



St. Charles  
Borromeo  
Church

# Vespers

Friday Evening Prayer  
August 27, 2021  
Feast of St. Monica



## 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 41: Prayer of a sick person

*One of you will betray me, yes, one who eats with me (Mark 14:18).*

### Antiphon:

*Leader:* Lord, lay your healing hand upon me,

*All:* **for I have sinned.**

Happy the man who considers the poor and the weak.  
The Lord will save him in the day of evil,  
will guard him, give him life, make him happy in the land and  
will not give him up to the will of his foes.  
The Lord will help him on his bed of pain,  
he will bring him back from sickness to health.

**As for me, I said: "Lord, have mercy on me, heal my soul for I  
have sinned against you."**

**My foes are speaking evil against me.**

**"How long before he dies and his name be forgotten?"**

They come to visit me and speak empty words,  
their hearts full of malice, they spread it abroad.

**My enemies whisper together against me.  
They all weigh up the evil which is on me:  
"Some deadly thing has fastened upon him, he will  
not rise again from where he lies."  
Thus even my friend, in whom I trusted,  
who ate my bread, has turned against me.**

But you, O Lord, have mercy on me.  
Let me rise once more and I will repay them.  
By this I shall know that you are my friend,  
if my foes do not shout in triumph over me.  
If you uphold me I shall be unharmed  
and set in your presence for evermore.

**Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel  
from age to age. Amen. Amen.**

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:* Lord, lay your healing hand upon me, <sup>3</sup>

*All:* **for I have sinned.**

## 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 love, that we in turn may be received and strengthened by you.

**Psalm 46:** God our refuge and strength  
*He shall be called Emmanuel, which means: God-with-us* (Matthew 1:23).

**Antiphon:**

*Leader:* The mighty Lord is with us;  
*All:* **the God of Jacob is our stronghold.**

God is for us a refuge and strength,  
a helper close at hand, in time of distress:  
so we shall not fear though the earth should rock, though the  
mountains fall into the depths of the sea, even though its  
waters rage and foam, even though the mountains be shaken  
by its waves.

**The Lord of hosts is with us:  
the God of Jacob is our stronghold.**

The waters of a river give joy to God’s city,  
the holy place where the Most High dwells.  
God is within, it cannot be shaken;  
God will help it at the dawning of the day.  
Nations are in tumult, kingdoms are shaken:  
he lifts his voice, the earth shrinks away.

**The Lord of hosts is with us:  
the God of Jacob is our stronghold.**

Come, consider the works of the Lord,  
the redoubtable deeds he has done on the earth.  
He puts an end to wars over all the earth;  
the bow he breaks, the spear he snaps.  
He burns the shields with fire.  
“Be still and know that I am God,  
supreme among the nations, supreme on the earth!”

**The Lord of hosts is with us:  
the God of Jacob is our stronghold.**

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 mighty Lord is with us;  
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## Psalm Prayer

*Leader:* All-powerful Father, the refuge and strength of your people, you protect in adversity and defend in prosperity those who put their trust in you. May they persevere in seeking your will and find their way to you through obedience.

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

**Antiphon**

*Leader:* All nations will come  
*All:*       **and worship before you, O Lord.**

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**

*Leader:* All nations will come  
*All:*       **and worship before you, O Lord.**

## READING: Romans 8:28-30

We know that God makes all things work for the good for those who have been called according to his decree. Those whom he foreknew he predestined to share the image of his Son, so the Son might be the first-born among many brothers. Those he predestined he likewise called; those he called he also justified; and those he justified he also glorified.

## RESPONSORY

*Reader:* The Lord has chosen her, his loved one from the beginning.

*All:* **The Lord has chosen her, his loved one from the beginning.**

He has taken her to live with him,  
– **his loved one from the beginning**

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.  
**The Lord has chosen her, his loved one from the beginning.**



# GOSPEL CANTICLE

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

*The soul rejoices in the Lord*

*Leader:* While in this world, Monica lived in Christ; the goodness of her life was so evident

*All:* **that the name of the Lord was praised in her faith and in her works.**

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:* While in this world, Monica lived in Christ; the goodness of her life was so evident

*All:* **that the name of the Lord was praised in her faith and in her works.**

# INTERCESSIONS

Through the intercession of holy women, let us pray for the Church in these words:  
***Be mindful of your Church, Lord.***

Through all the women martyrs who conquered bodily death by their courage, strengthen your Church in the hour of trial.  
***Be mindful of your Church, Lord.***

Through married women who have advanced in grace by holy matrimony, make the apostolic mission of your Church fruitful.  
***Be mindful of your Church, Lord.***

Through widows who eased their loneliness and sanctified it by prayer and hospitality, help your Church reveal the mystery of your love to the world.  
***Be mindful of your Church, Lord.***

Through mothers who have borne children for the kingdom of God and the human community, help your Church bring all men and women to a rebirth in life and salvation.  
***Be mindful of your Church, Lord.***

Through all your holy women who have been worthy to contemplate the light of your countenance, let the deceased members of your Church exult in that same vision for ever.  
***Be mindful of your Church, Lord.***

## 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

God of mercy,  
comfort of those in sorrow,  
the tears of Saint Monica moved you  
to convert her son Saint Augustine to the faith of Christ.  
By her prayers, help us to turn from our sins  
and to find your loving forgiveness.  
Grant this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,  
who lives and reigns with your and the Holy Spirit,  
God, forever 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.**