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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

Matins for Saturday After Proper 19

Matins 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 opening sentence, everyone is to make the sign of the cross (✠) on their lips. This ends the Greater Silence.*
- *At the Benedictus 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 (✠).*

(Fall Ember Saturday)

Commemoration of Proper 19 The Sunday closest to September 14

The Invitatory and Psalter

At convocation All Stand

As the leader for either the virtual or convocation services prays the opening sentence, all members ✠ their lips

V: Lord, open our lips.

R: And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.

*Members bow their heads while praying the opening phrase before the * within 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*)

The Invitatory Psalm for the Day

For the virtual service, the leader prays the antiphon, the Gloria Patri and closing antiphon. The selected reader prays the verses. In convocation, all stand. The leader prays the antiphon and closing antiphon. The members prays the verses the Gloria Patri and the closing antiphon together

Psalm 122 *Lætatus sum*

Let us pursue what makes for peace; 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;

Let us pursue what makes for peace; 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."

Let us pursue what makes for peace; 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.

Let us pursue what makes for peace; come let us adore him.

The Psalm or Psalms Appointed

For the virtual service 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 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 42 Quemadmodum

My soul is athirst for God, athirst for the living God.

¹ As the deer longs for the water-brooks, *
so longs my soul for you, O God.

² My soul is athirst for God, athirst for the living God; *
when shall I come to appear before the presence of God?

³ My tears have been my food day and night, *
while all day long they say to me, "Where now is your God?"

⁴ I pour out my soul when I think on these things; *
how I went with the multitude and led them into the house of God,

⁵ With the voice of praise and thanksgiving, *
among those who keep holy-day.

⁶ Why are you so full of heaviness, O my soul? *
and why are you so disquieted within me?

⁷ Put your trust in God; *
for I will yet give thanks to him, who is the help of my countenance, and my God.

⁸ My soul is heavy within me; *
therefore I will remember you from the land of Jordan, and from the peak of Mizar among the heights of Hermon.

⁹ One deep calls to another in the noise of your cataracts; *
all your rapids and floods have gone over me.

¹⁰ The LORD grants his loving-kindness in the daytime; *
in the night season his song is with me, a prayer to the God of my life.

11 I will say to the God of my strength, "Why have you forgotten me? *

and why do I go so heavily while the enemy oppresses me?"

12 While my bones are being broken, *

my enemies mock me to my face;

13 All day long they mock me *

and say to me, "Where now is your God?"

14 Why are you so full of heaviness, O my soul? *

and why are you so disquieted within me?

15 Put your trust in God; *

for I will yet give thanks to him, who is the help of my countenance, and my God.

*Members bow their heads while praying the opening phrase before the * within 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.

My soul is athirst for God, athirst for the living God.

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

Psalm 30 *Exaltabo te, Domine*

O Lord my God, I cried out to you, and you restored me to health.

1 I will exalt you, O LORD, because you have lifted me up *

and have not let my enemies triumph over me.

2 O LORD my God, I cried out to you, *

and you restored me to health.

3 You brought me up, O LORD, from the dead; *

you restored my life as I was going down to the grave.

4 Sing to the LORD, you servants of his; *

give thanks for the remembrance of his holiness.

5 For his wrath endures but the twinkling of an eye, *

his favor for a lifetime.

6 Weeping may spend the night, *

but joy comes in the morning.

7 While I felt secure, I said, "I shall never be disturbed. *

You, LORD, with your favor, made me as strong as the mountains."

⁸ Then you hid your face, *
and I was filled with fear.

⁹ I cried to you, O LORD; *
I pleaded with the Lord, saying,

¹⁰ What profit is there in my blood, if I go down to the Pit? *
will the dust praise you or declare your faithfulness?

¹¹ Hear, O LORD, and have mercy upon me; *
O LORD, be my helper."

¹² You have turned my wailing into dancing; *
you have put off my sack-cloth and clothed me with joy.

¹³ Therefore my heart sings to you without ceasing; *
O LORD my God, I will give you thanks for ever.

*Members bow their heads while praying the opening phrase before the * within 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.

O Lord my God, I cried out to you, and you restored me to health.

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

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!

*Members bow their heads while praying the opening phrase before the * within 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.

Praise the Lord for his excellent greatness.

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

The Lessons

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

In Convocation, All Sit for the reading

A reading from 2 Kings 2:1-18 (NRSV)

