

## 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 Thursday After Proper 11

[\(William Reed Huntington, Priest, 1909\)](#)

*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*

Commemoration of Proper 11 The Sunday closest to July 20

### Opening Sentence

I will bless the Lord who gives me counsel; my heart teaches me, night after night. I have set the Lord always before me; because he is at my right hand, I shall not fall. *Psalm 16:7,8*

### 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 59** *Eripe me de inimicis*

*Protect me, O my God, from those who rise up against me.*

<sup>1</sup> Rescue me from my enemies, O God; \*  
protect me from those who rise up against me.

<sup>2</sup> Rescue me from evildoers \*  
and save me from those who thirst for my blood.

<sup>3</sup> See how they lie in wait for my life, how the mighty gather together against me; \*  
not for any offense or fault of mine, O LORD.

<sup>4</sup> Not because of any guilt of mine \*  
they run and prepare themselves for battle.

<sup>5</sup> Rouse yourself, come to my side, and see; \*  
for you, LORD God of hosts, are Israel's God.

<sup>6</sup> Awake, and punish all the ungodly; \*

show no mercy to those who are faithless and evil.

7 They go to and fro in the evening; \*  
they snarl like dogs and run about the city.

8 Behold, they boast with their mouths, and taunts are on their lips; \*  
"For who, they say, will hear us?"

9 But you, O LORD, you laugh at them; \*  
you laugh all the ungodly to scorn.

10 My eyes are fixed on you, O my Strength; \*  
for you, O God, are my stronghold.

11 My merciful God comes to meet me; \*  
God will let me look in triumph on my enemies.

12 Slay them, O God, lest my people forget; \*  
send them reeling by your might and put them down, O Lord our shield.

13 For the sins of their mouths, for the words of their lips, for the cursing and lies that they utter, \*  
let them be caught in their pride.

14 Make an end of them in your wrath; \*  
make an end of them, and they shall be no more.

15 Let everyone know that God rules in Jacob, \*  
and to the ends of the earth.

16 They go to and fro in the evening; \*  
they snarl like dogs and run about the city.

17 They forage for food, \*  
and if they are not filled, they howl.

18 For my part, I will sing of your strength; \*  
I will celebrate your love in the morning;

19 For you have become my stronghold, \*  
a refuge in the day of my trouble.

20 To you, O my Strength, will I sing; \*  
for you, O God, are my stronghold and my merciful God.

*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.

*Protect me, O my God, from those who rise up against me.*

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

**Psalm 60** *Deus, repulisti nos*

*Save us by your right hand, O God, that those who are dear to you may be delivered.*

<sup>1</sup> O God, you have cast us off and broken us; \*  
you have been angry; oh, take us back to you again.

<sup>2</sup> You have shaken the earth and split it open; \*  
repair the cracks in it, for it totters.

<sup>3</sup> You have made your people know hardship; \*  
you have given us wine that makes us stagger.

<sup>4</sup> You have set up a banner for those who fear you, \*  
to be a refuge from the power of the bow.

<sup>5</sup> Save us by your right hand and answer us, \*  
that those who are dear to you may be delivered.

<sup>6</sup> God spoke from his holy place and said: \*  
"I will exult and parcel out Shechem; I will divide the valley of Succoth.

<sup>7</sup> Gilead is mine and Manasseh is mine; \*  
Ephraim is my helmet and Judah my scepter.

<sup>8</sup> Moab is my wash-basin, on Edom I throw down my sandal to claim it, \*  
and over Philistia will I shout in triumph."

<sup>9</sup> Who will lead me into the strong city? \*  
who will bring me to Edom?

<sup>10</sup> Have you not cast us off, O God? \*  
you no longer go out, O God, with our armies.

<sup>11</sup> Grant us your help against the enemy, \*  
for vain is the help of man.

<sup>12</sup> With God we will do valiant deeds, \*  
and he shall tread our enemies under foot.

*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.

*Save us by your right hand, O God, that those who are dear to you may be delivered.*

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

**Psalm 123** *Ad te levavi oculos meos*

*Our eyes look to the Lord our God, until he shows us his mercy.*

<sup>1</sup> To you I lift up my eyes, \*  
to you enthroned in the heavens.

<sup>2</sup> As the eyes of servants look to the hand of their masters, \*  
and the eyes of a maid to the hand of her mistress,

<sup>3</sup> So our eyes look to the LORD our God, \*  
until he show us his mercy.

<sup>4</sup> Have mercy upon us, O LORD, have mercy, \*  
for we have had more than enough of contempt,

<sup>5</sup> Too much of the scorn of the indolent rich, \*  
and of the derision of the proud.

*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.

*Our eyes look to the Lord our God, until he shows us his mercy.*

*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 'Mark 5:1-20 (NRSV)'

They came to the other side of the sea, to the country of the Gerasenes. And when he had stepped out of the boat, immediately a man out of the tombs with an unclean spirit met him. He lived among the tombs; and no one could restrain him any more, even with a chain; for he had often been restrained with shackles and chains, but the chains he wrenched apart, and the shackles he broke in pieces; and no one had the strength to subdue him. Night and day among the tombs and on the mountains he was always howling and bruising himself with stones. When he saw Jesus from a distance, he ran and bowed down before him; and he shouted at the top of his voice, "What have you to do with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I adjure you by God, do not torment me." For he had said to him, "Come out of the man, you unclean spirit!" Then Jesus asked him, "What is your name?" He replied, "My name is Legion; for we are many." He begged him earnestly not to send them out of the country. Now there on the hillside a great herd of swine was feeding; and the unclean spirits begged him, "Send us into the swine; let us enter them." So he gave them permission. And the unclean spirits came out and entered the swine; and the herd, numbering about two thousand, rushed down the steep bank into the sea, and were drowned in the sea. The swineherds ran off and told it in the city and in the country. Then people came to see what it was that had happened. They came to Jesus and saw the demoniac sitting there, clothed and in his right mind, the very man who had had the legion; and they were afraid. Those who had seen what had happened to the demoniac and to the swine reported it. Then they began to beg Jesus to leave their neighborhood. As he was getting into the boat, the man who had been possessed by demons begged him that he might be with him. But Jesus refused, and said to him, "Go home to your friends, and tell them how much the

Lord has done for you, and what mercy he has shown you." And he went away and began to proclaim in the Decapolis how much Jesus had done for him; and everyone was amazed.

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 Cantic, the Gloria Patri and the closing antiphon together.*

*God has fed the hungry with good things, and the rich he has sent away empty.*

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 fed the hungry with good things, and the rich he has sent away empty.*

*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 our God, we thank you for instilling in the heart of your servant William Reed Huntington a fervent love for your church and its mission in the world; and we pray that, with unflagging faith in your promises, we may make known to all people your blessed gift of eternal life; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

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At harvest time collect the weeds, bind them in bundles and burn them, then gather the wheat into my barn.

V. Let my prayer, O Lord, be set forth.

**R. In your sight as incense.**

Almighty God, the fountain of all wisdom, you know our necessities before we ask and our ignorance in asking: Have compassion on our weakness, and mercifully give us those things which for our unworthiness we dare not, and for our blindness we cannot ask; through the worthiness of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

*A Prayer of Self-Dedication*

Almighty and eternal God, so draw our hearts to you, so guide our minds, so fill our imaginations, so control our wills, that we may be wholly yours, utterly dedicated unto you; and then use us, we pray you, as you will, and always to your glory and the welfare of your people; through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. 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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