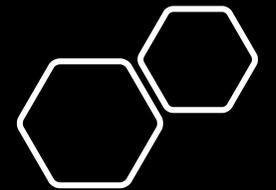


St. Charles
Borromeo
Church

Vespers

Friday Evening Prayer
March 25, 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.

Psalm 110: 1–5, 7 The Messiah, king, and priest

Christ's reign will last until all his enemies are made subject to him
(1 Corinthians 15:25)

Antiphon:

Leader: The angel of the Lord brought God's message to Mary.

All: **And she conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit.**

Leader: The Lord's revelation to my Master:

"Sit on my right:

your foes I will put beneath your feet."

***All:* The Lord will wield from Zion
your scepter of power:
rule in the midst of all your foes.**

A prince from the day of your birth
on the holy mountains;
from the womb before the dawn I begot you.

The Lord has sworn an oath he will not change.
"You are a priest for ever,
a priest like Melchizedeck of old."

The Master standing at your right hand
will shatter kings in the day of his wrath.

**He shall drink from the stream by the wayside
and therefore he shall lift up his head.**

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 angel of the Lord brought God's message to Mary.

All: **And she conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit.**

Psalm Prayer

Leader: Father, we ask you to give us victory and peace. In Jesus Christ, our Lord and King, we are already seated at your right hand. We look forward to praising you in the fellowship of all your saints in our heavenly homeland.

Psalm 130 A cry from the depths

He himself will save his people from their sins
(Matthew 1:21)

Antiphon:

Leader: Do not be afraid, Mary; you have found favor with God.

All: **Behold, you shall conceive and bear a son, and he will be called the Son of the Most High.**

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: Do not be afraid, Mary; you have found favor with God.

All: **Behold, you shall conceive and bear a son, and he will be called the Son of the Most High.**

Psalm Prayer

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: Colossians 1:12–20 Christ the first-born of all creations and first-born from the dead.

Antiphon

Leader: I am the handmaid of the Lord.

All: **Let it be done to me as you have said.**

Let us give thanks to the Father
for having made you worthy
to share the lot of the saints
in light.

**He rescued us
from the power of darkness
and brought us
into the kingdom of his beloved Son.
Through him we have redemption,
the forgiveness of our sins.**

He is the image of the invisible God,
the first-born of all creatures.
In him everything in heaven and on earth was created,
things visible and invisible.

All were created through him;
all were created for him.
He is before all else that is.
In him everything continues in being.

It is he who is head of the body, the church!
he who is the beginning,
the first-born of the dead,
so that primacy may be his in everything.

It pleased God to make absolute fullness reside in him
and, by means of him, to reconcile everything in his person,
both on earth and in the heavens,
making peace through the blood of his cross.

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: I am the handmaid of the Lord.

All: **Let it be done to me as you have said.**

READING: 1 John 1:1–3

This is what we proclaim to you:
what was from the beginning,
what we have heard,
what we have seen with our eyes,
what we looked upon
and our hands have touched—
we speak of the word of life.

(This life became visible;
we have seen it and bear witness to it
and proclaim to you the eternal life
that was with the Father
and became visible to us.)

What we have seen and heard
we proclaim in turn to you
so that you may share life with us.
This fellowship of ours is with the Father
and with his Son, Jesus Christ.

Responsory

Reader: The Word was made man and he lived among us.

All: – **The Word was made man and he lived among us.**

He was in the beginning with God,
– **and lived among us.**

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.
– **The Word was made man and he lived among us.**

GOSPEL CANTICLE

Canticle of Mary: Luke 1:46-55

The soul rejoices in the Lord

Leader: The angel Gabriel said to Mary in greeting:

All: **Hail, full of grace, the Lord is with you; blessed are you among women.**

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: The angel Gabriel said to Mary in greeting:

All: **Hail, full of grace, the Lord is with you; blessed are you among women.**

INTERCESSIONS

Reader: On this day the eternal Father sent his angel to bring Mary the good news of our salvation. Let us turn to God and pray with confidence:

All: Lord, fill our hearts with your love.

You chose the Virgin Mary as the mother of your Son,
– have mercy on all who look for your gift of salvation.

Lord, fill our hearts with your love.

You sent Gabriel to give Mary your message of peace and joy,
– give to the whole world the joy of salvation and your gift of true peace.

Lord, fill our hearts with your love.

Mary gave her consent, the Holy Spirit overshadowed her, and your Word came to dwell among us,
– touch our hearts that we may welcome Christ as Mary did.

Lord, fill our hearts with your love.

You look with love on the humble, and fill the hungry with your gifts,

– raise up the downcast, help all in need, comfort and strengthen the dying.

Lord, fill our hearts with your love.

Lord our God, you alone work wonders and with you all things are possible,

– give us the fullness of salvation when you raise up the dead on the last day.

Lord, fill our hearts with your love.

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 our Father,
your Word became man and was born of the Virgin Mary.
May we become more like Jesus Christ,
whom we acknowledge as our redeemer, God and man.
We ask 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.**