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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 Monday after the Third Sunday of Advent

(Monday after the Third 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

Let my prayer be set forth in your sight as incense, the lifting up of my hands as the evening sacrifice. *Psalm 141:2*

## 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 25 *Ad te, Domine, levavi*

*The Spirit of the Lord is upon me to proclaim good news to the poor.*

<sup>1</sup> To you, O LORD, I lift up my soul; my God, I put my trust in you; \*  
let me not be humiliated, nor let my enemies triumph over me.

<sup>2</sup> Let none who look to you be put to shame; \*  
let the treacherous be disappointed in their schemes.

<sup>3</sup> Show me your ways, O LORD, \*  
and teach me your paths.

<sup>4</sup> Lead me in your truth and teach me, \*  
for you are the God of my salvation; in you have I trusted all the day long.

<sup>5</sup> Remember, O LORD, your compassion and love, \*  
for they are from everlasting.

<sup>6</sup> Remember not the sins of my youth and my transgressions; \*  
remember me according to your love and for the sake of your goodness, O LORD.

<sup>7</sup> Gracious and upright is the LORD; \*  
therefore he teaches sinners in his way.

<sup>8</sup> He guides the humble in doing right \*  
and teaches his way to the lowly.

*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 Spirit of the Lord is upon me to proclaim good news to the poor.*

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

## **Psalm 25 (cont.)**

*For Zion's sake I will not be silent until her justice shines forth in splendor.*

9 All the paths of the LORD are love and faithfulness \*  
to those who keep his covenant and his testimonies.

10 For your Name's sake, O LORD, \*  
forgive my sin, for it is great.

11 Who are they who fear the LORD? \*  
he will teach them the way that they should choose.

12 They shall dwell in prosperity, \*  
and their offspring shall inherit the land.

13 The LORD is a friend to those who fear him \*  
and will show them his covenant.

14 My eyes are ever looking to the LORD, \*  
for he shall pluck my feet out of the net.

15 Turn to me and have pity on me, \*  
for I am left alone and in misery.

16 The sorrows of my heart have increased; \*  
bring me out of my troubles.

17 Look upon my adversity and misery \*  
and forgive me all my sin.

18 Look upon my enemies, for they are many, \*  
and they bear a violent hatred against me.

19 Protect my life and deliver me; \*  
let me not be put to shame, for I have trusted in you.

20 Let integrity and uprightness preserve me, \*  
for my hope has been in you.

21 Deliver Israel, O God, \*  
out of all his troubles.

*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.

*For Zion's sake I will not be silent until her justice shines forth in splendor.*

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

### **Psalm 138** *Confitebor tibi*

*Behold, the Lord will come and sit among princes and take the royal throne of glory.*

1 I will give thanks to you, O LORD, with my whole heart; \*  
before the gods I will sing your praise.

2 I will bow down toward your holy temple and praise your Name, \*  
because of your love and faithfulness;

3 For you have glorified your Name \*  
and your word above all things.

4 When I called, you answered me; \*  
you increased my strength within me.

5 All the kings of the earth will praise you, O LORD, \*

when they have heard the words of your mouth.

<sup>6</sup> They will sing of the ways of the LORD, \*  
that great is the glory of the LORD.

<sup>7</sup> Though the LORD be high, he cares for the lowly; \*  
he perceives the haughty from afar.

<sup>8</sup> Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you keep me safe; \*  
you stretch forth your hand against the fury of my enemies; your right hand shall save me.

<sup>9</sup> The LORD will make good his purpose for me; \*  
O LORD, your love endures for ever; do not abandon the works of your hands.

*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.

*Behold, the Lord will come and sit among princes and take the royal throne of glory.*

*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 24:15-31 (NRSV)'

"So when you see the desolating sacrilege standing in the holy place, as was spoken of by the prophet Daniel (let the reader understand), then those in Judea must flee to the mountains; the one on the housetop must not go down to take what is in the house; the one in the field must not turn back to get a coat. Woe to those who are pregnant and to those who are nursing infants in those days! Pray that your flight may not be in winter or on a sabbath. For at that time there will be great suffering, such as has not been from the beginning of the

world until now, no, and never will be. And if those days had not been cut short, no one would be saved; but for the sake of the elect those days will be cut short. Then if anyone says to you, 'Look! Here is the Messiah!' or 'There he is!'~ do not believe it. For false messiahs and false prophets will appear and produce great signs and omens, to lead astray, if possible, even the elect. Take note, I have told you beforehand. So, if they say to you, 'Look! He is in the wilderness,' do not go out. If they say, 'Look! He is in the inner rooms,' do not believe it. For as the lightning comes from the east and flashes as far as the west, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. Wherever the corpse is, there the vultures will gather. "Immediately after the suffering of those days the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light; the stars will fall from heaven, and the powers of heaven will be shaken. Then the sign of the Son of Man will appear in heaven, and then all the tribes of the earth will mourn, and they will see 'the Son of Man coming on the clouds of heaven' with power and great glory. And he will send out his angels with a loud trumpet call, and they will gather his elect from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other.


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.*

O Leader of the House of Israel, giver of the Law to Moses on Sinai: come to rescue us with your mighty power!

() 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.

*O Leader of the House of Israel, giver of the Law to Moses on Sinai: come to rescue us with your  
mighty power!*

*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.*

Stir up your power, O Lord, and with great might come among us; and, because we are  
sorely hindered by our sins, let your bountiful grace and mercy speedily help and deliver us;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory,  
now and for ever. Amen.

### *A Collect for Peace*

Most holy God, the source of all good desires, all right judgements, and all just works: Give  
to us, your servants, that peace which the world cannot give, so that our minds may be fixed  
on the doing of your will, and that we, being delivered from the fear of all enemies, may live  
in peace and quietness; through the mercies of Christ Jesus our Savior. *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.*

*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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