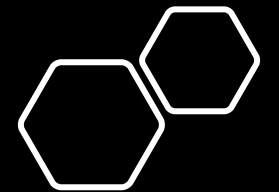


St. Charles
Borromeo
Church

Vespers



Friday Evening Prayer
Memorial of St. Agnes
January 21, 2022



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 116:1-9 Thanksgiving

*We must endure many trials before entering God's kingdom
(Acts 14:21)*

Antiphon:

Leader: Christ's virgin could not be broken by any terror,

All: **nor won over by false allurements.**

Leader: I love the Lord for he has heard
the cry of my appeal;
for he turned his ear to me
in the day when I called him.

All: **They surrounded me, the snares of death, with the
anguish of the tomb;
they caught me, sorrow and distress.
I called on the Lord's name.**

O Lord, my God, deliver me!

**How gracious is the Lord, and just;
our God has compassion.
The Lord protects the simple hearts;
I was helpless so he saved me.**

Turn back, my soul, to your rest
for the Lord has been good;
he has kept my soul from death,
my eyes from tears
and my feet from stumbling.

**I will walk in the presence of the Lord
in the land of the living.**

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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Psalm Prayer

Leader: God of power and mercy, through your Son's passion and resurrection you have freed us from the bonds of death and the anguish of separation from you. Be ever with us on our pilgrimage; then we shall sing rather than weep. Keep our feet from stumbling, so that we may be able to follow you until we come to eternal rest.

PSALMODY

Psalm 116:10-19 Thanksgiving in the Temple

Through Christ let us offer God a continual sacrifice of praise (Hebrews 13:15)

Antiphon:

Leader: To him alone I pledge my trust;

All: **to him alone I give my undivided love.**

Leader: I trusted, even when I said:

“I am sorely afflicted,”

and when I said in my alarm:

“No man can be trusted.”

All: **How can I repay the Lord
for his goodness to me?**

**The cup of salvation I will raise;
I will call on the Lord’s name.**

My vows to the Lord I will fulfill
before all his people.

O precious in the eyes of the Lord
is the death of his faithful.

**Your servant, Lord, your servant am I;
you have loosened my bonds.**

A thanksgiving sacrifice I make:

I will call on the Lord’s name.

My vows to the Lord I will fulfill
before all his people,
in the courts of the house of the Lord,
in your midst, O 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: To him alone I pledge my trust;

All: **to him alone I give my undivided love.**

Psalm Prayer

Leader: Father, precious in your sight is the death of the saints, but precious above all is the love with which Christ suffered to redeem us. In this life we fill up in our own flesh what is still lacking in the sufferings of Christ; accept this as our sacrifice of praise, and we shall even now taste the joy of the new Jerusalem.

Canticle: Revelation 4:11; 5:9, 10, 12: Redemption hymn

Antiphon

Leader: I give thanks to you, the Father of my Lord Jesus Christ,

All: **for through him you have made your servant victorious.**

O Lord our God, you are worthy
to receive glory and honor and power.

**For you have created all things;
by your will they came to be and were made.**

Worthy are you, O Lord,
to receive the scroll and break open its seals.

**For you were slain;
with your blood you purchased for God
men of every race and tongue,
of every people and nation.**

You made of them a kingdom,
and priests to serve our God,
and they shall reign on the earth.

**Worthy is the Lamb that was slain
to receive power and riches,
wisdom and strength,
honor and glory and praise.**

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.

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READING: 1 Peter 4:13-14

Reader: Rejoice, beloved, in the measure that you share Christ's sufferings. When his glory is revealed, you will rejoice exultantly. Happy are you when you are insulted for the sake of Christ, for then God's Spirit in its glory has come to rest on you.

RESPONSORY

Reader: The Lord chose her, his loved one from the beginning.

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

GOSPEL CANTICLE

Canticle of Mary: Luke 1:46-55

The soul rejoices in the Lord

Leader: Saint Agnes raised her hands and prayed: Holy Father, hear me,

All: **I am coming to you whom I have loved, whom I have sought and always desired.**

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:

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INTERCESSIONS

Reader: This is the hour when the King of martyrs offered his life in the upper room and laid it down on the cross. Let us thank him and say:

All: **We praise you, O Lord.**

We praise you, O Lord, our Savior, inspiration and example for every martyr, for loving us to the end:

We praise you, O Lord.

For calling all repentant sinners to the rewards of life:

We praise you, O Lord.

For entrusting to your Church the blood of the new and everlasting covenant poured out for the remission of sin:

We praise you, O Lord.

For our perseverance in your grace today:

We praise you, O Lord.

For incorporating our dead brothers and sisters into your own death today:

We praise you, O 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

Almighty, eternal God,
you choose what the world considers weak
to put the worldly power to shame.
May we who celebrate the birth of Saint Agnes
into everlasting joy be loyal to the faith she professed.
Grant this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
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.**

*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.**