

A photograph of the interior of St. Charles Borromeo Church, showing the high, vaulted ceiling and tall, slender columns. The lighting is warm and focused on the altar area. The text is overlaid on the image.

ST. CHARLES BORROMEO CHURCH

PRAYER FOR JUSTICE AND EQUALITY

In memory of George, Breonna, and Ahmaud

JOIN US FOR PRAYER AND DISCUSSION

Friday, June 5 at 5PM EST
via Zoom Link
All are welcome

Q&A WITH TEVIN WILLIAMS



Join us after prayer:

Beloved parishioner and author Tevin Williams will give us deep insights into the racial injustice in our country and what we can do for progress.

Check out: "Driven to Do: Inspiring Stories of Minority Millennials and the Future of America"

Evening Prayer

June 5, 2020

INTRODUCTION

Leader: God, + come to my assistance.

All: **Lord, make haste to help me.**

Leader: Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:

All: **as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen. Alleluia.**

PSALMODY

Antiphon 1:

Leader: The Lord is a refuge for the oppressed.

All: **A stronghold in times of trouble.**

Psalm 9: 8-18

He rules the world in righteousness and judges the peoples with equity. The Lord is a refuge for the oppressed, a stronghold in times of trouble. Those who know your name trust in you, for you, Lord, have never forsaken those who seek you.

Sing the praises of the Lord, enthroned in Zion; proclaim among the nations what he has done. For he who avenges blood remembers; he does not ignore the cries of the afflicted.

LORD, see how my enemies persecute me! Have mercy and lift me up from the gates of death, that I may declare your praises in the gates of Daughter Zion, and there rejoice in your salvation.

The nations have fallen into the pit they have dug; their feet are caught in the net they have hidden. The LORD is known by his acts of justice; the wicked are ensnared by the work of their hands.

The wicked go down to the realm of the dead, all the nations that forget God. But God will never forget the needy; the hope of the afflicted will never perish.

**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.**

Psalm Prayer

Leader: Lord Jesus, healer of soul and body, you said: Blessed are the merciful, they will obtain mercy. Teach us to come to the aid of the needy in a spirit of brotherly love, that we in turn may be received and strengthened by you.

Antiphon 1:

Leader: The Lord is a refuge for the oppressed.

All: **A stronghold in times of trouble.**

Antiphon 2:

Leader: The Lord guides me along right paths for the sake of His name.

All: **Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil for You are with me.**

Psalm 23: 1-6:

The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want. In green pastures he makes me lie down; to still waters he leads me; he restores my soul. He guides me along right paths for the sake of His name.

Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil for You are with me; your rod and your staff comfort me. You set a table before me in front of my enemies; You anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.

Indeed goodness and mercy will pursue me all the days of my life; I will dwell in the house of the Lord for endless days.

**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.**

Antiphon 2:

Leader: The Lord guides me along right paths for the sake of His name.

**All: Even though I walk through
the valley of the shadow of death, I will
fear no evil for You are with me.**

Antiphon 3:

Leader: The time to reward your servants the prophets and the holy ones who revere You, the great and the small alike.

**All: Now have salvation and power
come, the reign of our God and the
authority of his Anointed One.**

Canticle: Revelation 11:17-18; 12:10b-12a
The judgment of God

We praise you, the Lord God Almighty, who is and who was. You have assumed your great power, you have begun your reign.

The nations have raged in anger, but then came your day of wrath and the moment to judge the dead: the time to reward your servants the prophets and the holy ones who revere you, the great and the small alike.

Now have salvation and power come, the reign of our God and the authority of his Anointed One. For the accuser of our brothers is cast out, who night and day accused them before God.

They defeated him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony; love for life did not deter them from death. So rejoice, you heavens, and you that dwell therein!

**Glory to the Father, and to the Son,
and to the Holy Spirit:
as it was in the beginning, is now,
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READING (Isaiah 55: 1-9)

All you who are thirsty, come to the water! You who have no money, come, buy grain and eat; Come, buy grain without money, wine and milk without cost!

Why spend your money for what is not bread; your wages for what does not satisfy? Only listen to me, and you shall eat well, you shall delight in rich fare.

Pay attention and come to me; listen that you may have life. I will make with you an everlasting covenant, the steadfast loyalty promised to David.

As I made him a witness to peoples, a leader and commander of peoples, So shall you summon a nation you knew not, and a nation that knew you not shall run to you, Because of the Lord, your God, the Holy One of Israel, who has glorified you.

Seek the Lord while he may be found, call upon him while he is near.

Let the wicked forsake their way, and sinners their thoughts; Let them turn to the Lord to find mercy; to our God, who is generous in forgiving.

For my thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways my ways – oracle of the Lord.

For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways, my thoughts higher than your thoughts.

RESPONSORY

Leader: The Lord has given us food, bread of the finest wheat.

All:– The Lord has given us food, bread of the finest wheat.

Honey from the rock, to our heart's content,
– **bread of the finest wheat.**

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.
– **The Lord has given us food, bread of the finest wheat.**

GOSPEL CANTICLE

Antiphon 4: The Lord has cast down the mighty from their thrones and has lifted up the lowly.

Canticle of Mary: Luke 1:46-55
The soul rejoices in the Lord

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.**

Antiphon 4: The Lord has cast down the mighty from their thrones and has lifted up the lowly.

INTERCESSIONS

Leader: Let us pray for George Floyd, Breonna Taylor, Ahmaud Arbery and all the other victims of senseless violence and racism. Lord, have mercy on your people, especially our black sisters and brothers who still in the year 2020 fear for their lives and the lives of their children.

All: Lord, pour out the grace of the Holy Spirit throughout the world.

Let us pray for the brave people who are fighting the good fight and speaking out for the voiceless. Lord, please protect them and give them the support and platform to inspire and effect real change for the good of our world, and please help those of us who

have remained silent and complacent to proactively spread Your word.

Lord, pour out the grace of the Holy Spirit throughout the world.

Let us pray for true reform in our nation. For leaders, lawmakers and law enforcers to choose good over evil, and love over hate.

Lord, You sent down Your only Son to teach us a better way but somewhere down the road, we lost our way. Our nation is divided, our system unjustly benefits the privileged few, and innocent people continue to suffer. Please have mercy on us and help us to rebuild a world that more closely resembles Yours in Heaven.

Lord, pour out the grace of the Holy Spirit throughout the world.

Let us pray for our parish community, the city of New York and our nation, that we can all be accepting of peace, that we can show kindness to our neighbors and strangers alike, and to stand united against intolerance and hate. Please heal us and help us to continue choosing love and compassion for our fellow women and men.

Lord, pour out the grace of the Holy Spirit throughout the world.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name;
thy kingdom come;
thy will be done on earth
as it is in heaven.

**Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses
as we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.**

CONCLUDING PRAYER

O God, merciful and strong, who crush wars and cast down the proud, be pleased to banish violence swiftly from our midst and to wipe away all tears, so that we may all truly deserve to be called your children. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.
Amen.

DISMISSAL

If a priest or deacon presides, he dismisses the people:

The Lord be with you.
– **And with your spirit.**

May almighty God bless you,
the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit.
– **Amen.**

Go in peace.
– **Thanks be to God.**