

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

Vespers for Tuesday after the Second Sunday of Easter

Opening Sentence

Worship the Lord in the beauty of his holiness; let the whole earth tremble before him. *Psalm 96:9*

The Invitatory and Psalter

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 forever. Amen.

Alleluia

O Gracious Light *Phos hilaron*

O gracious Light,
pure brightness of the everliving Father in heaven,
O Jesus Christ, holy and blessed!

Now as we come to the setting of the sun,
and our eyes behold the vesper light,
we sing your praises, O God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

You are worthy at all times to be praised by happy voices,
O Son of God, O Giver of life,
and to be glorified through all the worlds.

The Psalm or Psalms Appointed

Psalm 75 *Confitebimur tibi*

I will rejoice forever; I will sing praises to the God of Jacob, hallelujah.

¹ We give you thanks, O God, we give you thanks, *
calling upon your Name and declaring all your wonderful deeds.

² I will appoint a time, says God; *
I will judge with equity.

³ Though the earth and all its inhabitants are quaking, *
I will make its pillars fast.

⁴ I will say to the boasters, 'Boast no more, ' *
and to the wicked, 'Do not toss your horns;

⁵ Do not toss your horns so high, *
nor speak with a proud neck."

⁶ For judgment is neither from the east nor from the west, *
nor yet from the wilderness or the mountains.

⁷ It is God who judges; *
he puts down one and lifts up another.

⁸ For in the LORD'S hand there is a cup, full of spiced and foaming wine, which he pours out, *
and all the wicked of the earth shall drink and drain the dregs.

⁹ But I will rejoice forever; *
I will sing praises to the God of Jacob.

¹⁰ He shall break off all the horns of the wicked; *
but the horns of the righteous shall be exalted.

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.

I will rejoice forever; I will sing praises to the God of Jacob, hallelujah.

Psalm 33 *Exultate, justi*

The loving-kindness of the Lord fills the whole earth, hallelujah.

¹ Rejoice in the LORD, you righteous; *
it is good for the just to sing praises.

² Praise the LORD with the harp; *
play to him upon the psaltery and lyre.

³ Sing for him a new song; *
sound a fanfare with all your skill upon the trumpet.

⁴ For the word of the LORD is right, *
and all his works are sure.

⁵ He loves righteousness and justice; *
the loving-kindness of the LORD fills the whole earth.
⁶ By the word of the LORD were the heavens made, *
by the breath of his mouth all the heavenly hosts.
⁷ He gathers up the waters of the ocean as in a water-skin *
and stores up the depths of the sea.
⁸ Let all the earth fear the LORD; *
let all who dwell in the world stand in awe of him.
⁹ For he spoke, and it came to pass; *
he commanded, and it stood fast.
¹⁰ The LORD brings the will of the nations to naught; *
he thwarts the designs of the peoples.
¹¹ But the LORD'S will stands fast forever, *
and the designs of his heart from age to age.
¹² Blessed is the nation whose God is the LORD! *
blessed the people he has chosen to be his own!

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 loving-kindness of the Lord fills the whole earth, hallelujah.

Psalm 33 (cont.)

To the King of the ages, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory, hallelujah.

¹³ The LORD looks down from heaven, *
and beholds all the people in the world.
¹⁴ From where he sits enthroned he turns his gaze *
on all who dwell on the earth.
¹⁵ He fashions all the hearts of them *
and understands all their works.
¹⁶ There is no king that can be saved by a mighty army; *
a strong man is not delivered by his great strength.
¹⁷ The horse is a vain hope for deliverance; *
for all its strength it cannot save.
¹⁸ Behold, the eye of the LORD is upon those who fear him, *
on those who wait upon his love,
¹⁹ To pluck their lives from death, *
and to feed them in time of famine.
²⁰ Our soul waits for the LORD; *
he is our help and our shield.
²¹ Indeed, our heart rejoices in him, *

for in his holy Name we put our trust.

