

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

Matins for Saturday After Proper 9

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

Psalm 122 *Lætatus sum*

Let us go to the house of the LORD, come let us adore him.

¹ I was glad when they said to me, *
"Let us go to the house of the LORD."

² Now our feet are standing *
within your gates, O Jerusalem.

³ Jerusalem is built as a city *
that is at unity with itself;

Let us go to the house of the LORD, come let us adore him.

⁴ To which the tribes go up, the tribes of the LORD, *
the assembly of Israel, to praise the Name of the LORD.

⁵ For there are the thrones of judgment, *
the thrones of the house of David.

⁶ Pray for the peace of Jerusalem: *
"May they prosper who love you.

Let us go to the house of the LORD, come let us adore him.

⁷ Peace be within your walls *
and quietness within your towers.

⁸ For my brethren and companions' sake, *
I pray for your prosperity.

⁹ Because of the house of the LORD our God, *
I will seek to do you good."

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.

Let us go to the house of the LORD, come let us adore him.

The Psalm or Psalms Appointed

Psalm 27 *Dominus illuminatio*

The LORD is the strength of my life; of whom then shall I be afraid?

¹ The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom then shall I fear? *
the LORD is the strength of my life; of whom then shall I be afraid?

² When evildoers came upon me to eat up my flesh, *
it was they, my foes and my adversaries, who stumbled and fell.

³ Though an army should encamp against me, *
yet my heart shall not be afraid;

⁴ And though war should rise up against me, *
yet will I put my trust in him.

⁵ One thing have I asked of the LORD; one thing I seek; *
that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life;

⁶ To behold the fair beauty of the LORD *
and to seek him in his temple.

⁷ For in the day of trouble he shall keep me safe in his shelter; *
he shall hide me in the secrecy of his dwelling and set me high upon a rock.

⁸ Even now he lifts up my head *
above my enemies round about me.

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 the strength of my life; of whom then shall I be afraid?

Psalm 27 (cont.)

You speak in my heart and say, "Seek my face."

⁹ Therefore I will offer in his dwelling an oblation with sounds of great gladness; *
I will sing and make music to the LORD.

¹⁰ Hearken to my voice, O LORD, when I call; *
have mercy on me and answer me.

¹¹ You speak in my heart and say, "Seek my face." *

Your face, LORD, will I seek.

¹² Hide not your face from me, *

nor turn away your servant in displeasure.

¹³ You have been my helper; cast me not away; *

do not forsake me, O God of my salvation.

¹⁴ Though my father and my mother forsake me, *

the LORD will sustain me.

¹⁵ Show me your way, O LORD; *

lead me on a level path, because of my enemies.

¹⁶ Deliver me not into the hand of my adversaries, *

for false witnesses have risen up against me, and also those who speak malice.

¹⁷ What if I had not believed that I should see the goodness of the LORD *

in the land of the living!

¹⁸ O tarry and await the LORD'S pleasure; be strong, and he shall comfort your heart; *

wait patiently for 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.

You speak in my heart and say, "Seek my face."

Psalm 150 *Laudate Dominum*

Praise the Lord for his excellent greatness.

¹ Hallelujah! Praise God in his holy temple; *

praise him in the firmament of his power.

² Praise him for his mighty acts; *

praise him for his excellent greatness.

³ Praise him with the blast of the ram's-horn; *

Praise him with lyre and harp.

⁴ Praise him with timbrel and dance; *

praise him with strings and pipe.

⁵ Praise him with resounding cymbals; *

praise him with loud-clanging cymbals.

⁶ 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.

Praise the Lord for his excellent greatness.

