

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

Matins for The Holy Name of Our Lord Jesus Christ

(The Holy Name of Our Lord Jesus Christ)

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 8 *Domine, Dominus noster*

The Word was made flesh and dwelt among us: Come, let us adore him.

¹ O LORD our Governor, *
how exalted is your Name in all the world!
² Out of the mouths of infants and children *
your majesty is praised above the heavens.
³ You have set up a stronghold against your adversaries, *
to quell the enemy and the avenger.

The Word was made flesh and dwelt among us: Come, let us adore him.

⁴ When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers, *
the moon and the stars you have set in their courses,
⁵ What is man that you should be mindful of him? *
the son of man that you should seek him out?
⁶ You have made him but little lower than the angels; *
you adorn him with glory and honor;
⁷ You give him mastery over the works of your hands; *
you put all things under his feet:

The Word was made flesh and dwelt among us: Come, let us adore him.

⁸ All sheep and oxen, *
even the wild beasts of the field,
⁹ The birds of the air, the fish of the sea, *

and whatsoever walks in the paths of the sea.

¹⁰ Who is he, this King of glory? *

"The LORD of hosts, he is the King of glory."

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.

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The Psalm or Psalms Appointed

Psalm 54 *Deus, in nomine*

They offered a sacrifice according to what is stated in the law of the Lord, a pair of turtle doves, hallelujah.

¹ Save me, O God, by your Name; *

in your might, defend my cause.

² Hear my prayer, O God; *

give ear to the words of my mouth.

³ For the arrogant have risen up against me, and the ruthless have sought my life, *
those who have no regard for God.

⁴ Behold, God is my helper; *

it is the Lord who sustains my life.

⁵ Render evil to those who spy on me; *

in your faithfulness, destroy them.

⁶ I will offer you a freewill sacrifice *

and praise your Name, O LORD, for it is good.

⁷ For you have rescued me from every trouble, *

and my eye has seen the ruin of my foes.

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.

They offered a sacrifice according to what is stated in the law of the Lord, a pair of turtle doves, hallelujah.

Psalm 57 *Miserere mei, Deus*

Your loving kindness is greater than the heavens.

¹ Be merciful to me, O God, be merciful, for I have taken refuge in you; *

in the shadow of your wings will I take refuge until this time of trouble has gone by.

² I will call upon the Most High God, *

the God who maintains my cause.

³ He will send from heaven and save me; he will confound those who trample upon me; *
God will send forth his love and his faithfulness.

⁴ I lie in the midst of lions that devour the people; *

their teeth are spears and arrows, their tongue a sharp sword.

⁵ They have laid a net for my feet, and I am bowed low; *
they have dug a pit before me, but have fallen into it themselves.

⁶ Exalt yourself above the heavens, O God, *
and your glory over all the earth.

⁷ My heart is firmly fixed, O God, my heart is fixed; *
I will sing and make melody.

⁸ Wake up, my spirit; awake, lute and harp; *
I myself will waken the dawn.

⁹ I will confess you among the peoples, O LORD; *
I will sing praise to you among the nations.

¹⁰ For your loving-kindness is greater than the heavens, *
and your faithfulness reaches to the clouds.

¹¹ Exalt yourself above the heavens, O God, *
and your glory over all the earth.

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.

Your loving kindness is greater than the heavens.

Psalm 73 *Quam bonus Israel!*

I am always with you; you hold me by my right hand.

¹ Truly, God is good to Israel, *
to those who are pure in heart.

² But as for me, my feet had nearly slipped; *
I had almost tripped and fallen;

³ Because I envied the proud *
and saw the prosperity of the wicked:

⁴ For they suffer no pain, *
and their bodies are sleek and sound;

⁵ In the misfortunes of others they have no share; *
they are not afflicted as others are;

⁶ Therefore they wear their pride like a necklace *
and wrap their violence about them like a cloak.

⁷ Their iniquity comes from gross minds, *
and their hearts overflow with wicked thoughts.

⁸ They scoff and speak maliciously; *
out of their haughtiness they plan oppression.

⁹ They set their mouths against the heavens, *
and their evil speech runs through the world.

¹⁰ And so the people turn to them *

and find in them no fault.

¹¹ They say, "How should God know? *

is there knowledge in the Most High?"

¹² So then, these are the wicked; *

always at ease, they increase their wealth.

¹³ In vain have I kept my heart clean, *

and washed my hands in innocence.

¹⁴ I have been afflicted all day long, *

and punished every morning.

¹⁵ Had I gone on speaking this way, *

I should have betrayed the generation of your children.

¹⁶ When I tried to understand these things, *

it was too hard for me;

¹⁷ Until I entered the sanctuary of God *

and discerned the end of the wicked.

