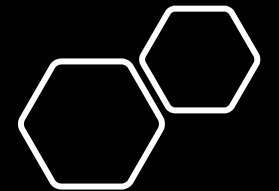




St. Charles
Borromeo
Church

Vespers

Friday Evening Prayer
March 19, 2021
Solemnity of St. Joseph



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 15: Who is worthy to stand in God's presence?

You have come to Mt. Zion, to the city of the living God (Hebrews 12:22).

Antiphon:

Leader: His parents found Jesus in the temple sitting in the midst of the doctors,

All: **listening to them and asking them questions.**

Leader: Lord, who shall be admitted to your tent and dwell on your holy mountain?

All: **He who walks without fault:**

he who acts with justice

and speaks the truth from his heart;

he who does not slander with his tongue;

he who does no wrong to his brother,
who casts no slur on his neighbor,
who holds the godless in disdain,
but honors those who fear the Lord;

**he who keeps his pledge, come what may; *
who takes no interest on a loan
and accepts no bribes against the innocent. *
Such a man will stand firm 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: His parents found Jesus in the temple sitting in the midst of the doctors,

All: **listening to them and asking them questions.**

Psalm Prayer

Leader: Make our lives blameless, Lord. Help us to do what is right and to speak what is true, that we may dwell in your tent and find rest on your holy mountain.

PSALMODY

Psalm 112: The happiness of the just man

Live as children born of the light. Light produces every kind of goodness and justice and truth. (Ephesians 5:8-9).

Antiphon:

Leader: The mother of Jesus said to him: Son, why have you done this to us?

All: **See how your father and I have been anxiously searching for you.**

Happy the man who fears the Lord,
who takes delight in all his commands.
His sons will be powerful on earth;
the children of the upright are blessed.

**Riches and wealth are in his house;
his justice stands firm for ever.
He is a light in the darkness for the upright:
he is generous, merciful and just.**

The good man takes pity and lends,
he conducts his affairs with honor.
The just man will never waver:
he will be remembered for ever.

**He has no fear of evil news;
with a firm heart he trusts in the Lord.
With a steadfast heart he will not fear;
he will see the downfall of his foes.**

Open-handed, he gives to the poor;
his justice stands firm for ever.
His head will be raised in glory.

**The wicked man sees and is angry,
grinds his teeth and fades away;
the desire of the wicked leads to doom.**

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 mother of Jesus said to him: Son, why have you done this to us?

All: **See how your father and I have been anxiously searching for you.**

Psalm Prayer

Leader: Lord God, you are the eternal light which illumines the hearts of good people. Help us to love you, to rejoice in your glory, and so to live in this world as to avoid harsh judgment in the next. May we come to see the light of your countenance.

Canticle: Revelation 15:3-4: Hymn of adoration

Antiphon

Leader: Jesus returned with Mary and Joseph to Nazareth;
All: **there he lived and was obedient to them.**

Mighty and wonderful are your works,
Lord God Almighty!
Righteous and true are your ways,
O King of the nations!

**Who would dare refuse you honor,
or the glory due your name, O Lord?**

Since you alone are holy,
all nations shall come
and worship in your presence.
Your mighty deeds are clearly seen.

**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

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READING: Colossians 3:23-24

Reader: Whatever you do, work at it with your whole being. Do it for the Lord rather than for men since you know full well that you will receive an inheritance from him as your reward. Be slaves of Christ the Lord.

RESPONSORY

Reader: The just man shall blossom like the lily.

All: **The just man shall blossom like the lily.**

He shall flourish for ever in the courts of our God,
– **like the lily.**

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.
– **The just man shall blossom like the lily.**

GOSPEL CANTICLE

Canticle of Mary: Luke 1:46-55

The soul rejoices in the Lord

Leader: When Jesus began his ministry, he was about thirty years old,

All: **and was thought to be the son of Joseph.**

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: When Jesus began his ministry, he was about thirty years old,

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INTERCESSIONS

Reader: All fatherhood in heaven and on earth has its origin in God. Let us turn to him and pray:

All: **Our Father in heaven, hear our prayer.**

All-holy Father, you revealed to Saint Joseph your eternal plan of salvation in Christ,
– deepen our understanding of your Son, true God and true man.

Our Father in heaven, hear our prayer.

Father in heaven, you feed the birds of the air, and clothe the fields with the fruit of the earth,
– give all your children their daily bread, to sustain soul and body.

Our Father in heaven, hear our prayer.

Maker of the universe, you have entrusted your creation to our safekeeping,

– may all who work receive a just reward for their labors.

Our Father in heaven, hear our prayer.

God of all righteousness, you want us all to be like you,
– may Saint Joseph inspire us to walk always in your way of holiness.

Our Father in heaven, hear our prayer.

Look kindly on the dying and the dead, and grant them your mercy,

– through the intercession of Jesus, Mary and Joseph.

Our Father in heaven, hear our prayer.

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

Father,
you entrusted our Savior to the care of Saint Joseph.
By the help of his prayers
may your Church continue to serve its Lord, Jesus Christ,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
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.**