

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

## Matins for Saturday After Proper 16

([Augustine of Hippo, Bishop and Theologian, 430](#))

### 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*

*The new Jerusalem is the Bride of the Lamb, come let us worship Christ the Lord.*

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

<sup>2</sup> Now our feet are standing \*  
within your gates, O Jerusalem.

<sup>3</sup> Jerusalem is built as a city \*  
that is at unity with itself;

*The new Jerusalem is the Bride of the Lamb, come let us worship Christ the Lord.*

<sup>4</sup> To which the tribes go up, the tribes of the LORD, \*  
the assembly of Israel, to praise the Name of the LORD.

<sup>5</sup> For there are the thrones of judgment, \*  
the thrones of the house of David.

<sup>6</sup> Pray for the peace of Jerusalem: \*  
"May they prosper who love you.

*The new Jerusalem is the Bride of the Lamb, come let us worship Christ the Lord.*

<sup>7</sup> Peace be within your walls \*  
and quietness within your towers.

<sup>8</sup> For my brethren and companions' sake, \*  
I pray for your prosperity.

<sup>9</sup> 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.

*The new Jerusalem is the Bride of the Lamb, come let us worship Christ the Lord.*

## The Psalm or Psalms Appointed

### Psalm 62 *Nonne Deo?*

*In God is my safety and my honor; God is my strong rock and my refuge.*

<sup>1</sup> For God alone my soul in silence waits; \*  
from him comes my salvation.

<sup>2</sup> He alone is my rock and my salvation, \*  
my stronghold, so that I shall not be greatly shaken.

<sup>3</sup> How long will you assail me to crush me, all of you together, \*  
as if you were a leaning fence, a toppling wall?

<sup>4</sup> They seek only to bring me down from my place of honor; \*  
lies are their chief delight.

<sup>5</sup> They bless with their lips, \*  
but in their hearts they curse.

<sup>6</sup> For God alone my soul in silence waits; \*  
truly, my hope is in him.

<sup>7</sup> He alone is my rock and my salvation, \*  
my stronghold, so that I shall not be shaken.

<sup>8</sup> In God is my safety and my honor; \*  
God is my strong rock and my refuge.

<sup>9</sup> Put your trust in him always, O people, \*  
pour out your hearts before him, for God is our refuge.

<sup>10</sup> Those of high degree are but a fleeting breath, \*  
even those of low estate cannot be trusted.

<sup>11</sup> On the scales they are lighter than a breath, \*  
all of them together.

<sup>12</sup> Put no trust in extortion; in robbery take no empty pride; \*  
though wealth increase, set not your heart upon it.

<sup>13</sup> God has spoken once, twice have I heard it, \*  
that power belongs to God.

<sup>14</sup> Steadfast love is yours, O Lord, \*  
for you repay everyone according to his deeds.

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 God is my safety and my honor; God is my strong rock and my refuge.*

**Psalm 92 *Bonum est confiteri***

*We will tell of your loving kindness early in the morning, O Lord, and of your faithfulness in the night season.*

- <sup>1</sup> It is a good thing to give thanks to the LORD, \*  
and to sing praises to your Name, O Most High;
- <sup>2</sup> To tell of your loving-kindness early in the morning \*  
and of your faithfulness in the night season;
- <sup>3</sup> On the psaltery, and on the lyre, \*  
and to the melody of the harp.
- <sup>4</sup> For you have made me glad by your acts, O LORD; \*  
and I shout for joy because of the works of your hands.
- <sup>5</sup> LORD, how great are your works! \*  
your thoughts are very deep.
- <sup>6</sup> The dullard does not know, nor does the fool understand, \*  
that though the wicked grow like weeds, and all the workers of iniquity flourish,
- <sup>7</sup> They flourish only to be destroyed forever; \*  
but you, O LORD, are exalted for evermore.
- <sup>8</sup> For lo, your enemies, O LORD, lo, your enemies shall perish, \*  
and all the workers of iniquity shall be scattered.
- <sup>9</sup> But my horn you have exalted like the horns of wild bulls; \*  
I am anointed with fresh oil.
- <sup>10</sup> My eyes also gloat over my enemies, \*  
and my ears rejoice to hear the doom of the wicked who rise up against me.
- <sup>11</sup> The righteous shall flourish like a palm tree, \*  
and shall spread abroad like a cedar of Lebanon.
- <sup>12</sup> Those who are planted in the house of the LORD \*  
shall flourish in the courts of our God;
- <sup>13</sup> They shall still bear fruit in old age; \*  
they shall be green and succulent;
- <sup>14</sup> That they may show how upright the LORD is, \*  
my Rock, in whom there is no fault.

