

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

## Vespers for Thursday After Proper 15

[\(William Porcher Dubose, Priest, 1918\)](#)

Commemoration of Proper 15 The Sunday closest to August 17

### Opening Sentence

I will bless the Lord who gives me counsel; my heart teaches me, night after night. I have set the Lord always before me; because he is at my right hand, I shall not fall. *Psalm 16:7,8*

### The Invitatory

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

**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 Psalms Appointed

### Psalm 124 *Nisi quia Dominus*

*Our help is in the Name of the Lord.*

- <sup>1</sup> If the LORD had not been on our side, \*  
let Israel now say;
- <sup>2</sup> If the LORD had not been on our side, \*  
when enemies rose up against us;
- <sup>3</sup> Then would they have swallowed us up alive \*  
in their fierce anger toward us;
- <sup>4</sup> Then would the waters have overwhelmed us \*  
and the torrent gone over us;
- <sup>5</sup> Then would the raging waters \*  
have gone right over us.
- <sup>6</sup> Blessed be the LORD! \*  
he has not given us over to be a prey for their teeth.
- <sup>7</sup> We have escaped like a bird from the snare of the fowler; \*  
the snare is broken, and we have escaped.
- <sup>8</sup> Our help is in the Name of the LORD, \*  
the maker of heaven and 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.

*Our help is in the Name of the Lord.*

### Psalm 136 *Confitemini*

*Great and wonderful are your deeds, O Lord God Almighty.*

- 1 Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good, \*  
for his mercy endures for ever.
- 2 Give thanks to the God of gods, \*  
for his mercy endures for ever.
- 3 Give thanks to the Lord of lords, \*  
for his mercy endures for ever.
- 4 Who only does great wonders, \*  
for his mercy endures for ever;
- 5 Who by wisdom made the heavens, \*  
for his mercy endures for ever;
- 6 Who spread out the earth upon the waters, \*  
for his mercy endures for ever;
- 7 Who created great lights, \*  
for his mercy endures for ever;
- 8 The sun to rule the day, \*  
for his mercy endures for ever;
- 9 The moon and the stars to govern the night, \*  
for his mercy endures for ever.
- 10 Who struck down the firstborn of Egypt, \*  
for his mercy endures for ever;
- 11 And brought out Israel from among them, \*  
for his mercy endures for ever;
- 12 With a mighty hand and a stretched-out arm, \*  
for his mercy endures for ever;
- 13 Who divided the Red Sea in two, \*  
for his mercy endures for ever;
- 14 And made Israel to pass through the midst of it, \*  
for his mercy endures for ever;
- 15 But swept Pharaoh and his army into the Red Sea, \*  
for his mercy endures for ever;
- 16 Who led his people through the wilderness, \*  
for his mercy endures for ever.
- 17 Who struck down great kings, \*  
for his mercy endures for ever;

- 18 And slew mighty kings, \*  
for his mercy endures for ever;
- 19 Sihon, king of the Amorites, \*  
for his mercy endures for ever;
- 20 And Og, the king of Bashan, \*  
for his mercy endures for ever;
- 21 And gave away their lands for an inheritance, \*  
for his mercy endures for ever;
- 22 An inheritance for Israel his servant, \*  
for his mercy endures for ever.
- 23 Who remembered us in our low estate, \*  
for his mercy endures for ever;
- 24 And delivered us from our enemies, \*  
for his mercy endures for ever;
- 25 Who gives food to all creatures, \*  
for his mercy endures for ever.
- 26 Give thanks to the God of heaven, \*  
for his mercy endures 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 for ever. Amen.

*Great and wonderful are your deeds, O Lord God Almighty.*

**Psalm 31** *In te, Domine, speravi*

*Incline your ear to me, O Lord; make haste to deliver me.*

- 1 In you, O LORD, have I taken refuge; let me never be put to shame; \*  
deliver me in your righteousness.
- 2 Incline your ear to me; \*  
make haste to deliver me.
- 3 Be my strong rock, a castle to keep me safe, for you are my crag and my stronghold; \*  
for the sake of your Name, lead me and guide me.
- 4 Take me out of the net that they have secretly set for me, \*  
for you are my tower of strength.

<sup>5</sup> Into your hands I commend my spirit, \*  
for you have redeemed me, O LORD, O God of truth.

<sup>6</sup> I hate those who cling to worthless idols, \*  
and I put my trust in the LORD.

<sup>7</sup> I will rejoice and be glad because of your mercy; \*  
for you have seen my affliction; you know my distress.

<sup>8</sup> You have not shut me up in the power of the enemy; \*  
you have set my feet in an open place.

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.

*Incline your ear to me, O Lord; make haste to deliver me.*

## The Lessons

A reading from 'John 6:16-27 (NRSV)'

When evening came, his disciples went down to the sea, got into a boat, and started across the sea to Capernaum. It was now dark, and Jesus had not yet come to them. The sea became rough because a strong wind was blowing. When they had rowed about three or four miles, they saw Jesus walking on the sea and coming near the boat, and they were terrified. But he said to them, "It is I; do not be afraid." Then they wanted to take him into the boat, and immediately the boat reached the land toward which they were going. The next day the crowd that had stayed on the other side of the sea saw that there had been only one boat there. They also saw that Jesus had not got into the boat with his disciples, but that his disciples had gone away alone. Then some boats from Tiberias came near the place where they had eaten the bread after the Lord had given thanks. So when the crowd saw that neither Jesus nor his disciples were there, they themselves got into the boats and went to Capernaum looking for Jesus. When they found him on the other side of the sea, they said to him, "Rabbi, when did you come here?" Jesus answered them, "Very truly, I tell you, you are looking for me, not because you saw signs, but because you ate your fill of the loaves. Do not work for the food that perishes, but for the food that endures for eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you. For it is on him that God the Father has set his seal."

Here ends the Reading.

The Song of Mary Magnificat Luke 1:46-55

*God has fed the hungry with good things, and the rich he has sent away empty.*

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 for ever. Amen.

*God has fed the hungry with good things, and the rich he has sent away empty.*

## 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 for ever. 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 God, you gave to your servant William Porcher DuBose special gifts of grace to understand the Scriptures and to teach the truth as it is in Christ Jesus: Grant that by this teaching we may know you, the one true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

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Do you think that I have come to bring peace to the earth? No I tell you, I come to bring division.

V. Let my prayer, O Lord, be set forth.

**R. In your sight as incense.**

Almighty God, you have given your only Son to be for us a sacrifice for sin, and also an example of godly life: Give us grace to receive thankfully the fruits of this redeeming work, and to follow daily in the blessed steps of his most holy life; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

### *A Prayer of Self-Dedication*

Almighty and eternal God, so draw our hearts to you, so guide our minds, so fill our imaginations, so control our wills, that we may be wholly yours, utterly dedicated unto you; and then use us, we pray you, as you will, and always to your glory and the welfare of your people; through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. 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.

*Pause and add prayers for healing, and intercessory and thanksgiving prayers here.*

*A 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.

*Thanks be to God.*

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 for ever and ever. *Amen. Ephesians 3:20*

## **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.*

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