

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

## Vespers for Monday after the Third Sunday of Easter

([Athanasius, Bishop of Alexandria, 373](#))

### Opening Sentence

Let my prayer be set forth in your sight as incense, the lifting up of my hands as the evening sacrifice. *Psalm 141:2*

### 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 104 *Benedic, anima mea*

*Through Christ and in Christ were all things created; he is the image of the invisible God, and the first-born of all creation, hallelujah.*

- <sup>1</sup> Bless the LORD, O my soul; \*  
O LORD my God, how excellent is your greatness! you are clothed with majesty and splendor.
- <sup>2</sup> You wrap yourself with light as with a cloak \*  
and spread out the heavens like a curtain.
- <sup>3</sup> You lay the beams of your chambers in the waters above; \*  
you make the clouds your chariot; you ride on the wings of the wind.
- <sup>4</sup> You make the winds your messengers \*  
and flames of fire your servants.
- <sup>5</sup> You have set the earth upon its foundations, \*  
so that it never shall move at any time.
- <sup>6</sup> You covered it with the Deep as with a mantle; \*  
the waters stood higher than the mountains.
- <sup>7</sup> At your rebuke they fled; \*  
at the voice of your thunder they hastened away.
- <sup>8</sup> They went up into the hills and down to the valleys beneath, \*  
to the places you had appointed for them.
- <sup>9</sup> You set the limits that they should not pass; \*  
they shall not again cover the earth.
- <sup>10</sup> You send the springs into the valleys; \*  
they flow between the mountains.
- <sup>11</sup> All the beasts of the field drink their fill from them, \*  
and the wild asses quench their thirst.
- <sup>12</sup> Beside them the birds of the air make their nests \*  
and sing among the branches.
- <sup>13</sup> You water the mountains from your dwelling on high; \*  
the earth is fully satisfied by the fruit of your works.
- <sup>14</sup> You make grass grow for flocks and herds \*  
and plants to serve mankind;
- <sup>15</sup> That they may bring forth food from the earth, \*  
and wine to gladden our hearts,
- <sup>16</sup> Oil to make a cheerful countenance, \*  
and bread to strengthen the heart.
- <sup>17</sup> The trees of the LORD are full of sap, \*  
the cedars of Lebanon which he planted,
- <sup>18</sup> In which the birds build their nests, \*  
and in whose tops the stork makes his dwelling.

<sup>19</sup> The high hills are a refuge for the mountain goats, \*  
and the stony cliffs for the rock badgers.  
<sup>20</sup> You appointed the moon to mark the seasons, \*  
and the sun knows the time of its setting.  
<sup>21</sup> You make darkness that it may be night, \*  
in which all the beasts of the forest prowl.  
<sup>22</sup> The lions roar after their prey \*  
and seek their food from God.  
<sup>23</sup> The sun rises, and they slip away \*  
and lay themselves down in their dens.  
<sup>24</sup> Man goes forth to his work \*  
and to his labor until the evening.  
<sup>25</sup> O LORD, how manifold are your works! \*  
in wisdom you have made them all; the earth is full of your creatures.

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.

*Through Christ and in Christ were all things created; he is the image of the invisible God, and the first-born of all creation, hallelujah.*

#### **Psalm 104 (cont.)**

*You send forth your Spirit, and they are created, hallelujah.*

<sup>26</sup> Yonder is the great and wide sea with its living things too many to number, \*  
creatures both small and great.  
<sup>27</sup> There move the ships, and there is that Leviathan, \*  
which you have made for the sport of it.  
<sup>28</sup> All of them look to you \*  
to give them their food in due season.  
<sup>29</sup> You give it to them; they gather it; \*  
you open your hand, and they are filled with good things.  
<sup>30</sup> You hide your face, and they are terrified; \*  
you take away their breath, and they die and return to their dust.  
<sup>31</sup> You send forth your Spirit, and they are created; \*  
and so you renew the face of the earth.  
<sup>32</sup> May the glory of the LORD endure forever; \*  
may the LORD rejoice in all his works.

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.

*You send forth your Spirit, and they are created, hallelujah.*

## Psalm 104 (cont.)

*I will sing to the LORD as long as I live, hallelujah.*

<sup>33</sup> He looks at the earth and it trembles; \*  
he touches the mountains and they smoke.