Now when the LORD was about to take Elijah up to heaven by a whirlwind, Elijah and Elisha were on their way from Gilgal. Elijah said to Elisha, "Stay here; for the LORD has sent me as far as Bethel." But Elisha said, "As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So they went down to Bethel. The company of prophets who were in Bethel came out to Elisha, and said to him, "Do you know that today the LORD will take your master away from you?" And he said, "Yes, I know; keep silent." Elijah said to him, "Elisha, stay here; for the LORD has sent me to Jericho." But he said, "As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So they came to Jericho. The company of prophets who were at Jericho drew near to Elisha, and said to him, "Do you know that today the LORD will take your master away from you?" And he answered, "Yes, I know; be silent." Then Elijah said to him, "Stay here; for the LORD has sent me to the Jordan." But he said, "As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So the two of them went on. Fifty men of the company of prophets also went, and stood at some distance from them, as they both were standing by the Jordan. Then Elijah took his mantle and rolled it up, and struck the water; the water was parted to the one side and to the other, until the two of them crossed on dry ground. When they had crossed, Elijah said to Elisha, "Tell me what I may do for you, before I am taken from you." Elisha said, "Please let me inherit a double share of your spirit." He responded, "You have asked a hard thing; yet, if you see me as I am being taken from you, it will be granted you; if not, it will not." As they continued walking and talking, a chariot of fire and horses of fire separated the two of them, and Elijah ascended in a whirlwind into heaven. Elisha kept watching and crying out, "Father, father! The chariots of Israel and its horsemen!" But when he could no longer see him, he grasped his own clothes and tore them in two pieces. He picked up the mantle of Elijah that had fallen from him, and went back and stood on the bank of the Jordan. He took the mantle of Elijah that had fallen from him, and struck the water, saying, "Where is the LORD, the God of Elijah?" When he had struck the water, the water was parted to the one side and to the other, and Elisha went over.

When the company of prophets who were at Jericho saw him at a distance, they declared, "The spirit of Elijah rests on Elisha." They came to meet him and bowed to the ground before him. They said to him, "See now, we have fifty strong men among your servants; please let them go and seek your master; it may be that the spirit of the LORD has caught him up and thrown him down on some mountain or into some valley." He responded, "No, do not send them." But when they urged him until he was ashamed, he said, "Send them." So they sent fifty men who searched for three days but did not find him. When they came back to him (he had remained at Jericho), he said to them, "Did I not say to you, Do not go?"

Here ends the Reading.

Allow a short pause before beginning praying the canticle

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

At convocation All Stand, 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.

Canticle of Solomon *Deus patrum meorum* (Wisdom 9: 1-6.9-11)

Send forth Wisdom from the holy heavens that I may learn what is pleasing to you.

O God of my ancestors and Lord of mercy, *
who have made all things by your word,
And by your wisdom have formed humankind *
to have dominion over the creatures you have made,
And rule the world in holiness and righteousness, *
and pronounce judgment in uprightness of soul,
Give me the wisdom that sits by your throne, *
and do not reject me from among your servants.
For I am your servant the son of your handmaid, *
a man who is weak and short-lived,
with little understanding of judgment and laws;
With you is wisdom, she who knows your works *
and was present when you made the world;
She understands what is pleasing in your sight *
and what is right according to your commandments.
Send her forth from the holy heavens, *
and from the throne of your glory send her,
That she may labor at my side, *
and that I may learn what is pleasing to you.

For she knows and understands all things, *
and she will guide me wisely in my actions
and guard me with her glory.

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 forth Wisdom from the holy heavens that I may learn what is pleasing to you.

In Convocation, All Sit for the reading

A reading from 1 Corinthians 4:1-7 (NRSV)

Think of us in this way, as servants of Christ and stewards of God's mysteries. Moreover, it is required of stewards that they be found trustworthy. But with me it is a very small thing that I should be judged by you or by any human court. I do not even judge myself. I am not aware of anything against myself, but I am not thereby acquitted. It is the Lord who judges me. Therefore do not pronounce judgment before the time, before the Lord comes, who will bring to light the things now hidden in darkness and will disclose the purposes of the heart. Then each one will receive commendation from God. I have applied all this to Apollos and myself for your benefit, brothers and sisters, so that you may learn through us the meaning of the saying, "Nothing beyond what is written," so that none of you will be puffed up in favor of one against another. For who sees anything different in you? What do you have that you did not receive? And if you received it, why do you boast as if it were not a gift?

And here ends the Reading.


Allow a short pause before beginning praying the canticle

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, All stand. 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.

Benedictus Dominus Deus: The Song of Zechariah: Luke 1:68-79

There is none holy like you, nor any rock to be compared to you, our God.

()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

*Members bow their heads while praying the opening phrase before the * within the Gloria Patri 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.

There is none holy like you, nor any rock to be compared to you, our God.

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 Stand

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.

In Convocation: Prayed by the leader.

Almighty and everlasting God, by whose Spirit the whole body of your faithful people is governed and sanctified: Receive our supplications and prayers, which we offer before you for all members of your holy Church, that in their vocation and ministry they may truly and devoutly serve you; through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Commemoration of Proper 19 The Sunday closest to September 14

Out of pity the Lord released the slave and forgave him his debt.

V. Satisfy us early with your mercy.
R. That we may rejoice and be glad.

O God, because without you we are not able to please you, mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for 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.

At convocation, a hymn may be sung here.

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.

Almighty and everlasting God, by whose Spirit the whole body of your faithful people is governed and sanctified: Receive our supplications and prayers which we offer before you for all members of your holy Church, that in their vocation and ministry they may truly and devoutly serve you; through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.

Let us bless the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

At both virtual and convocation services, all cross themselves as indicated.

(✠)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

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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