

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

Matins for Saturday After Proper 25

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.

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;

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

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.

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

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.

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.

¹ For God alone my soul in silence waits; *
from him comes my salvation.

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

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

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

⁵ They bless with their lips, *
but in their hearts they curse.

⁶ For God alone my soul in silence waits; *
truly, my hope is in him.

⁷ He alone is my rock and my salvation, *
my stronghold, so that I shall not be shaken.

⁸ In God is my safety and my honor; *
God is my strong rock and my refuge.

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

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

¹¹ On the scales they are lighter than a breath, *
all of them together.

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

¹³ God has spoken once, twice have I heard it, *
that power belongs to God.

¹⁴ 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.

- ¹ It is a good thing to give thanks to the LORD, *
and to sing praises to your Name, O Most High;
- ² To tell of your loving-kindness early in the morning *
and of your faithfulness in the night season;
- ³ On the psaltery, and on the lyre, *
and to the melody of the harp.
- ⁴ For you have made me glad by your acts, O LORD; *
and I shout for joy because of the works of your hands.
- ⁵ LORD, how great are your works! *
your thoughts are very deep.
- ⁶ The dullard does not know, nor does the fool understand, *
that though the wicked grow like weeds, and all the workers of iniquity flourish,
- ⁷ They flourish only to be destroyed for ever; *
but you, O LORD, are exalted for evermore.
- ⁸ For lo, your enemies, O LORD, lo, your enemies shall perish, *
and all the workers of iniquity shall be scattered.
- ⁹ But my horn you have exalted like the horns of wild bulls; *
I am anointed with fresh oil.
- ¹⁰ My eyes also gloat over my enemies, *
and my ears rejoice to hear the doom of the wicked who rise up against me.
- ¹¹ The righteous shall flourish like a palm tree, *
and shall spread abroad like a cedar of Lebanon.
- ¹² Those who are planted in the house of the LORD *
shall flourish in the courts of our God;
- ¹³ They shall still bear fruit in old age; *
they shall be green and succulent;
- ¹⁴ 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.

- 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 Nehemiah 4:1-23 (NRSV)

Now when Sanballat heard that we were building the wall, he was angry and greatly enraged, and he mocked the Jews. He said in the presence of his associates and of the army of Samaria, "What are these feeble Jews doing? Will they restore things? Will they sacrifice? Will they finish it in a day? Will they revive the stones out of the heaps of rubbish—and burned ones at that?" Tobiah the Ammonite was beside him, and he said, "That stone wall they are building—any fox going up on it would break it down!" Hear, O our God, for we are despised; turn their taunt back on their own heads, and give them over as plunder in a land of captivity. Do not cover their guilt, and do not let their sin be blotted out from your sight; for they have hurled insults in the face of the builders. So we rebuilt the wall, and all the wall was joined together to half its height; for the people had a mind to work. But when Sanballat and Tobiah and the Arabs and the Ammonites and the Ashdodites heard that the repairing of the walls of Jerusalem was going forward and the gaps were beginning to be closed, they were very angry, and all plotted together to come and fight against Jerusalem and to cause confusion in it. So we prayed to our God, and set a guard as a protection against them day and night. But Judah said, "The strength of the burden bearers is failing, and there is too much rubbish so that we are unable to work on the wall." And our enemies said, "They will not know or see anything before we come upon them and kill them and stop the work." When the Jews who lived near them came, they said to us ten times, "From all the places where they live they will come up against us." So in the lowest parts of the space behind the wall, in open places, I stationed the people according to their families, with their swords, their spears, and their bows. After I looked these things over, I stood up and said to the nobles and the officials and the rest of the people, "Do not be afraid of them. Remember the Lord, who is great and awesome, and fight for your kin, your sons, your daughters, your wives, and your homes." When our enemies heard that their plot was known to us, and that God had frustrated it, we all returned to the wall, each to his work. From that day on, half of my servants worked on construction, and half held the spears, shields, bows, and body-armor; and the leaders posted themselves behind the whole house of Judah, who were building the wall. The burden bearers carried their loads in

such a way that each labored on the work with one hand and with the other held a weapon. And each of the builders had his sword strapped at his side while he built. The man who sounded the trumpet was beside me. And I said to the nobles, the officials, and the rest of the people, "The work is great and widely spread out, and we are separated far from one another on the wall. Rally to us wherever you hear the sound of the trumpet. Our God will fight for us." So we labored at the work, and half of them held the spears from break of dawn until the stars came out. I also said to the people at that time, "Let every man and his servant pass the night inside Jerusalem, so that they may be a guard for us by night and may labor by day." So neither I nor my brothers nor my servants nor the men of the guard who followed me ever took off our clothes; each kept his weapon in his right hand.^[1]

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 Revelation 7:4-17 (NRSV)

And I heard the number of those who were sealed, one hundred and forty-four thousand, sealed out of every tribe of the people of Israel:

From the tribe of Judah twelve thousand sealed,
from the tribe of Reuben twelve thousand,
from the tribe of Gad twelve thousand,

from the tribe of Asher twelve thousand,
from the tribe of Naphtali twelve thousand,
from the tribe of Manasseh twelve thousand,

from the tribe of Simeon twelve thousand,
from the tribe of Levi twelve thousand,
from the tribe of Issachar twelve thousand,

from the tribe of Zebulun twelve thousand,
from the tribe of Joseph twelve thousand,
from the tribe of Benjamin twelve thousand sealed.

After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. They cried out in a loud voice, saying, 'Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!' And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshipped God, singing, 'Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honour and power and might be to our God for ever and ever! Amen.' Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, 'Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?' I said to him, 'Sir, you are the one that knows.' Then he said to me, 'These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. For this reason they are before the throne of God, and worship him day and night within his temple, and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them. They will hunger no more, and thirst no more; the sun will not strike them, nor any scorching heat; for the Lamb at the centre of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of the water of life, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.'

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

Almighty and everlasting God, increase in us the gifts of faith, hope, and charity; and, that we may obtain what you promise, make us love what you command; 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.***