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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 Tuesday After Proper 28

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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

Worship the Lord in the beauty of his holiness; let the whole earth tremble before him. *Psalm 96:9*

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 137 *Super flumina*

If I forget you, O Jerusalem, let my right hand forget its skill.

¹ By the waters of Babylon we sat down and wept, *
when we remembered you, O Zion.

² As for our harps, we hung them up *
on the trees in the midst of that land.

³ For those who led us away captive asked us for a song, and our oppressors called for mirth: *
"Sing us one of the songs of Zion."

4 How shall we sing the LORD'S song *
upon an alien soil?

5 If I forget you, O Jerusalem, *
let my right hand forget its skill.

6 Let my tongue cleave to the roof of my mouth if I do not remember you, *
if I do not set Jerusalem above my highest joy.

*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.

If I forget you, O Jerusalem, let my right hand forget its skill.

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

Psalm 135 *Laudate nomen*

Praise the Lord, for the Lord is good; sing praises to his Name for it is lovely.

1 Hallelujah! Praise the Name of the LORD; *
give praise, you servants of the LORD.

2 You who stand in the house of the LORD, *
in the courts of the house of our God.

3 Praise the LORD, for the LORD is good; *
sing praises to his Name, for it is lovely.

4 For the LORD has chosen Jacob for himself *
and Israel for his own possession.

5 For I know that the LORD is great, *
and that our Lord is above all gods.

6 The LORD does whatever pleases him, in heaven and on earth, *
in the seas and all the deeps.

7 He brings up rain clouds from the ends of the earth; *
he sends out lightning with the rain, and brings the winds out of his storehouse.

8 It was he who struck down the firstborn of Egypt, *
the firstborn both of man and beast.

9 He sent signs and wonders into the midst of you, O Egypt, *

against Pharaoh and all his servants.

10 He overthrew many nations *
and put mighty kings to death:

11 Sihon, king of the Amorites, and Og, the king of Bashan, *
and all the kings of Canaan.

12 He gave their land to be an inheritance, *
an inheritance for Israel his people.

*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.

Praise the Lord, for the Lord is good; sing praises to his Name for it is lovely.

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

Psalm 135 (cont.)

The Lord gives his people justice and shows compassion to his servants.

13 O LORD, your Name is everlasting; *
your renown, O LORD, endures from age to age.

14 For the LORD gives his people justice *
and shows compassion to his servants.

15 The idols of the heathen are silver and gold, *
the work of human hands.

16 They have mouths, but they cannot speak; *
eyes have they, but they cannot see.

17 They have ears, but they cannot hear; *
neither is there any breath in their mouth.

18 Those who make them are like them, *
and so are all who put their trust in them.

19 Bless the LORD, O house of Israel; *
O house of Aaron, bless the LORD.

20 Bless the LORD, O house of Levi; *
you who fear the LORD, bless the LORD.

²¹ Blessed be the LORD out of Zion, *
who dwells in Jerusalem. Hallelujah!

*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.

The Lord gives his people justice and shows compassion to his servants.

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 17:14-21 (NRSV)'

When they came to the crowd, a man came to him, knelt before him, and said, "Lord, have mercy on my son, for he is an epileptic and he suffers terribly; he often falls into the fire and often into the water. And I brought him to your disciples, but they could not cure him." Jesus answered, "You faithless and perverse generation, how much longer must I be with you? How much longer must I put up with you? Bring him here to me." And Jesus rebuked the demon, and it came out of him, and the boy was cured instantly. Then the disciples came to Jesus privately and said, "Why could we not cast it out?" He said to them, "Because of your little faith. For truly I tell you, if you have faith the size of a mustard seed, you will say to this mountain, 'Move from here to there,' and it will move; and nothing will be impossible for you."

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.

All generations will call me blessed: the Almighty has done great things for me.

() 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.

All generations will call me blessed: the Almighty has done great things for me.

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 B

That this evening may be holy, good, and peaceful,

We entreat you, O Lord.

That your holy angels may lead us in paths of peace and goodwill,

We entreat you, O Lord.

That we may be pardoned and forgiven for our sins and offenses,

We entreat you, O Lord.

That there may be peace to your Church and to the whole world,

We entreat you, O Lord.

That we may depart this life in your faith and fear,

and not be condemned before the great judgment seat of Christ,

We entreat you, O Lord.

That we may be bound together by your Holy Spirit in
the communion of [the glorious and ever-blessed Virgin Mary,
St. Michael the Defender, _____ and] all your saints,
entrusting one another and all our life to Christ,

We entreat you, O Lord.

Collect of the Day

Virtual Service: Prayed by an appointed member.

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

Blessed Lord, who caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning: Grant us so to hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which you have given us in our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

A Collect for Aid against Perils

Be our light in the darkness, O Lord, and in your great mercy defend us from all perils and dangers of this night; for the love of your only Son, our Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.

Prayer for Mission

O God, you manifest in your servants the signs of your presence: Send forth upon us the spirit of love, that in companionship with one another your abounding grace may increase among us; through Jesus Christ our Lord. 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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