

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

*The Rites to welcome new Postulants and Novice Oblates may be offered before either Matins or Vespers begins. You can access the appropriate rite below.*

New Postulant Rite

Novice Oblates Rite

## Vespers for Monday After Proper 7

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*Vespers provided here can be prayed privately, or in community virtually or at convocation. These rubrics (instructions) provide guidance for virtual and convocation services.*

- *When the service is prayed virtually, prayers and responses should be said by each participant, even though each person's response cannot be heard.*
- *At the Magnificat which begins after the daily antiphon, and during the final blessing, everyone should make the sign of the cross across their chest, represented in the service as ☩.*
- *Portions of Vespers at convocation may be chanted. Chant tones will be distributed before the service.*
- *At convocation: All Stand. Prayed by the Leader*

### 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.

*Members bow their heads while praying the phrase before \* in the Gloria Patri*

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 *(omit during Lent)*

**O Gracious Light** *Phos hilaron*

*At convocation, remain standing and it is prayed by the leader*

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

*When the service is prayed virtually the first reader appointed prays the antiphon and first verse of each psalm, the Gloria Patri and repeats the antiphon. The second reader appointed prays the second verse. The two readers alternate praying the remaining verses.*

*In convocation, For each psalm, all stand and the leader begins begin with the antiphon and the first verse. All sit at the second verse and the psalm is said antiphonally by seating section. All rise for the last verse of each psalm for the Gloria Patri and closing antiphon.*

**Psalm 2** *Quare fremuerunt gentes?*

*I myself have set my king upon my holy hill of Zion.*

<sup>1</sup> Why are the nations in an uproar? \*

Why do the peoples mutter empty threats?

<sup>2</sup> Why do the kings of the earth rise up in revolt, and the princes plot together, \*  
against the LORD and against his Anointed?

<sup>3</sup> Let us break their yoke, they say; \*  
let us cast off their bonds from us.

<sup>4</sup> He whose throne is in heaven is laughing; \*  
the Lord has them in derision.

<sup>5</sup> Then he speaks to them in his wrath, \*  
and his rage fills them with terror.

<sup>6</sup> I myself have set my king \*  
.upon my holy hill of Zion

<sup>7</sup> Let me announce the decree of the LORD: \*  
he said to me, "You are my Son; this day have I begotten you.

<sup>8</sup> Ask of me, and I will give you the nations for your inheritance \*

and the ends of the earth for your possession.

<sup>9</sup> You shall crush them with an iron rod \*  
and shatter them like a piece of pottery."

<sup>10</sup> And now, you kings, be wise; \*  
be warned, you rulers of the earth.

<sup>11</sup> Submit to the LORD with fear, \*  
and with trembling bow before him;

<sup>12</sup> Lest he be angry and you perish; \*  
for his wrath is quickly kindled.

<sup>13</sup> Blessed are they all \*  
who take refuge in him!

*Members bow their heads while praying the phrase before \* in the Gloria Patri*

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 myself have set my king upon my holy hill of Zion.*

*There is to be a short pause before beginning the next psalm*

**Psalm 49** *Audite haec, omnes*

*Lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, says the Lord.*

<sup>1</sup> Hear this, all you peoples; hearken, all you who dwell in the world, \*  
you of high degree and low, rich and poor together.

<sup>2</sup> My mouth shall speak of wisdom, \*  
and my heart shall meditate on understanding.

<sup>3</sup> I will incline my ear to a proverb \*  
and set forth my riddle upon the harp.

<sup>4</sup> Why should I be afraid in evil days, \*  
when the wickedness of those at my heels surrounds me,

<sup>5</sup> The wickedness of those who put their trust in their goods, \*  
and boast of their great riches?

<sup>6</sup> We can never ransom ourselves, \*  
or deliver to God the price of our life;

<sup>7</sup> For the ransom of our life is so great, \*  
that we should never have enough to pay it,

<sup>8</sup> In order to live for ever and ever, \*  
and never see the grave.

*Members bow their heads while praying the phrase before \* in the Gloria Patri*

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.

*Lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, says the Lord.*

*There is to be a short pause before beginning the next psalm*

#### **Psalm 49 (cont.)**

*Such is the way of those who foolishly trust in themselves, and the end of those who delight in their own words.*

<sup>9</sup> For we see that the wise die also; like the dull and stupid they perish \*  
and leave their wealth to those who come after them.

<sup>10</sup> Their graves shall be their homes for ever, their dwelling places from generation to generation, \*  
though they call the lands after their own names.

<sup>11</sup> Even though honored, they cannot live for ever; \*  
they are like the beasts that perish.

<sup>12</sup> Such is the way of those who foolishly trust in themselves, \*  
and the end of those who delight in their own words.

<sup>13</sup> Like a flock of sheep they are destined to die; Death is their shepherd; \*  
they go down straightway to the grave.

<sup>14</sup> Their form shall waste away, \*  
and the land of the dead shall be their home.

<sup>15</sup> But God will ransom my life; \*  
he will snatch me from the grasp of death.

<sup>16</sup> Do not be envious when some become rich, \*  
or when the grandeur of their house increases;

<sup>17</sup> For they will carry nothing away at their death, \*  
nor will their grandeur follow them.

<sup>18</sup> Though they thought highly of themselves while they lived, \*  
and were praised for their success,

<sup>19</sup> They shall join the company of their forebears, \*  
who will never see the light again.

<sup>20</sup> Those who are honored, but have no understanding, \*  
are like the beasts that perish.

*Members bow their heads while praying the phrase before \* in the Gloria Patri*

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.

*Such is the way of those who foolishly trust in themselves, and the end of those who delight in their own words.*

*There is to be a short pause before moving to the Lessons*

## The Lessons

*For the virtual service, the lesson is read by a selected reader*

*At convocation, Sit for the reading*

A reading from 'Luke 21:29-36 (NRSV)'

Then he told them a parable: "Look at the fig tree and all the trees; as soon as they sprout leaves you can see for yourselves and know that summer is already near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away. "Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life, and that day catch you unexpectedly, like a trap. For it will come upon all who live on the face of the whole earth. Be alert at all times, praying that you may have the strength to escape all these things that will take place, and to stand before the Son of Man."

Here ends the Reading.

The Song of Mary Magnificat Luke 1:46-55

*For the virtual service, the leader or a selected reader prays the entire canticle including the opening antiphon and the Gloria Patri, and the closing antiphon.*

*At convocation, the leader prays the opening antiphon and the first verse of the canticle and the people pray the rest of the Canticle, the Gloria Patri and the closing antiphon together.*

*God has come to the help of his servant Israel, ever mindful of his merciful promise.*

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 come to the help of his servant Israel, ever mindful of his merciful promise.*

*For the virtual service and the service at convocation, A second reading may be inserted here by the leader using the "Readings from the Desert" and can be accessed using this [LINK](#).*

*The Rite of Naming and Clothing of Novices may begin here. To access the Rite, click the link below.*

Naming and Clothing of  
Novices

The Rite of Full Oblation

## The Prayers

*At Convocation, All remain standing*

V: The Lord be with you.

R: *And also with you.*

Let us pray.

*The virtual service: the leader or a reader prays the Lord's Prayer.*

*Convocation service, the leader and the people say the Lord's Prayer together*

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.

*For the virtual service, the first reader begin and a second reader say the response.*

*For the convocation service, All remain standing for the all Prayers following. The leader begins and the members respond.*

## 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*

*Virtual Service: Prayed by an appointed member.*

*For the convocation service, The collects are prayed by the leader.*

O Lord, make us have perpetual love and reverence for your holy Name, for you never fail to help and govern those whom you have set upon the sure foundation of your loving-kindness; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and 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.*

*For both the virtual and convocation services, these prayers are said by the leader. Members will have an opportunity to offer personal prayer requests.*

*A Prayer of St. Chrysostom*

*For the virtual service, prayed by an appointed member.*

*For the convocation service, prayed by all members together.*

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.*

*For both the virtual service and at convocation, this is prayed by the leader:*

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

*In the virtual service, the leader appoints a member to begin praying the Angelus and a second person and pray the response.*

*In convocation, the leader begins the prayer, and the responses are said by all.*

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.*

*For all services, members bow their heads here*

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.*

*In convocation, this prayer is said by all.*

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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