

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

Matins for Saturday After Proper 20

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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 for ever. Amen.

Alleluia

Psalm 122 *Lætatus sum*

The new Jerusalem is the Bride of the Lamb, come let us worship Christ the Lord.

¹ I was glad when they said to me, *
"Let us go to the house of the LORD."

² Now our feet are standing *
within your gates, O Jerusalem.

³ Jerusalem is built as a city *
that is at unity with itself;

The new Jerusalem is the Bride of the Lamb, come let us worship Christ the Lord.

⁴ To which the tribes go up, the tribes of the LORD, *
the assembly of Israel, to praise the Name of the LORD.

⁵ For there are the thrones of judgment, *
the thrones of the house of David.

⁶ Pray for the peace of Jerusalem: *
"May they prosper who love you.

The new Jerusalem is the Bride of the Lamb, come let us worship Christ the Lord.

⁷ Peace be within your walls *
and quietness within your towers.

⁸ For my brethren and companions' sake, *
I pray for your prosperity.

⁹ Because of the house of the LORD our God, *
I will seek to do you good."

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 new Jerusalem is the Bride of the Lamb, come let us worship Christ the Lord.

The Psalm or Psalms Appointed

Psalm 62 *Nonne Deo?*

In God is my safety and my honor; God is my strong rock and my refuge.

¹ For God alone my soul in silence waits; *
from him comes my salvation.

² He alone is my rock and my salvation, *
my stronghold, so that I shall not be greatly shaken.

³ How long will you assail me to crush me, all of you together, *
as if you were a leaning fence, a toppling wall?

⁴ They seek only to bring me down from my place of honor; *
lies are their chief delight.

⁵ They bless with their lips, *
but in their hearts they curse.

⁶ For God alone my soul in silence waits; *
truly, my hope is in him.

⁷ He alone is my rock and my salvation, *

my stronghold, so that I shall not be shaken.

⁸ In God is my safety and my honor; *
God is my strong rock and my refuge.

⁹ Put your trust in him always, O people, *
pour out your hearts before him, for God is our refuge.

¹⁰ Those of high degree are but a fleeting breath, *
even those of low estate cannot be trusted.

¹¹ On the scales they are lighter than a breath, *
all of them together.

¹² Put no trust in extortion; in robbery take no empty pride; *
though wealth increase, set not your heart upon it.

¹³ God has spoken once, twice have I heard it, *
that power belongs to God.

¹⁴ Steadfast love is yours, O Lord, *
for you repay everyone according to his deeds.

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.

In God is my safety and my honor; God is my strong rock and my refuge.

Psalm 92 *Bonum est confiteri*

We will tell of your loving kindness early in the morning, O Lord, and of your faithfulness in the night season.

¹ It is a good thing to give thanks to the LORD, *
and to sing praises to your Name, O Most High;

² To tell of your loving-kindness early in the morning *
and of your faithfulness in the night season;

³ On the psaltery, and on the lyre, *
and to the melody of the harp.

⁴ For you have made me glad by your acts, O LORD; *
and I shout for joy because of the works of your hands.

⁵ LORD, how great are your works! *
your thoughts are very deep.

⁶ The dullard does not know, nor does the fool understand, *
that though the wicked grow like weeds, and all the workers of iniquity flourish,

7 They flourish only to be destroyed for ever; *

but you, O LORD, are exalted for evermore.

8 For lo, your enemies, O LORD, lo, your enemies shall perish, *

and all the workers of iniquity shall be scattered.

9 But my horn you have exalted like the horns of wild bulls; *

I am anointed with fresh oil.

10 My eyes also gloat over my enemies, *

and my ears rejoice to hear the doom of the wicked who rise up against me.

11 The righteous shall flourish like a palm tree, *

and shall spread abroad like a cedar of Lebanon.

12 Those who are planted in the house of the LORD *

shall flourish in the courts of our God;

13 They shall still bear fruit in old age; *

they shall be green and succulent;

14 That they may show how upright the LORD is, *

my Rock, in whom there is no fault.

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.

We will tell of your loving kindness early in the morning, O Lord, and of your faithfulness in the night season.

Psalm 150 *Laudate Dominum*

Praise the Lord for his excellent greatness.

1 Hallelujah! Praise God in his holy temple; *

praise him in the firmament of his power.

2 Praise him for his mighty acts; *

praise him for his excellent greatness.

3 Praise him with the blast of the ram's-horn; *

Praise him with lyre and harp.

4 Praise him with timbrel and dance; *

praise him with strings and pipe.

5 Praise him with resounding cymbals; *

praise him with loud-clanging cymbals.

⁶ Let everything that has breath *
praise the Lord. 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 for ever. Amen.

Praise the Lord for his excellent greatness.

