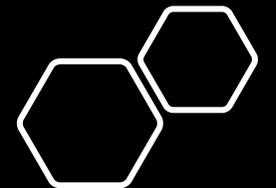




St. Charles
Borromeo
Church

Vespers

Friday Evening Prayer
December 17, 2021



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 135: Praise for the wonderful things God does for us

He has won us for himself. . . and you must proclaim what he has done for you. He has called you out of darkness into his own wonderful light (1 Peter 2:9).

Antiphon:

Leader: Our King will come from Zion;

All: **the Lord, God-is-with-us, is his mighty name.**

Leader: Praise the name of the Lord,
praise him, servants of the Lord,
who stand in the house of the Lord
in the courts of the house of our God.

All: **Praise the Lord for the Lord is good.
Sing a psalm to his name for he is loving.
For the Lord has chosen Jacob for himself
and Israel for his own possession.**

For I know the Lord is great,
that our Lord is high above all gods.
The Lord does whatever he wills,
in heaven, on earth, in the seas.

**He summons clouds from the ends of the earth;
makes lightning produce the rain;
from his treasuries he sends forth the wind.**

The first-born of the Egyptians he smote,
of man and beast alike.

Signs and wonders he worked
in the midst of your land, O Egypt,
against Pharaoh and all his servants.

**Nations in their greatness he struck
and kings in their splendor he slew.
Sihon, king of the Amorites,
Og, the king of Bashan,
and all the kingdoms of Canaan.
He let Israel inherit their land;
on his people their land he bestowed.**

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.

Leader: Our King will come from Zion;

All: **the Lord, God-is-with-us, is his mighty name.**

Psalm 135 (Part 2)

Antiphon:

Leader: Wait for the Lord

All: **and he will come to you with his saving power.**

Lord, your name stands for ever,
unforgotten from age to age:
for the Lord does justice for his people;
the Lord takes pity on his servants.

**Pagan idols are silver and gold,
the work of human hands.
They have mouths but they cannot speak;
they have eyes but they cannot see.**

They have ears but they cannot hear;
there is never a breath on their lips.
Their makers will come to be like them
and so will all who trust in them!

**Sons of Israel, bless the Lord!
Sons of Aaron, bless the Lord!
Sons of Levi, bless the Lord!
You who fear him, bless the Lord!**

From Zion may the Lord be blessed,
he who dwells in Jerusalem!

**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: Wait for the Lord

All: **and he will come to you with his saving power.**

Psalm Prayer

Leader: Father, your name and your memory last forever.
We stand to pray in your house and praise you with psalms of joy. We ask you in your kindness to have mercy on us in our lowliness.

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

Antiphon

Leader: Eagerly I watch for the Lord;

All: **I wait in joyful hope for the coming of God my Savior.**

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: 1 Thessalonians 5:23–24

Reader: May the God of peace make you perfect in holiness. May he preserve you whole and entire, spirit, soul, and body, irreproachable at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. He who calls you is trustworthy, therefore he will do it.

RESPONSORY

Reader: Lord, show us your mercy and love.

All: **Lord, show us your mercy and love.**

And grant us your salvation,
– **Your mercy and love.**

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

– **Lord, show us your mercy and love.**

GOSPEL CANTICLE

Canticle of Mary: Luke 1:46-55

The soul rejoices in the Lord

Leader: O Wisdom, O holy Word of God, you govern all creation with your strong yet gentle care.

All: **Come and show your people the way to salvation.**

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: O Wisdom, O holy Word of God, you govern all creation with your strong yet gentle care.

All: **Come and show your people the way to salvation.**

INTERCESSIONS

Reader: Jesus Christ is the joy and happiness of all who look forward to his coming. Let us call upon him and say:

Come, Lord, and do not delay!

In joy, we wait for your coming,
– come, Lord Jesus.

Come, Lord, and do not delay!

Before time began, you shared life with the Father,
– come now and save us.

Come, Lord, and do not delay!

You created the world and all who live in it,
– come to redeem the work of your hands.

Come, Lord, and do not delay!

You did not hesitate to become man, subject to death,
– come to free us from the power of death.

Come, Lord, and do not delay!

You came to give us life to the full,
– come and give us your unending life.

Come, Lord, and do not delay!

You desire all people to live in love in your kingdom,
– come and bring together those who long to see you face to face.

Come, Lord, and do not delay!

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,
creator and redeemer of mankind,
you decreed, and your Word became man,
born of the Virgin Mary.
May we come to share the divinity of Christ,
who humbled himself to share our human nature,
for he 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.**

*In the absence of a priest or deacon and in individual recitation,
Evening Prayer concludes:*

Leader: May the Lord + bless us,
protect us from all evil
and bring us to everlasting life.
– **Amen.**