

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

Mid-day Prayer

(Friday after Christmas)

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 for ever. Amen.

Alleluia

The Psalm or Psalms Appointed

Behold, I long for your word; in your righteousness preserve my life.

Psalm 119: He *Legem pone*

³³ Teach me, O LORD, the way of your statutes, *
and I shall keep it to the end.

³⁴ Give me understanding, and I shall keep your law; *
I shall keep it with all my heart.

³⁵ Make me go in the path of your commandments, *
for that is my desire.

³⁶ Incline my heart to your decrees *
and not to unjust gain.

³⁷ Turn my eyes from watching what is worthless; *
give me life in your ways.

³⁸ Fulfill your promise to your servant, *
which you make to those who fear you.

³⁹ Turn away the reproach which I dread, *
because your judgments are good.

⁴⁰ Behold, I long for your commandments; *
in your righteousness preserve my life.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: *
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

Behold, I long for your word; in your righteousness preserve my life.

I will turn darkness before them into light, hallelujah.

Psalm 88 *Domine, Deus*

¹ O LORD, my God, my Savior, *
by day and night I cry to you.
² Let my prayer enter into your presence; *
incline your ear to my lamentation.
³ For I am full of trouble; *
my life is at the brink of the grave.
⁴ I am counted among those who go down to the Pit; *
I have become like one who has no strength;
⁵ Lost among the dead, *
like the slain who lie in the grave,
⁶ Whom you remember no more, *
for they are cut off from your hand.
⁷ You have laid me in the depths of the Pit, *
in dark places, and in the abyss.
⁸ Your anger weighs upon me heavily, *
and all your great waves overwhelm me.
⁹ You have put my friends far from me; you have made me to be abhorred by them; *
I am in prison and cannot get free.
¹⁰ My sight has failed me because of trouble; *
LORD, I have called upon you daily; I have stretched out my hands to 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 for ever. Amen.

I will turn darkness before them into light, hallelujah.

The people who have walked in darkness have seen a great light.

Psalm 88 (cont.)

¹¹ Do you work wonders for the dead? *
will those who have died stand up and give you thanks?
¹² Will your loving-kindness be declared in the grave? *
your faithfulness in the land of destruction?
¹³ Will your wonders be known in the dark? *
or your righteousness in the country where all is forgotten?
¹⁴ But as for me, O LORD, I cry to you for help; *
in the morning my prayer comes before you.
¹⁵ LORD, why have you rejected me? *
why have you hidden your face from me?
¹⁶ Ever since my youth, I have been wretched and at the point of death; *
I have borne your terrors with a troubled mind.
¹⁷ Your blazing anger has swept over me; *

your terrors have destroyed me;

¹⁸ They surround me all day long like a flood; *

they encompass me on every side.

¹⁹ My friend and my neighbor you have put away from me, *
and darkness is my only companion.

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as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

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Chapter

Little Chapter

If anyone is in Christ he is a new creation; the old has passed away, behold the new has come. All this is from God, who through Christ reconciled us to himself and gave us the ministry of reconciliation. 2
Corinthians 5:17-18

R: Thanks be to God.

The Prayers

Lord, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

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.

V: Lord, hear our prayer;

R: *And let our cry come to you.*

Let us pray.

Lord Jesus Christ, you said to your apostles, "Peace I give to you; my own peace I leave with you:" Regard not our sins, but the faith of your Church, and give to us the peace and unity of that heavenly city, where with the Father and the Holy Spirit you live and reign, now and for ever. Amen.

Free intercessions may be offered.

V: Let us bless the Lord.

R: *Thanks be to God.*