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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 the Second Sunday of Advent

(Wednesday after the Second Sunday of Advent)

*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 127 *Nisi Dominus*

*I shall not cease to plead with God for Zion until he sends his Holy One in all his radiant beauty.*

<sup>1</sup> Unless the LORD builds the house, \*  
their labor is in vain who build it.

<sup>2</sup> Unless the LORD watches over the city, \*  
in vain the watchman keeps his vigil.

<sup>3</sup> It is in vain that you rise so early and go to bed so late; \*  
vain, too, to eat the bread of toil, for he gives to his beloved sleep.

<sup>4</sup> Children are a heritage from the LORD, \*  
and the fruit of the womb is a gift.

<sup>5</sup> Like arrows in the hand of a warrior \*  
are the children of one's youth.

<sup>6</sup> Blessed is the man who has his quiver full of them! \*  
he shall not be put to shame when he contends with his enemies in the gate.

*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 shall not cease to plead with God for Zion until he sends his Holy One in all his radiant beauty.*

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

## **Psalm 50** *Deus deorum*

*Our God will come and will not keep silence; before him there is a consuming flame.*

<sup>1</sup> The LORD, the God of gods, has spoken; \*

he has called the earth from the rising of the sun to its setting.

<sup>2</sup> Out of Zion, perfect in its beauty, \*

God reveals himself in glory.

<sup>3</sup> Our God will come and will not keep silence; \*

before him there is a consuming flame, and round about him a raging storm.

<sup>4</sup> He calls the heavens and the earth from above \*

to witness the judgment of his people.

<sup>5</sup> Gather before me my loyal followers, \*

those who have made a covenant with me and sealed it with sacrifice.

<sup>6</sup> Let the heavens declare the rightness of his cause; \*

for God himself is judge.

<sup>7</sup> Hear, O my people, and I will speak: "O Israel, I will bear witness against you; \*

for I am God, your God.

<sup>8</sup> I do not accuse you because of your sacrifices; \*

your offerings are always before me.

<sup>9</sup> I will take no bull-calf from your stalls, \*

nor he-goats out of your pens;

<sup>10</sup> For all the beasts of the forest are mine, \*

the herds in their thousands upon the hills.

<sup>11</sup> I know every bird in the sky, \*

and the creatures of the fields are in my sight.

12 If I were hungry, I would not tell you, \*  
for the whole world is mine and all that is in it.

13 Do you think I eat the flesh of bulls, \*  
or drink the blood of goats?

14 Offer to God a sacrifice of thanksgiving \*  
and make good your vows to the Most High.

15 Call upon me in the day of trouble; \*  
I will deliver you, and you shall honor me."

16 But to the wicked God says: \*  
"Why do you recite my statutes, and take my covenant upon your lips;

17 Since you refuse discipline, \*  
and toss my words behind your back?

18 When you see a thief, you make him your friend, \*  
and you cast in your lot with adulterers.

19 You have loosed your lips for evil, \*  
and harnessed your tongue to a lie.

20 You are always speaking evil of your brother \*  
and slandering your own mother's son.

21 These things you have done, and I kept still, \*  
and you thought that I am like you."

22 I have made my accusation; \*  
I have put my case in order before your eyes.

23 Consider this well, you who forget God, \*  
lest I rend you and there be none to deliver you.

24 Whoever offers me the sacrifice of thanksgiving honors me; \*  
but to those who keep in my way will I show the salvation of 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.

*Our God will come and will not keep silence; before him there is a consuming flame.*

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

### **Psalm 1** *Beatus vir qui non abiit*

*The wicked shall not stand upright when judgment comes.*

<sup>1</sup> Blessed are they who have not walked in the counsel of the wicked, \*  
nor lingered in the way of sinners, nor sat in the seats of the scornful!

<sup>2</sup> Their delight is in the law of the LORD, \*  
and they meditate on his law day and night.

<sup>3</sup> They are like trees planted by streams of water, bearing fruit in due season, with leaves  
that do not wither; \*  
everything they do shall prosper.

<sup>4</sup> It is not so with the wicked; \*  
they are like chaff which the wind blows away.

<sup>5</sup> Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright when judgment comes, \*  
nor the sinner in the council of the righteous.

<sup>6</sup> For the LORD knows the way of the righteous, \*  
but the way of the wicked is doomed.

*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 wicked shall not stand upright when judgment comes.*

*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 23:1-12 (NRSV)'

Then Jesus said to the crowds and to his disciples, "The scribes and the Pharisees sit on Moses' seat; therefore, do whatever they teach you and follow it; but do not do as they do, for they do not practice what they teach. They tie up heavy burdens, hard to bear, and lay them on the shoulders of others; but they themselves are unwilling to lift a finger to move them. They do all their deeds to be seen by others; for they make their phylacteries broad and their fringes long. They love to have the place of honor at banquets and the best seats in the synagogues, and to be greeted with respect in the marketplaces, and to have people call them rabbi. But you are not to be called rabbi, for you have one teacher, and you are all students. And call no one your father on earth, for you have one Father~ the one in heaven. Nor are you to be called instructors, for you have one instructor, the Messiah. The greatest among you will be your servant. All who exalt themselves will be humbled, and all who humble themselves will be exalted.

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.*

*Out of Zion shall go forth the law, and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem.*

(✠) 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.

*Out of Zion shall go forth the law, and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem.*

*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.*

Merciful God, who sent your messengers the prophets to preach repentance and prepare the way for our salvation: Give us grace to heed their warnings and forsake our sins, that we may greet with joy the coming of Jesus Christ our Redeemer; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for 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 Supplication

O Lord, arise, help us;

*And deliver us for your Name's sake.*

O God, we have heard with our ears, and our fathers have declared unto us, the noble works that you did in their days, and in the old time before them.

*O Lord, arise, help us; and deliver us for your Name's sake.*

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. *Amen.*

*O Lord, arise, help us; and deliver us for your Name's sake.*

V. From our enemies defend us, O Christ;

R. Graciously behold our afflictions.

V. With pity behold the sorrows of our hearts;

R. Mercifully forgive the sins of your people.

V. Favorably with mercy hear our prayers;

R. O Son of David, have mercy upon us.

V. Both now and ever vouchsafe to hear us, O Christ;

R. Graciously hear us, O Christ; graciously hear us, O Lord Christ.

Let us pray.

We humbly implore you, O Father, mercifully to look upon our infirmities; and, for the glory of your Name, turn from us all those evils that we most justly have deserved; and grant that in all our troubles we may put our whole trust and confidence in your mercy, and evermore serve you in holiness and pureness of living, to your honor and glory; through our only Mediator and Advocate, Jesus Christ our Lord. *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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