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.

*We will tell of your loving kindness early in the morning, O Lord, and of your faithfulness in the night season.*

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

*Praise the Lord for his excellent greatness.*

<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.

*Praise the Lord for his excellent greatness.*

## **The Lessons**

### **A reading from 1 Kings 7:51-8:21 (NRSV)**

Thus all the work that King Solomon did on the house of the LORD was finished. Solomon brought in the things that his father David had dedicated, the silver, the gold, and the vessels, and stored them in the treasuries of the house of the LORD. Then Solomon assembled the elders of Israel and all the heads of the tribes, the leaders of the ancestral houses of the Israelites, before King Solomon in Jerusalem, to bring up the ark of the covenant of the LORD out of the city of David, which is Zion. All the people of Israel assembled to King Solomon at the festival in the month Ethanim, which is the seventh month. And all the elders of Israel came, and the priests carried the ark. So they brought up the ark of the LORD, the tent of meeting, and all the holy vessels that were in the tent; the priests and the Levites brought them up. King Solomon and all the congregation of Israel, who had assembled before him, were with him before the ark, sacrificing so many sheep and oxen that they could not be counted or numbered. Then the priests brought the ark of the covenant of the LORD to its place, in the inner sanctuary of the house, in the most holy place, underneath the wings of the cherubim. For the cherubim spread out their wings over the place of the ark, so that the cherubim made a covering above the ark and its poles. The poles were so long that the ends of the poles were seen from the holy place in front of the inner sanctuary; but they could not be seen from outside; they are there to this day. There was nothing in the ark except the two tablets of stone that Moses had placed there at Horeb, where the LORD made a covenant with the Israelites, when they came out of the land of Egypt. And when the priests came out of the holy place, a cloud filled the house of the

LORD, so that the priests could not stand to minister because of the cloud; for the glory of the LORD filled the house of the LORD. Then Solomon said, "The LORD has said that he would dwell in thick darkness. I have built you an exalted house, a place for you to dwell in forever." Then the king turned around and blessed all the assembly of Israel, while all the assembly of Israel stood. He said, "Blessed be the LORD, the God of Israel, who with his hand has fulfilled what he promised with his mouth to my father David, saying, 'Since the day that I brought my people Israel out of Egypt, I have not chosen a city from any of the tribes of Israel in which to build a house, that my name might be there; but I chose David to be over my people Israel.' My father David had it in mind to build a house for the name of the LORD, the God of Israel. But the LORD said to my father David, 'You did well to consider building a house for my name; nevertheless you shall not build the house, but your son who shall be born to you shall build the house for my name.' Now the LORD has upheld the promise that he made; for I have risen in the place of my father David; I sit on the throne of Israel, as the LORD promised, and have built the house for the name of the LORD, the God of Israel. There I have provided a place for the ark, in which is the covenant of the LORD that he made with our ancestors when he brought them out of the land of Egypt."

