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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

Vespers for Wednesday After Proper 24

(Wednesday After Proper 24)

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

Yours is the day, O God, yours also the night; you established the moon and the sun. You fixed all the boundaries of the earth; you made both summer and winter. *Psalm 74:15,16*

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 38 *Domine, ne in furore*

O Lord, you know all my desires, and my sighing is not hidden from you.

¹ O LORD, do not rebuke me in your anger; *
do not punish me in your wrath.

² For your arrows have already pierced me, *
and your hand presses hard upon me.

³ There is no health in my flesh, because of your indignation; *
there is no soundness in my body, because of my sin.

- 4 For my iniquities overwhelm me; *
like a heavy burden they are too much for me to bear.
- 5 My wounds stink and fester *
by reason of my foolishness.
- 6 I am utterly bowed down and prostrate; *
I go about in mourning all the day long.
- 7 My loins are filled with searing pain; *
there is no health in my body.
- 8 I am utterly numb and crushed; *
I wail, because of the groaning of my heart.
- 9 O Lord, you know all my desires, *
and my sighing is not hidden from you.
- 10 My heart is pounding, my strength has failed me, *
and the brightness of my eyes is gone from me.
- 11 My friends and companions draw back from my affliction; *
my neighbors stand afar off.
- 12 Those who seek after my life lay snares for me; *
those who strive to hurt me speak of my ruin and plot treachery all the day long.
- 13 But I am like the deaf who do not hear, *
like those who are mute and who do not open their mouth.
- 14 I have become like one who does not hear *
and from whose mouth comes no defense.
- 15 For in you, O LORD, have I fixed my hope; *
you will answer me, O Lord my God.
- 16 For I said, "Do not let them rejoice at my expense, *
those who gloat over me when my foot slips."
- 17 Truly, I am on the verge of falling, *
and my pain is always with me.
- 18 I will confess my iniquity *
and be sorry for my sin.
- 19 Those who are my enemies without cause are mighty, *
and many in number are those who wrongfully hate me.
- 20 Those who repay evil for good slander me, *
because I follow the course that is right.

21 O LORD, do not forsake me; *
be not far from me, O my God.

22 Make haste to help me, *
O Lord of my salvation.

*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.

O Lord, you know all my desires, and my sighing is not hidden from you.

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

Psalm 70 *Deus, in adiutorium*

O LORD, make haste to help me.

1 Be pleased, O God, to deliver me; *
O LORD, make haste to help me.

2 Let those who seek my life be ashamed and altogether dismayed; *
let those who take pleasure in my misfortune draw back and be disgraced.

3 Let those who say to me "Aha!" and gloat over me turn back, *
because they are ashamed.

4 Let all who seek you rejoice and be glad in you; *
let those who love your salvation say for ever, "Great is the LORD!"

5 But as for me, I am poor and needy; *
come to me speedily, O God.

6 You are my helper and my deliverer; *
O LORD, do not tarry.

*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.

O LORD, make haste to help me.

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

Psalm 56 *Miserere mei, Deus*

In God I trust and will not be afraid, for what can flesh do to me?

¹ Have mercy on me, O God, for my enemies are hounding me; *
all day long they assault and oppress me.

² They hound me all the day long; *
truly there are many who fight against me, O Most High.

³ Whenever I am afraid, *
I will put my trust in you.

⁴ In God, whose word I praise, in God I trust and will not be afraid, *
for what can flesh do to me?

⁵ All day long they damage my cause; *
their only thought is to do me evil.

⁶ They band together; they lie in wait; *
they spy upon my footsteps; because they seek my life.

⁷ Shall they escape despite their wickedness? *
O God, in your anger, cast down the peoples.

⁸ You have noted my lamentation; put my tears into your bottle; *
are they not recorded in your book?

⁹ Whenever I call upon you, my enemies will be put to flight; *
this I know, for God is on my side.

¹⁰ In God the LORD, whose word I praise, in God I trust and will not be afraid, *
for what can mortals do to me?

¹¹ I am bound by the vow I made to you, O God; *
I will present to you thank-offerings;

¹² For you have rescued my soul from death and my feet from stumbling, *
that I may walk before God in the light of the living.

*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.

In God I trust and will not be afraid, for what can flesh do to me?

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 'Matthew 12:1-14 (NRSV)'

At that time Jesus went through the grainfields on the sabbath; his disciples were hungry, and they began to pluck heads of grain and to eat. When the Pharisees saw it, they said to him, "Look, your disciples are doing what is not lawful to do on the sabbath." He said to them, "Have you not read what David did when he and his companions were hungry? He entered the house of God and ate the bread of the Presence, which it was not lawful for him or his companions to eat, but only for the priests. Or have you not read in the law that on the sabbath the priests in the temple break the sabbath and yet are guiltless? I tell you, something greater than the temple is here. But if you had known what this means, 'I desire mercy and not sacrifice,' you would not have condemned the guiltless. For the Son of Man is lord of the sabbath." He left that place and entered their synagogue; a man was there with a withered hand, and they asked him, "Is it lawful to cure on the sabbath?" so that they might accuse him. He said to them, "Suppose one of you has only one sheep and it falls into a pit on the sabbath; will you not lay hold of it and lift it out? How much more valuable is a human being than a sheep! So it is lawful to do good on the sabbath." Then he said to the man, "Stretch out your hand." He stretched it out, and it was restored, as sound as the other. But the Pharisees went out and conspired against him, how to destroy him.

Here ends the Reading.

Magnificat: The Song of Mary - 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 cast the powerful from their thrones and has lifted up the lowly.

(✠) My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord, my spirit rejoices in God my Savior; *

for he has looked with favor on his lowly servant. From this day all generations will call me blessed: * the Almighty has done great things for me,
and holy is his Name.

He has mercy on those who fear him *
in every generation.

He has shown the strength of his arm, *
he has scattered the proud in their conceit.

He has cast down the mighty from their thrones, *

and has lifted up the lowly.

He has filled the hungry with good things, *

and the rich he has sent away empty.

He has come to the help of his servant Israel, * for he has remembered his promise of mercy, The promise he made to our fathers, *

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 cast the powerful from their thrones and has lifted up the lowly.

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.

Almighty and everlasting God, in Christ you have revealed your glory among the nations: Preserve the works of your mercy, that your Church throughout the world may persevere with steadfast faith in the confession of your Name; 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 Protection

O God, the life of all who live, the light of the faithful, the strength of those who labor, and the repose of the dead: We thank you for the blessings of the day that is past, and humbly ask for your protection through the coming night. Bring us in safety to the morning hours; through him who died and rose again for us, your Son our Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.

Prayer for Mission

Keep watch, dear Lord, with those who work, or watch, or weep this night, and give your angels charge over those who sleep. Tend the sick, Lord Christ; give rest to the weary, bless the dying, soothe the suffering, pity the afflicted, shield the joyous; and all for your love's sake. 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.

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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