¹⁸ Surely, you set them in slippery places; *

you cast them down in ruin.

¹⁹ Oh, how suddenly do they come to destruction, *

come to an end, and perish from terror!

²⁰ Like a dream when one awakens, O Lord, *

when you arise you will make their image vanish.

²¹ When my mind became embittered, *

I was sorely wounded in my heart.

²² I was stupid and had no understanding; *

I was like a brute beast in your presence.

²³ Yet I am always with you; *

you hold me by my right hand.

²⁴ You will guide me by your counsel, *

and afterwards receive me with glory.

²⁵ Whom have I in heaven but you? *

and having you I desire nothing upon earth.

²⁶ Though my flesh and my heart should waste away, *

God is the strength of my heart and my portion for ever.

²⁷ Truly, those who forsake you will perish; *

you destroy all who are unfaithful.

²⁸ But it is good for me to be near God; *

I have made the Lord GOD my refuge.

²⁹ I will speak of all your works *

in the gates of the city of Zion.

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 am always with you; you hold me by my right hand.

The Lessons

A reading from Isaiah 62:1-5,10-12 (NRSV)

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.

² The nations shall see your vindication,
and all the kings your glory;
and you shall be called by a new name
that the mouth of the Lord will give.

³ You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the Lord,
and a royal diadem in the hand of your God.

⁴ You shall no more be termed Forsaken,⁺
and your land shall no more be termed Desolate;⁺
but you shall be called My Delight Is in Her,⁺
and your land Married;⁺
for the Lord delights in you,
and your land shall be married.

⁵ 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.

¹⁰ Go through, go through the gates,
prepare the way for the people;
build up, build up the highway,
clear it of stones,
lift up an ensign over the peoples.

¹¹ The Lord has proclaimed
to the end of the earth:

Say to daughter Zion,
'See, your salvation comes;
his reward is with him,
and his recompense before him.'

¹² They shall be called, 'The Holy People,
The Redeemed of the Lord';
and you shall be called, 'Sought Out,
A City Not Forsaken.'

Here ends the Reading.

Canticle of Christ's Self-Emptying *Qui cum in forma Dei* (Philippians 2:6-11)

God has highly exalted Christ and given him the name above every name. Alleluia.

Though in the form of God, *

Christ Jesus did not cling to equality with God,
But emptied himself, taking the form of a servant, *
and was born in human likeness.

Being found in human form, he humbled himself *
and became obedient to death, even death on a cross.

Therefore, God has highly exalted him *
and given him the name above every name,
That at the name of Jesus, every knee shall bow, *
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,
And every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, *
to the glory of God the Father.

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.

God has highly exalted Christ and given him the name above every name. Alleluia.

A reading from Revelation 19:11-16 (NRSV)

Then I saw heaven opened, and there was a white horse! Its rider is called Faithful and True, and in righteousness he judges and makes war. ¹²His eyes are like a flame of fire, and on his head are many diadems; and he has a name inscribed that no one knows but himself. ¹³He is clothed in a robe dipped in blood, and his name is called The Word of God. ¹⁴And the armies of heaven, wearing fine linen, white and pure, were following him on white horses. ¹⁵From his mouth comes a sharp sword with which to strike down the nations, and he will rule them with a rod of iron; he will tread the wine press of the fury of the wrath of God the Almighty. ¹⁶On his robe and on his thigh he has a name inscribed, 'King of kings and Lord of lords'.

Here ends the Reading.

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

The Lord God has given him the throne of his father David, and he will reign for ever and ever.

Blessed are you, Lord, the God of Israel, *
you have come to your people and set them free.

You have raised up for us a mighty Savior, *
born of the house of your servant David.

Through your holy prophets you promised of old to save us from our enemies, *

from the hands of all who hate us,
To show mercy to our forebears, *
and to remember your holy covenant.
This was the oath that you swore to our father Abraham, *
to set us free from the hands of our enemies, Free to worship you without fear, *
holy and righteous before you, all the days of our life.
And you, child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High, *
for you will go before the Lord to prepare the way,
To give God's 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 in 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 for ever. Amen.

The Lord God has given him the throne of his father David, and he will reign for ever and ever.

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

Eternal Father, who gave to your incarnate Son the holy name of Jesus to be the sign of our salvation: Plant in every heart, we pray, the love of him who is the Savior of the world, our Lord Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, in glory everlasting. Amen.

For Guidance

Direct us, O Lord, in all our doings with your most gracious favor, and further us with your continual help; that in all our works begun, continued, and ended in you, we may glorify your holy Name, and finally, by your mercy, obtain everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **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.***