The Lessons

A reading from Hosea 1:1-2:1 (NRSV)

The word of the LORD that came to Hosea son of Beerī, in the days of Kings Uzziah, Jotham, Ahaz, and Hezekiah of Judah, and in the days of King Jeroboam son of Joash of Israel. When the LORD first spoke through Hosea, the LORD said to Hosea, "Go, take for yourself a wife of whoredom and have children of whoredom, for the land commits great whoredom by forsaking the LORD." So he went and took Gomer daughter of Diblaim, and she conceived and bore him a son. And the LORD said to him, "Name him Jezreel; for in a little while I will punish the house of Jehu for the blood of Jezreel, and I will put an end to the kingdom of the house of Israel. On that day I will break the bow of Israel in the valley of Jezreel." She conceived again and bore a daughter. Then the LORD said to him, "Name her Lo-ruhamah, for I will no longer have pity on the house of Israel or forgive them. But I will have pity on the house of Judah, and I will save them by the LORD their God; I will not save them by bow, or by sword, or by war, or by horses, or by horsemen." When she had weaned Lo-ruhamah, she conceived and bore a son. Then the LORD said, "Name him Lo-ammi, for you are not my people and I am not your God." Yet the number of the people of Israel shall be like the sand of the sea, which can be neither measured nor numbered; and in the place where it was said to them, "You are not my people," it shall be said to them, "Children of the living God." The people of Judah and the people of Israel shall be gathered together, and they shall appoint for themselves one head; and they shall take possession of the land, for great shall be the day of Jezreel. Say to your brother, Ammi, and to your sister, Ruhamah.

Here ends the Reading.

Canticle of Betrothed Jerusalem *Propter Sion non tacebo* (Isaiah 62:1-5)

As the bridegroom rejoices over the bride, so shall your God rejoice over you.

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.
The nations shall see your vindication, *
and all the kings your glory.

You shall be called by a new name *

spoken by the mouth of the Lord.

You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the Lord, *

and a royal diadem in the hand of your God.

You shall no more be termed Forsaken, *

and your land shall no more be termed Desolate;

You shall be called My Delight, *

and your land espoused.

For the Lord delights in you, *

and your land shall be married.

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.

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.

As the bridegroom rejoices over the bride, so shall your God rejoice over you.

A reading from Acts 20:1-16 (NRSV)

After the uproar had ceased, Paul sent for the disciples; and after encouraging them and saying farewell, he left for Macedonia. When he had gone through those regions and had given the believers much encouragement, he came to Greece, where he stayed for three months. He was about to set sail for Syria when a plot was made against him by the Jews, and so he decided to return through Macedonia. He was accompanied by Sopater son of Pyrrhus from Beroea, by Aristarchus and Secundus from Thessalonica, by Gaius from Derbe, and by Timothy, as well as by Tychicus and Trophimus from Asia. They went ahead and were waiting for us in Troas; but we sailed from Philippi after the days of Unleavened Bread, and in five days we joined them in Troas, where we stayed for seven days. On the first day of the week, when we met to break bread, Paul was holding a discussion with them; since he intended to leave the next day, he continued speaking until midnight. There were many lamps in the room upstairs where we were meeting. A young man named Eutychus, who was sitting in the window, began to sink off into a deep sleep while Paul talked still longer. Overcome by sleep, he fell to the ground three floors below and was picked up dead. But Paul went down, and bending over him took him in his arms, and said, "Do not be alarmed, for his life is in him." Then Paul went upstairs, and after he had broken bread and eaten, he continued to converse with them until dawn; then he left. Meanwhile they had taken the boy away alive and were not a little comforted. We went ahead to the ship and set sail for Assos, intending to take Paul on board there; for he had made this arrangement, intending to go by land himself. When he met us in Assos, we took him on board and went to Mitylene. We sailed from there, and on the following day we arrived opposite Chios. The next day we touched at Samos, and the day

after that we came to Miletus. For Paul had decided to sail past Ephesus, so that he might not have to spend time in Asia; he was eager to be in Jerusalem, if possible, on the day of Pentecost.

And here ends the Reading.

Let the whole creation serve you, for you spoke and all things came into being.

The Song of Zechariah *Benedictus Dominus Deus*

Luke 1:68-79

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.

Let the whole creation serve you, for you spoke and all things came into being.

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

V. Save your people, Lord, and bless your inheritance;

R. Govern and uphold them, now and always.

V. Day by day we bless you;

R. We praise your name for ever.

V. Lord, keep us from all sin today;

R. Have mercy on us, Lord, have mercy.

V. Lord, show us your love and mercy;

R. For we put our trust in you.

V. In you, Lord, is our hope;

R. And we shall never hope in vain.

Collect of the Day

Grant us, Lord, not to be anxious about earthly things, but to love things heavenly; and even now, while we are placed among things that are passing away, to hold fast to those that shall endure; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

62. A Prayer attributed to St. Francis

Lord, make us instruments of your peace. Where there is hatred, let us sow love; where there is injury, pardon; where there is discord, union; where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light; where there is sadness, joy. Grant that we may not so much seek to be consoled as to console; to be understood as to understand; to be loved as to love. For it is in giving that we receive; it is in pardoning that we are pardoned; and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life. *Amen.*

O God, you have made of one blood all the peoples of the earth, and sent your blessed Son to preach peace to those who are far off and to those who are near: Grant that people everywhere may seek after you and find you; bring the nations into your fold; pour out your Spirit upon all flesh; and hasten the coming of your kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. 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.*

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