

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

## Vespers for Tuesday in Holy Week

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### Opening Sentence

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

### 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.

**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 75 *Confitebimur tibi*

*The message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.*

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

<sup>2</sup> I will appoint a time, says God; \*  
I will judge with equity.

<sup>3</sup> Though the earth and all its inhabitants are quaking, \*  
I will make its pillars fast.

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

<sup>5</sup> Do not toss your horns so high, \*  
nor speak with a proud neck."

<sup>6</sup> For judgment is neither from the east nor from the west, \*  
nor yet from the wilderness or the mountains.

<sup>7</sup> It is God who judges; \*  
he puts down one and lifts up another.

<sup>8</sup> 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.

<sup>9</sup> But I will rejoice for ever; \*  
I will sing praises to the God of Jacob.

<sup>10</sup> 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 for ever. Amen.

*The message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.*

### Psalm 33 *Exultate, justi*

*We proclaim Christ crucified, the power of God and the wisdom of God.*

<sup>1</sup> Rejoice in the LORD, you righteous; \*  
it is good for the just to sing praises.

- <sup>2</sup> Praise the LORD with the harp; \*  
play to him upon the psaltery and lyre.
- <sup>3</sup> Sing for him a new song; \*  
sound a fanfare with all your skill upon the trumpet.
- <sup>4</sup> For the word of the LORD is right, \*  
and all his works are sure.
- <sup>5</sup> He loves righteousness and justice; \*  
the loving-kindness of the LORD fills the whole earth.
- <sup>6</sup> By the word of the LORD were the heavens made, \*  
by the breath of his mouth all the heavenly hosts.
- <sup>7</sup> He gathers up the waters of the ocean as in a water-skin \*  
and stores up the depths of the sea.
- <sup>8</sup> Let all the earth fear the LORD; \*  
let all who dwell in the world stand in awe of him.
- <sup>9</sup> For he spoke, and it came to pass; \*  
he commanded, and it stood fast.
- <sup>10</sup> The LORD brings the will of the nations to naught; \*  
he thwarts the designs of the peoples.
- <sup>11</sup> But the LORD'S will stands fast for ever, \*  
and the designs of his heart from age to age.
- <sup>12</sup> 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 for ever. Amen.

*We proclaim Christ crucified, the power of God and the wisdom of God.*

### **Psalm 33 (cont.)**

*God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong.*

- <sup>13</sup> The LORD looks down from heaven, \*  
and beholds all the people in the world.
- <sup>14</sup> 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 for ever. Amen.

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## The Lessons

A reading from 'John 12:20-26 (NRSV)'

Now among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and said to him, "Sir, we wish to see Jesus." Philip went and told Andrew; then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. Jesus answered them, "The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. Those who love their life lose it, and those who hate their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also. Whoever serves me, the Father will honor.

Here ends the Reading.

The Song of Mary Magnificat Luke 1:46-55

*The light is with you for a little longer. While you have the light, believe in the light, so that you may become children of light.*

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.

*The light is with you for a little longer. While you have the light, believe in the light, so that you may become children of light.*

## 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*

O God, by the passion of your blessed Son you made an instrument of shameful death to be for us the means of life: Grant us so to glory in the cross of Christ, that we may gladly suffer shame and loss for the sake of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; 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.

*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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