²² Let your loving-kindness, O LORD, be upon us, *
as we have put our trust in 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.

To the King of the ages, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory, hallelujah.

The Lessons

A reading from 'John 14:18-31 (NRSV)'

"I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me; and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them." Judas (not Iscariot) said to him, "Lord, how is it that you will reveal yourself to us, and not to the world?" Jesus answered him, "Those who love me will keep my word, and my Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them. Whoever does not love me does not keep my words; and the word that you hear is not mine, but is from the Father who sent me. "I have said these things to you while I am still with you. But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything, and remind you of all that I have said to you. Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid. You heard me say to you, 'I am going away, and I am coming to you.' If you loved me, you would rejoice that I am going to the Father, because the Father is greater than I. And now I have told you this before it occurs, so that when it does occur, you may believe. I will no longer talk much with you, for the ruler of this world is coming. He has no power over me; but I do as the Father has commanded me, so that the world may know that I love the Father. Rise, let us be on our way.

Here ends the Reading.

The Song of Mary *Magnificat*

Luke 1:46-55

God who raised Jesus to life will with Jesus raise us, too, and bring us in to the holy presence, hallelujah.

My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord, my spirit rejoices in you, O God my Savior, *
for you have looked with favor on your lowly servant.
From this day all generations will call me blessed: *
you, the Almighty, have done great things for me, and holy is your name.
You have mercy on those who fear you *

from generation to generation.

You have shown strength with your arm *

and scattered the proud in their conceit,

Casting down the mighty from their thrones *

and lifting up the lowly.

You have filled the hungry with good things *

and sent the rich away empty.

You have come to the help of your servant Israel, *

for you have remembered your promise of mercy, The promise made to our forebears, *

to Abraham and his children forever

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.

God who raised Jesus to life will with Jesus raise us, too, and bring us in to the holy presence, hallelujah.

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

That this evening may be holy, good, and peaceful,

We entreat you, O Lord.

That your holy angels may lead us in paths of peace and goodwill,

We entreat you, O Lord.

That we may be pardoned and forgiven for our sins and offenses,

We entreat you, O Lord.

That there may be peace to your Church and to the whole world,

We entreat you, O Lord.

That we may depart this life in your faith and fear,

and not be condemned before the great judgment seat of Christ,

We entreat you, O Lord.

That we may be bound together by your Holy Spirit in
the communion of [the glorious and ever-blessed Virgin Mary,
St. Michael the Defender, _____ and] all your saints,
entrusting one another and all our life to Christ,
We entreat you, O Lord.

Collect of the Day

Almighty and everlasting God, who in the Paschal mystery established the new covenant of reconciliation:
Grant that all who have been reborn into the fellowship of Christ's Body may show forth in their lives
what they profess by their faith; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the
Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

A Collect for Aid against Perils

Be our light in the darkness, O Lord, and in your great mercy defend us from all perils and dangers of this
night; for the love of your only Son, our Savior Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

Prayer for Mission

O God, you manifest in your servants the signs of your presence: Send forth upon us the spirit of love,
that in companionship with one another your abounding grace may increase among us; through Jesus
Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

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Prayer of St. Chrysostom

Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication to
you; and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together
in his Name you will be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be
best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come life
everlasting. **Amen.**

Let us bless the Lord. Alleluia, alleluia
Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia

Glory to God whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine: Glory to
him from generation to generation in the Church, and in Christ Jesus forever and ever. **Amen.**
Ephesians 3:20

Regina Caeli

O Queen of heaven, be joyful : *Alleluia*
For he who was born of your body : *Alleluia*
Has arisen as he promised : *Alleluia*
Pray for us to the Father : *Alleluia*

V: Rejoice and be glad, O Virgin Mary, Alleluia.

R: *For the Lord is risen indeed, Alleluia.*

Let us pray:

O God, who by the resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ gave gladness to the world: Grant, we pray, that we, aided by the prayers of the Virgin Mary his mother, may attain to the joys of everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*