**Here ends the Reading.**

**Canticle of Betrothed Jerusalem *Propter Sion non tacebo* (Isaiah 62:1-5)**

*As the bridegroom rejoices over the bride, so shall your God rejoice over you.*

For Zion's sake I will not keep silent, \*  
and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest,  
until her vindication shines out like the dawn, \*  
and her salvation like a burning torch.  
The nations shall see your vindication, \*  
and all the kings your glory.  
You shall be called by a new name \*  
spoken by the mouth of the Lord.  
You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the Lord, \*  
and a royal diadem in the hand of your God.  
You shall no more be termed Forsaken, \*  
and your land shall no more be termed Desolate;  
You shall be called My Delight, \*  
and your land espoused.  
For the Lord delights in you, \*  
and your land shall be married.  
For as a young man marries a young woman, \*  
so shall your builder marry you,  
and as the bridegroom rejoices over the bride, \*  
so shall your God rejoice over you.

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.

*As the bridegroom rejoices over the bride, so shall your God rejoice over you.*

**A reading from Acts 28:17-31 (NRSV)**

Three days later he called together the local leaders of the Jews. When they had assembled, he said to them, "Brothers, though I had done nothing against our people or the customs of our ancestors, yet I was arrested in Jerusalem and handed over to the Romans. When they had examined me, the Romans wanted to release me, because there was no reason for the death penalty in my case. But when the Jews objected, I was compelled to appeal to the emperor~ even though I had no charge to bring against my nation. For this reason therefore I have asked to see you and speak with you, since it is for the sake of the hope of Israel that I am bound with this chain." They replied, "We have received no letters from Judea about you, and none of the brothers coming here has reported or spoken anything evil about you. But we would like to hear from you what you think, for with regard to this sect we know that everywhere it is spoken against." After they had set a day to meet with him, they came to him at his lodgings in great numbers. From morning until evening he explained the matter to them, testifying to the kingdom of God and trying to convince them about Jesus both from the law of Moses and from the prophets. Some were convinced by what he had said, while others refused to believe. So they disagreed with each other; and as they were leaving, Paul made one further statement: "The Holy Spirit was right in saying to your ancestors through the prophet Isaiah, 'Go to this people and say, You will indeed listen, but never understand, and you will indeed look, but never perceive. For this people's heart has grown dull, and their ears are hard of hearing, and they have shut their eyes; so that they might not look with their eyes, and listen with their ears, and understand with their heart and turn~ and I would heal them.' Let it be known to you then that this salvation of God has been sent to the Gentiles; they will listen." He lived there two whole years at his own expense and welcomed all who came to him, proclaiming the kingdom of God and teaching about the Lord Jesus Christ with all boldness and without hindrance.

**Here ends the Reading.**

*Let the whole creation serve you, for you spoke and all things came into being.*

**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.

*Let the whole creation serve you, for you spoke and all things came into being.*

## 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

V. Save your people, Lord, and bless your inheritance;

**R. Govern and uphold them, now and always.**

V. Day by day we bless you;

**R. We praise your name for ever.**

V. Lord, keep us from all sin today;

**R. Have mercy on us, Lord, have mercy.**

V. Lord, show us your love and mercy;

**R. For we put our trust in you.**

V. In you, Lord, is our hope;  
R. And we shall never hope in vain.

### Collect of the Day

Lord God, the light of the minds that know you, the life of the souls that love you, and the strength of the hearts that serve you: Help us, following the example of your servant, Augustine of Hippo, so to know you that we may truly love you, and so to love you that we may fully serve you, whose service is perfect freedom; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

### *Commemoration of Proper 16 The Sunday closest to August 24*

No one can come to me unless it is granted by the Father.

V. Satisfy us early with your mercy.  
R. That we may rejoice and be glad.

Grant, O merciful God, that your Church, being gathered together in unity by your Holy Spirit, may show forth your power among all peoples, to the glory of your Name; 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.**

O God, you have made of one blood all the peoples of the earth, and sent your blessed Son to preach peace to those who are far off and to those who are near: Grant that people everywhere may seek after you and find you; bring the nations into your fold; pour out your Spirit upon all flesh; and hasten the coming of your kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **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.***