

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

## Vespers for Monday in Easter Week

(Monday in Easter Week)

### 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

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 85 *Benedixisti, Domine*

*Lord, you will give us life again, that your people may rejoice in you, hallelujah.*

<sup>1</sup> You have been gracious to your land, O LORD, \*  
you have restored the good fortune of Jacob.

<sup>2</sup> You have forgiven the iniquity of your people \*  
and blotted out all their sins.

<sup>3</sup> You have withdrawn all your fury \*  
and turned yourself from your wrathful indignation.

<sup>4</sup> Restore us then, O God our Savior; \*  
let your anger depart from us.

<sup>5</sup> Will you be displeased with us for ever? \*  
will you prolong your anger from age to age?

<sup>6</sup> Will you not give us life again, \*  
that your people may rejoice in you?

<sup>7</sup> Show us your mercy, O LORD, \*  
and grant us your salvation.

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.

*Lord, you will give us life again, that your people may rejoice in you, hallelujah.*

### Psalm 85 (cont.)

*Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you" hallelujah.*

<sup>8</sup> I will listen to what the LORD God is saying, \*  
for he is speaking peace to his faithful people and to those who turn their hearts to him.

<sup>9</sup> Truly, his salvation is very near to those who fear him, \*  
that his glory may dwell in our land.

10 Mercy and truth have met together; \*  
righteousness and peace have kissed each other.

11 Truth shall spring up from the earth, \*  
and righteousness shall look down from heaven.

12 The LORD will indeed grant prosperity, \*  
and our land will yield its increase.

13 Righteousness shall go before him, \*  
and peace shall be a pathway for his feet.

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.

*Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you" hallelujah.*

### **Psalm 125** *Qui confidunt*

*You have come to Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant, and to the sprinkled blood that speaks more eloquently than the blood of Abel. Hallelujah.*

1 Those who trust in the LORD are like Mount Zion, \*  
which cannot be moved, but stands fast for ever.

2 The hills stand about Jerusalem; \*  
so does the LORD stand round about his people, from this time forth for evermore.

3 The scepter of the wicked shall not hold sway over the land allotted to the just, \*  
so that the just shall not put their hands to evil.

4 Show your goodness, O LORD, to those who are good \*  
and to those who are true of heart.

5 As for those who turn aside to crooked ways, the LORD will lead them away with the evildoers; \*  
but peace be upon Israel.

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.

*You have come to Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant, and to the sprinkled blood that speaks more eloquently than the blood of Abel. Hallelujah.*

## **The Lessons**

A reading from 'John 14:1-14 (NRSV)'

"Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. And you know the way to the place where I am going." Thomas said to him, "Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?" Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him." Philip said to him, "Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied." Jesus said to him, "Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, 'Show us the Father'? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own; but the Father who dwells in me does his works. Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves. Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it.

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 for ever. 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 for ever. Amen.

### Suffrages A

V. Show us your mercy, O Lord;

R. And grant us your salvation.

V. Clothe your ministers with righteousness;

R. Let your people sing with joy.

V. Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;

R. For only in you can we live in safety.

V. Lord, keep this nation under your care;

R. And guide us in the way of justice and truth.

V. Let your way be known upon earth;

R. Your saving health among all nations.

V. Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;

R. Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.

V. Create in us clean hearts, O God;

R. And sustain us with your Holy Spirit.

### *Collect of the Day*

Grant, we pray, Almighty God, that we who celebrate with awe the Paschal feast may be found worthy to attain to everlasting joys; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. 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.*

*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. 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 for ever 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.*

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