

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

Matins for Saturday after the Sixth Sunday after the Epiphany

(Martin Luther, Pastor and Reformer, 1546)

Commemoration of Sixth Sunday after the Epiphany

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 Lord has shown forth his glory: Come let us adore him.

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 Lord has shown forth his glory: Come let us adore him.

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 Lord has shown forth his glory: Come let us adore him.

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 Lord has shown forth his glory: Come let us adore him.

The Psalm or Psalms Appointed

Psalm 43 *Judica me, Deus*

Send out your light and your truth, O Lord, that they may lead me.

¹ Give judgment for me, O God, and defend my cause against an ungodly people; *
deliver me from the deceitful and the wicked.

² For you are the God of my strength; why have you put me from you? *
and why do I go so heavily while the enemy oppresses me?

³ Send out your light and your truth, that they may lead me, *
and bring me to your holy hill and to your dwelling;

⁴ That I may go to the altar of God, to the God of my joy and gladness; *
and on the harp I will give thanks to you, O God my God.

⁵ Why are you so full of heaviness, O my soul? *
and why are you so disquieted within me?

⁶ Put your trust in God; *
for I will yet give thanks to him, who is the help of my countenance, and my God.

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.

Send out your light and your truth, O Lord, that they may lead me.

Psalm 84 *Quam dilecta!*

My soul has a desire and longing for the courts of the LORD.

¹ How dear to me is your dwelling, O LORD of hosts! *
My soul has a desire and longing for the courts of the LORD; my heart and my flesh rejoice in the living God.

² The sparrow has found her a house and the swallow a nest where she may lay her young; *
by the side of your altars, O LORD of hosts, my King and my God.

³ Blessed are they who dwell in your house! *
they will always be praising you.

⁴ Blessed are the people whose strength is in you! *
whose hearts are set on the pilgrims' way.

⁵ Those who go through the desolate valley will find it a place of springs, *
for the early rains have covered it with pools of water.

⁶ They will climb from height to height, *
and the God of gods will reveal himself in Zion.

⁷ LORD God of hosts, hear my prayer; *
hearken, O God of Jacob.

⁸ Behold our defender, O God; *
and look upon the face of your Anointed.

⁹ For one day in your courts is better than a thousand in my own room, *
and to stand at the threshold of the house of my God than to dwell in the tents of the wicked.

¹⁰ For the LORD God is both sun and shield; *
he will give grace and glory;

¹¹ No good thing will the LORD withhold *
from those who walk with integrity.

¹² O LORD of hosts, *
blessed are they who put their 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 for ever. Amen.

My soul has a desire and longing for the courts of the LORD.

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 Isaiah 66:1-6 (NRSV)

Thus says the LORD: Heaven is my throne and the earth is my footstool; what is the house that you would build for me, and what is my resting place? All these things my hand has made, and so all these things are mine, says the LORD. But this is the one to whom I will look, to the humble and contrite in spirit, who trembles at my word. Whoever slaughters an ox is like one who kills a human being; whoever sacrifices a lamb, like one who breaks a dog's neck; whoever presents a grain offering, like one who offers swine's blood; whoever makes a memorial offering of frankincense, like one who blesses an idol. These have chosen their own ways, and in their abominations they take delight; I also will choose to mock them, and bring upon them what they fear; because, when I called, no one answered, when I spoke, they did not listen; but they did what was evil in my sight, and

chose what did not please me. Hear the word of the LORD, you who tremble at his word: Your own people who hate you and reject you for my name's sake have said, "Let the LORD be glorified, so that we may see your joy"; but it is they who shall be put to shame. Listen, an uproar from the city! A voice from the temple! The voice of the LORD, dealing retribution to his enemies!

Here ends the Reading.

Canticle of Mother Jerusalem *Laetamini cum Hierusalem* (Isaiah 66:10-14)

I will extend peace to her like a river, the wealth of nations like an overflowing stream.

Rejoice with Jerusalem and be glad for her *

all you who love her,

Rejoice, rejoice with her, *

all you who mourn over her,

That you may drink deeply with delight *

from her comforting breast.

For thus says our God, *

"I will extend peace to her like a river,

the wealth of nations like an overflowing stream.

You shall nurse and be carried on her arm, *

and you shall nestle in her lap.

As a mother comforts her child, so will I comfort you; *

you shall be comforted in Jerusalem.

You shall see, and your heart shall rejoice, *

you shall flourish like the grass of the fields."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 will extend peace to her like a river, the wealth of nations like an overflowing stream.

A reading from 1 Timothy 6:6-21 (NRSV)

Of course, there is great gain in godliness combined with contentment; for we brought nothing into the world, so that we can take nothing out of it; but if we have food and clothing, we will be content with these. But those who want to be rich fall into temptation and are trapped by many senseless and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction. For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil, and in their eagerness to be rich some have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many pains. But as for you, man of God, shun all this; pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance, gentleness. Fight the good fight of the faith; take hold of the eternal life, to which you were called and for which you made the good confession in the presence of many witnesses. In the presence of God, who gives life to all things, and of Christ Jesus, who in his testimony before

Pontius Pilate made the good confession, I charge you to keep the commandment without spot or blame until the manifestation of our Lord Jesus Christ, which he will bring about at the right time~ he who is the blessed and only Sovereign, the King of kings and Lord of lords. It is he alone who has immortality and dwells in unapproachable light, whom no one has ever seen or can see; to him be honor and eternal dominion. Amen. As for those who in the present age are rich, command them not to be haughty, or to set their hopes on the uncertainty of riches, but rather on God who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment. They are to do good, to be rich in good works, generous, and ready to share, thus storing up for themselves the treasure of a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of the life that really is life. Timothy, guard what has been entrusted to you. Avoid the profane chatter and contradictions of what is falsely called knowledge; by professing it some have missed the mark as regards the faith. Grace be with you.

And here ends the Reading.

The Lord will make a river of peace flow through Jerusalem.

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.

The Lord will make a river of peace flow through Jerusalem.

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

O God, our refuge and our strength, who raised up your servant Martin Luther to reform and renew your church in the light of your word: Defend and purify the church in our own day and grant that, through faith, we may boldly proclaim the riches of your grace, which you have made known in Jesus Christ our Savior, who with you and the Holy Spirit, lives and reigns, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

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:456:

Unless your righteousness surpasses that of the Scribes and Pharisees, you will not enter the kingdom of heaven.

V. All power is given to me.

R. In heaven and in earth.

O God, the strength of all who put their trust in you: Mercifully accept our prayers; and because in our weakness we can do nothing good without you, give us the help of your grace, that in keeping your commandments we may please you both in will and deed; 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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