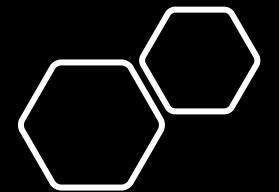




St. Charles  
Borromeo  
Church

# Vespers

Saturday Evening Prayer  
Feast of the Assumption  
August 15, 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

## Psalm 122 Holy city Jerusalem

*You have come to Mount Zion, to the city of the living God, heavenly Jerusalem*  
(Hebrews 12:22)

### **Antiphon:**

*Leader:* Mary has been taken into heaven; the angels rejoice.

*All:* **They bless the Lord and sing his praises.**

*Leader:* I rejoiced when I heard them say:

“Let us go to God’s house.”

And now our feet are standing  
within your gates, O Jerusalem.

*All:* **Jerusalem is built as a city  
strongly compact.**

**It is there that the tribes go up,  
the tribes of the Lord.**

For Israel’s law it is,

there to praise the Lord’s name.

There were set the thrones of judgment  
of the house of David.

**For the peace of Jerusalem pray:**

**“Peace be to your homes!**

**May peace reign in your walls,  
in your palaces, peace!”**

For love of my brethren and friends

I say: “Peace upon you.”

For love of the house of the Lord

I will ask for your good.

**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:**

*Leader:* Mary has been taken into heaven; the angels  
rejoice.

*All:* **They bless the Lord and sing his praises.**

## **Psalm Prayer**

*Leader:* When you rose from the dead, Lord Jesus, you formed the Church into your new body, and made of it the new Jerusalem, united in your Spirit. Give us peace in our day. Make all nations come to your Church to share in your gifts in fellowship, that they may render you thanks without end and come to your eternal city.

**Psalm 130:** A cry from the depths  
*He himself will save his people from their sins*  
(Matthew 1:21)

**Antiphon:**

*Leader:* The Virgin Mary was taken up to the heavenly bridal chamber

*All:*       **Where the King of kings sits on a starry throne.**

Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord,  
Lord, hear my voice!  
O let your ears be attentive  
to the voice of my pleading.

**If you, O Lord, should mark our guilt,  
Lord, who would survive?  
But with you is found forgiveness:  
for this we revere you.**

My soul is waiting for the Lord,  
I count on his word.  
My soul is longing for the Lord  
more than watchman for daybreak.  
Let the watchman count on daybreak  
and Israel on the Lord.

**Because with the Lord there is mercy  
and fullness of redemption,  
Israel indeed he will redeem  
from all its iniquity.**

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:**

*Leader:* The Virgin Mary was taken up to the heavenly bridal chamber

*All:*       **Where the King of kings sits on a starry throne.**

## **Psalm Prayer**

*Leader:*

Listen with compassion to our prayers, Lord. The forgiveness of sins is yours. Do not look on the wrong we have done, but grant us your merciful kindness.

**Canticle: Philippians 2:6-11:** Christ, God's holy servant

**Antiphon**

*Leader:* We share the fruit of life through you,

*All:* **O daughter blessed by the Lord.**

Though he was in the form of God,  
Jesus did not deem equality with God  
something to be grasped at.

**Rather, he emptied himself  
and took the form of a slave,\*  
being born in the likeness of men.**

He was known to be of human estate,  
and it was thus that he humbled himself,  
obediently accepting even death,  
death on a cross!

**Because of this,  
God highly exalted him  
and bestowed on him the name  
above every other name,**

So that at Jesus' name  
every knee must bend  
in the heavens, on the earth,  
and under the earth,  
and every tongue proclaim  
to the glory of God the Father:  
**JESUS CHRIST IS LORD!**

**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**

*Leader:* We share the fruit of life through you,

*All:* **O daughter blessed by the Lord.**

## **READING:** 2 Peter 1:19-21

*Reader:*

We possess the prophetic message as something altogether reliable. Keep your attention closely fixed on it, as you would on a lamp shining in a dark place until the first streaks of dawn appear and the morning star rises in your hearts. First you must understand this: there is no prophecy contained in Scripture which is a personal interpretation. Prophecy has never been put forward by man's willing it. It is rather that men impelled by the Holy Spirit have spoken under God's influence.

## **RESPONSORY**

*Reader:* The Virgin Mary has been exalted high above the choirs of angels.

**All: The Virgin Mary has been exalted high above the choirs of angels.**

Blessed is the Lord, who raised her up.

**– The Virgin Mary has been exalted high above the choirs of angels.**

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.

**– The Virgin Mary has been exalted high above the choirs of angels.**



# GOSPEL CANTICLE

**Canticle of Mary:** Luke 1:46-55

*The soul rejoices in the Lord*

*Leader:* Today the Virgin Mary was assumed into heaven:

*All:* **Rejoice and be glad, for she will reign for ever with Christ.**

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:**

*Leader:* Today the Virgin Mary was assumed into heaven:

*All:* **Rejoice and be glad, for she will reign for ever with Christ.**

## INTERCESSIONS

*Reader:* Let us praise God our Almighty Father, who wished that Mary, his Son's mother, be celebrated by each generation. Now in need we ask:

**All: Mary, full of grace, intercede for us.**

You made Mary the mother of mercy: may all who are faced with trials feel her motherly love.

**Mary, full of grace, intercede for us.**

You wished Mary to be the mother of the family in the home of Jesus and Joseph: may all mothers of families foster love and holiness through her intercession.

**Mary, full of grace, intercede for us.**

You gave Mary strength at the foot of the cross and filled her with joy at the resurrection of your Son: lighten the hardships of those who are burdened and deepen their sense of hope.

**Mary, full of grace, intercede for us.**

You made Mary open to your word and faithful as your servant through her intercession make us servants and true followers of your Son.

**Mary, full of grace, intercede for us.**

You crowned Mary queen of heaven,  
– may all the dead rejoice in your kingdom with the saints for ever.

**Mary, full of grace, intercede for us.**

## **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**

Almighty, ever-living God, you have taken the mother of your Son, the immaculate Virgin Mary, body and soul into the glory where you dwell.  
Keep our hearts set on heaven so that, with her, we may share in your glory.  
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.**

## MEMORARE

Remember, O most gracious Virgin Mary,  
that never was it known  
that anyone who fled to your protection,  
implored your help, or sought your intercession  
was left unaided.

Inspired with this confidence,  
I fly to you, O Virgin of virgins, my Mother;  
to you do I come, before you I stand, sinful and sorrowful.

O Mother of the Word Incarnate,  
despise not my petitions,  
but in your mercy hear me and answer me.

Amen.

