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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 First Sunday after Christmas

(Wednesday after the First Sunday after Christmas)

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 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 116 *Dilexi, quoniam*

O LORD, I am your servant; I am your servant and the child of your handmaid, hallelujah.

¹ I love the LORD, because he has heard the voice of my supplication, *
because he has inclined his ear to me whenever I called upon him.

² The cords of death entangled me; the grip of the grave took hold of me; *
I came to grief and sorrow.

³ Then I called upon the Name of the LORD: *
"O LORD, I pray you, save my life."

⁴ Gracious is the LORD and righteous; *
our God is full of compassion.

5 The LORD watches over the innocent; *

I was brought very low, and he helped me.

6 Turn again to your rest, O my soul. *

for the LORD has treated you well.

7 For you have rescued my life from death, *

my eyes from tears, and my feet from stumbling.

8 I will walk in the presence of the LORD *

in the land of the living.

9 I believed, even when I said, "I have been brought very low." *

In my distress I said, "No one can be trusted."

10 How shall I repay the LORD *

for all the good things he has done for me?

11 I will lift up the cup of salvation *

and call upon the Name of the LORD.

12 I will fulfill my vows to the LORD *

in the presence of all his people.

13 Precious in the sight of the LORD *

is the death of his servants.

14 O LORD, I am your servant; *

I am your servant and the child of your handmaid; you have freed me from my bonds.

15 I will offer you the sacrifice of thanksgiving *

and call upon the Name of the LORD.

16 I will fulfill my vows to the LORD *

in the presence of all his people,

17 In the courts of the LORD'S house, *

in the midst of you, O 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.

O LORD, I am your servant; I am your servant and the child of your handmaid, hallelujah.

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

Psalm 98 Cantate Domino

Jerusalem, rejoice with great rejoicing; for your Savior comes to you.

¹ Sing to the LORD a new song, *
for he has done marvelous things.

² With his right hand and his holy arm *
has he won for himself the victory.

³ The LORD has made known his victory; *
his righteousness has he openly shown in the sight of the nations.

⁴ He remembers his mercy and faithfulness to the house of Israel, *
and all the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God.

⁵ Shout with joy to the LORD, all you lands; *
lift up your voice, rejoice, and sing.

⁶ Sing to the LORD with the harp, *
with the harp and the voice of song.

⁷ With trumpets and the sound of the horn *
shout with joy before the King, the LORD.

⁸ Let the sea make a noise and all that is in it, *
the lands and those who dwell therein.

9 Let the rivers clap their hands, *
and let the hills ring out with joy before the LORD, when he comes to judge the earth.
10 In righteousness shall he judge the world *
and the peoples with equity.

*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.

Jerusalem, rejoice with great rejoicing; for your Savior comes to you.

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

Psalm 120 *Ad Dominum*

A child has been born for us and he is named Prince of Peace, hallelujah.

1 When I was in trouble, I called to the LORD; *
I called to the LORD, and he answered me.
2 Deliver me, O LORD, from lying lips *
and from the deceitful tongue.
3 What shall be done to you, and what more besides, *
O you deceitful tongue?
4 The sharpened arrows of a warrior, *
along with hot glowing coals.
5 How hateful it is that I must lodge in Meshech *
and dwell among the tents of Kedar!
6 Too long have I had to live *

among the enemies of peace.

⁷ I am on the side of peace, *
but when I speak of it, they are for war.

*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.

A child has been born for us and he is named Prince of Peace, hallelujah.

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 'John 6:15-27 (NRSV)'

When Jesus realized that they were about to come and take him by force to make him king, he withdrew again to the mountain by himself. When evening came, his disciples went down to the sea, got into a boat, and started across the sea to Capernaum. It was now dark, and Jesus had not yet come to them. The sea became rough because a strong wind was blowing. When they had rowed about three or four miles, they saw Jesus walking on the sea and coming near the boat, and they were terrified. But he said to them, "It is I; do not be afraid." Then they wanted to take him into the boat, and immediately the boat reached the land toward which they were going. The next day the crowd that had stayed on the other side of the sea saw that there had been only one boat there. They also saw that Jesus had not got into the boat with his disciples, but that his disciples had gone away alone. Then some boats from Tiberias came near the

place where they had eaten the bread after the Lord had given thanks. So when the crowd saw that neither Jesus nor his disciples were there, they themselves got into the boats and went to Capernaum looking for Jesus. When they found him on the other side of the sea, they said to him, "Rabbi, when did you come here?" Jesus answered them, "Very truly, I tell you, you are looking for me, not because you saw signs, but because you ate your fill of the loaves. Do not work for the food that perishes, but for the food that endures for eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you. For it is on him that God the Father has set his seal."


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.

In the bush which Moses saw burning yet unconsumed we acknowledge the sign of your virginity. Holy Mother of God, intercede for your children.

() 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.

In the bush which Moses saw burning yet unconsumed we acknowledge the sign of your virginity.

Holy Mother of God, intercede for your children.

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.

Almighty God, you have poured upon us the new light of your incarnate Word: Grant that this light, enkindled in our hearts, may shine forth in our lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of 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 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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