple. While the man was standing beside me, I heard someone speaking to me out of the temple. He said to me: Mortal, this is the place of my throne and the place for the soles of my feet, where I will reside among the people of Israel forever. The house of Israel shall no more defile my holy name, neither they nor their kings, by their whoring, and by the corpses of their kings at their death. When they placed their threshold by my threshold and their doorposts beside my doorposts, with only a wall between me and them, they were defiling my holy name by their abominations that they committed; therefore I have consumed them in my anger. Now let them put away their idolatry and the corpses of their kings far from me, and I will reside among them forever. As for you, mortal, describe the temple to the house of Israel, and let them measure the pattern; and let them be ashamed of their iniquities. When they are ashamed of all that they have done, make known to them the plan of the temple, its arrangement, its exits and its entrances, and its whole form~ all its ordinances and its entire plan and all its laws; and write it down in their sight, so that they may observe and follow the entire plan and all its ordinances. This is the law of the temple: the whole territory on the top of the mountain all around shall be most holy. This is the law of the temple.

**Here ends the Reading.**

## The Song of Moses Cantemus Domino (Exodus 15:1-6, 11-13, 17-18)

*With your constant love you led the people you redeemed, with your might you brought them in safety to your holy dwelling, alleluia.*

I will sing to the Lord, for he is lofty and uplifted; \*  
the horse and its rider has he hurled into the sea.  
The Lord is my strength and my refuge; \*  
the Lord has become my Savior.  
This is my God and I will praise him, \*  
the God of my people and I will exalt him.  
The Lord is a mighty warrior; \*  
Yahweh is his Name.  
The chariots of Pharaoh and his army has he hurled into the sea; \*  
the finest of those who bear armor have been  
drowned in the Red Sea.  
The fathomless deep has overwhelmed them; \*  
they sank into the depths like a stone.  
Your right hand, O Lord, is glorious in might; \*  
your right hand, O Lord, has overthrown the enemy.  
Who can be compared with you, O Lord, among the gods? \*  
who is like you, glorious in holiness,  
awesome in renown, and worker of wonders?  
You stretched forth your right hand; \*  
the earth swallowed them up.  
With your constant love you led the people you redeemed; \*  
with your might you brought them in safety to  
your holy dwelling.  
You will bring them in and plant them \*  
on the mount of your possession,  
The resting-place you have made for yourself, O Lord, \*  
the sanctuary, O Lord, that your hand has established.  
The Lord shall reign \*  
forever and 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.

*With your constant love you led the people you redeemed, with your might you brought them in safety to your holy dwelling, alleluia.*

### **A reading from Hebrews 9:1-14 (NRSV)**

Now even the first covenant had regulations for worship and an earthly sanctuary. For a tent was constructed, the first one, in which were the lampstand, the table, and the bread of the Presence; this is called the Holy Place. Behind the second curtain was a tent called the Holy of Holies. In it stood the golden altar of incense and the ark of the covenant overlaid on all sides with gold, in which there were a golden urn holding the manna, and Aaron's rod that budded, and the tablets of the covenant; above it were the cherubim of glory overshadowing the mercy seat. Of these things we cannot speak now in detail. Such preparations having been made, the priests go continually into the first tent to carry out their ritual duties; but only the high priest goes into the second, and he but once a year, and not without taking the blood that he offers for himself and for the sins committed unintentionally by the people. By this the Holy Spirit indicates that the way into the sanctuary has not yet been disclosed as long as the first tent is still standing. This is a symbol of the present time, during which gifts and sacrifices are offered that cannot perfect the conscience of the worshiper, but deal only with food and drink and various baptisms, regulations for the body imposed until the time comes to set things right. But when Christ came as a high priest of the good things that have come, then through the greater and perfect tent (not made with hands, that is, not of this creation), he entered once for all into the Holy Place, not with the blood of goats and calves, but with his own blood, thus obtaining eternal redemption. For if the blood of goats and bulls, with the sprinkling of the ashes of a heifer, sanctifies those who have been defiled so that their flesh is purified, how much more will the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without blemish to God, purify our conscience from dead works to worship the living God!

**Here ends the Reading.**

*God destroys and brings to life, casts down and raises up, hallelujah.*

### **The Song of Zechariah *Benedictus Dominus Deus* *Luke 1: 68-79***

Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel; \*  
he has come to his people and set them free.  
He has raised up for us a mighty savior, \*  
born of the house of his servant David.  
Through his holy prophets he promised of old,  
that he would save us from our enemies, \*  
from the hands of all who hate us.  
He promised to show mercy to our fathers \*  
and to remember his holy covenant.  
This was the oath he swore to our father Abraham, \*  
to set us free from the hands of our enemies,  
Free to worship him without fear, \*  
holy and righteous in his sight  
all the days of our life.

You, my child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High, \*  
for you will go before the Lord to prepare his way,  
To give his people knowledge of salvation \*  
by the forgiveness of their sins.  
In the tender compassion of our God \*  
the dawn from on high shall break upon us,  
To shine on those who dwell in darkness and the  
shadow of death, \*  
and to guide our feet into the way of peace.

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 destroys and brings to life, casts down and raises up, 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, the King of glory, you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven: Do not leave us comfortless, but send us your Holy Spirit to strengthen us, and exalt us to that place where our Savior Christ has gone before; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, in glory everlasting. *Amen.*

### *A Prayer attributed to St. Francis*

Lord, make us instruments of your peace. Where there is hatred, let us sow love; where there is injury, pardon; where there is discord, union; where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light; where there is sadness, joy. Grant that we may not so much seek to be consoled as to console; to be understood as to understand; to be loved as to love. For it is in giving that we receive; it is in pardoning that we are pardoned; and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life. *Amen.*

Almighty and everlasting God, by whose Spirit the whole body of your faithful people is governed and sanctified: Receive our supplications and prayers which we offer before you for all members of your holy Church, that in their vocation and ministry they may truly and devoutly serve you; through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

Let us bless the Lord. Alleluia, alleluia

*Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia*

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all evermore.

*And with our absent brothers and sisters. Amen.*

## 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.*