<sup>34</sup> I will sing to the LORD as long as I live; \*  
I will praise my God while I have my being.

<sup>35</sup> May these words of mine please him; \*  
I will rejoice in the LORD.

<sup>36</sup> Let sinners be consumed out of the earth, \*  
and the wicked be no more.

<sup>37</sup> Bless the LORD, O my soul. \*  
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.

*I will sing to the LORD as long as I live, hallelujah.*

## The Lessons

### A reading from 'Matthew 1:1-17, 3:1-6 (NRSV)'

An account of the genealogy of Jesus the Messiah, the son of David, the son of Abraham. Abraham was the father of Isaac, and Isaac the father of Jacob, and Jacob the father of Judah and his brothers, and Judah the father of Perez and Zerah by Tamar, and Perez the father of Hezron, and Hezron the father of Aram, and Aram the father of Aminadab, and Aminadab the father of Nahshon, and Nahshon the father of Salmon, and Salmon the father of Boaz by Rahab, and Boaz the father of Obed by Ruth, and Obed the father of Jesse, and Jesse the father of King David. And David was the father of Solomon by the wife of Uriah, and Solomon the father of Rehoboam, and Rehoboam the father of Abijah, and Abijah the father of Asaph, and Asaph the father of Jehoshaphat, and Jehoshaphat the father of Joram, and Joram the father of Uzziah, and Uzziah the father of Jotham, and Jotham the father of Ahaz, and Ahaz the father of Hezekiah, and Hezekiah the father of Manasseh, and Manasseh the father of Amos, and Amos the father of Josiah, and Josiah the father of Jechoniah and his brothers, at the time of the deportation to Babylon. And after the deportation to Babylon: Jechoniah was the father of Salathiel, and Salathiel the father of Zerubbabel, and Zerubbabel the father of Abiud, and Abiud the father of Eliakim, and Eliakim the father of Azor, and Azor the father of Zadok, and Zadok the father of Achim, and Achim the father of Eliud, and Eliud the father of Eleazar, and Eleazar the father of Matthan, and Matthan the father of Jacob, and Jacob the father of Joseph the husband of Mary, of whom Jesus was born, who is called the Messiah. So all the generations from Abraham to David are fourteen generations; and from David to the deportation to Babylon, fourteen generations; and from the deportation to Babylon to the Messiah, fourteen generations. In those days John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness of Judea, proclaiming, "Repent, for the kingdom

of heaven has come near." This is the one of whom the prophet Isaiah spoke when he said, "The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight.'" Now John wore clothing of camel's hair with a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. Then the people of Jerusalem and all Judea were going out to him, and all the region along the Jordan, and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins.

**Here ends the Reading.**

**The Song of Mary *Magnificat***  
***Luke 1:46-55***

*God, who raised Christ Jesus from the dead, will also give new life to your mortal bodies through the indwelling Spirit, 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 for ever

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 Christ Jesus from the dead, will also give new life to your mortal bodies through the indwelling Spirit, 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***

Uphold your Church, O God of truth, as you upheld your servant Athanasius, to maintain and proclaim boldly the catholic faith against all opposition, trusting solely in the grace of your eternal Word, who took upon himself our humanity that we might share his divinity; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

### ***Commemoration of Third Sunday of Easter***

Simon, son of John, do you love me more than these? Yes, Lord, you know that I love you. Feed my sheep, alleluia.

V. Stay with us, Lord, alleluia.

R. For it is evening, alleluia.

O God, whose blessed Son made himself known to his disciples in the breaking of bread: Open the eyes of our faith, that we may behold him in all his redeeming work; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

### *A Collect for Peace*

Most holy God, the source of all good desires, all right judgements, and all just works: Give to us, your servants, that peace which the world cannot give, so that our minds may be fixed on the doing of your will, and that we, being delivered from the fear of all enemies, may live in peace and quietness; through the mercies of Christ Jesus our Savior. **Amen.**

### *Prayer for Mission*

O God and Father of all, whom the whole heavens adore: Let the whole earth also worship you, all nations obey you, all tongues confess and bless you, and men and women everywhere love you and serve you in peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

[\[Include authorized intercessions or thanksgivings~opens new window\]](#)

### *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.***