The Lessons

A reading from 1 Samuel 17:31-49 (NRSV)

When the words that David spoke were heard, they repeated them before Saul; and he sent for him. David said to Saul, "Let no one's heart fail because of him; your servant will go and fight with this Philistine." Saul said to David, "You are not able to go against this Philistine to fight with him; for you are just a boy, and he has been a warrior from his youth." But David said to Saul, "Your servant used to keep sheep for his father; and whenever a lion or a bear came, and took a lamb from the flock, I went after it and struck it down, rescuing the lamb from its mouth; and if it turned against me, I would catch it by the jaw, strike it down, and kill it. Your servant has killed both lions and bears; and this uncircumcised Philistine shall be like one of them, since he has defied the armies of the living God." David said, "The LORD, who saved me from the paw of the lion and from the paw of the bear, will save me from the hand of this Philistine." So Saul said to David, "Go, and may the LORD be with you!" Saul clothed David with his armor; he put a bronze helmet on his head and clothed him with a coat of mail. David strapped Saul's sword over the armor, and he tried in vain to walk, for he was not used to them. Then David said to Saul, "I cannot walk with these; for I am not used to them." So David removed them. Then he took his staff in his hand, and chose five smooth stones from the wadi, and put them in his shepherd's bag, in the pouch; his sling was in his hand, and he drew near to the Philistine. The Philistine came on and drew near to David, with his shield-bearer in front of him. When the Philistine looked and saw David, he disdained him, for he was only a youth, ruddy and handsome in appearance. The Philistine said to David, "Am I a dog, that you come to me with sticks?" And the Philistine cursed David by his gods. The Philistine said to David, "Come to me, and I will give your flesh to the birds of the air and to the wild animals of the field." But David said to the Philistine, "You come to me with sword and spear and javelin; but I come to you in the name of the LORD of hosts, the God of the armies of Israel, whom you have defied. This very day the LORD will deliver you into my hand, and I will strike you down and cut off your head; and I will give the dead bodies of the Philistine army this very day to the birds of the air and to the wild animals of the earth, so that all the earth may know that there is a God in Israel, and that all this assembly may know that the LORD does not save by sword and spear; for the battle is the LORD's and he will give you into our hand." When the Philistine drew nearer to meet David, David ran quickly toward the battle line to meet the Philistine. David put his hand in his bag, took out a stone, slung it, and struck the Philistine on his forehead; the stone sank into his forehead, and he fell face down on the ground.

Here ends the Reading.

Canticle of Deep Wisdom *O altitudo divitiarum sapientiae* (Rom 11: 33-36)

May the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know God.

O the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God!*

How unsearchable are his judgments and how inscrutable his ways!

For who has known the mind of the Lord?*

Or who has been his counselor?
Who has given a gift to God,*
to receive a gift in return?
For from him and through him*
and to him are all things.
To him be the glory forever. Amen.

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.

May the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know God.

A reading from Acts 11:1-18 (NRSV)

Now the apostles and the believers who were in Judea heard that the Gentiles had also accepted the word of God. So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcised believers criticized him, saying, "Why did you go to uncircumcised men and eat with them?" Then Peter began to explain it to them, step by step, saying, "I was in the city of Joppa praying, and in a trance I saw a vision. There was something like a large sheet coming down from heaven, being lowered by its four corners; and it came close to me. As I looked at it closely I saw four-footed animals, beasts of prey, reptiles, and birds of the air. I also heard a voice saying to me, 'Get up, Peter; kill and eat.' But I replied, 'By no means, Lord; for nothing profane or unclean has ever entered my mouth.' But a second time the voice answered from heaven, 'What God has made clean, you must not call profane.' This happened three times; then everything was pulled up again to heaven. At that very moment three men, sent to me from Caesarea, arrived at the house where we were. The Spirit told me to go with them and not to make a distinction between them and us. These six brothers also accompanied me, and we entered the man's house. He told us how he had seen the angel standing in his house and saying, 'Send to Joppa and bring Simon, who is called Peter; he will give you a message by which you and your entire household will be saved.' And as I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell upon them just as it had upon us at the beginning. And I remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said, 'John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.' If then God gave them the same gift that he gave us when we believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I that I could hinder God?" When they heard this, they were silenced. And they praised God, saying, "Then God has given even to the Gentiles the repentance that leads to life."

Here ends the Reading.

Worthy are you, O Lord our God, to receive glory and honor from every creature.

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.

Worthy are you, O Lord our God, to receive glory and honor from every creature.

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, you have taught us to keep all your commandments by loving you and our neighbor: Grant us the grace of your Holy Spirit, that we may be devoted to you with our whole heart, and united to one another with pure affection; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. ***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.

Thanks be to God.

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.

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.*