



St. Charles  
Borromeo  
Church

# Vespers

Friday Evening Prayer  
St. Charles Lwanga and Companions  
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## 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 (see 1 Peter 2:9).*

#### **Antiphon:**

*Leader:* I, the Lord, am your savior

*All:* **and redeemer, alleluia.**

*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.

#### **Antiphon:**

*Leader:* I, the Lord, am your savior

*All:* **and redeemer, alleluia.**

## Psalm 135: Part II

### Antiphon:

*Leader:* Blessed is the kingdom of David

*All:* **our father which has come among us, alleluia.**

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:* Blessed is the kingdom of David

*All:* **our father which has come among us, alleluia.**

## **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:* Let us sing to the Lord,

*All:* **glorious in his triumph, alleluia.**

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:* Let us sing to the Lord,

*All:* **glorious in his triumph, alleluia.**

**READING:** Revelation 7:14b-17

These are the ones who have survived the great period of trial; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

It was this that brought them before God's throne:  
day and night they minister to him in the temple;  
he who sits on the throne will give them shelter.  
Never again shall they know hunger or thirst,  
nor shall the sun or its heat beat down on them,  
for the Lamb on the throne will shepherd them.  
He will lead them to springs of life-giving water,  
and God will wipe every tear from their eyes.

**RESPONSORY**

*Reader:* The splendor of the just will shine before God, alleluia,  
alleluia.

*All:* **The splendor of the just will shine before God, alleluia,  
alleluia.**

The upright of heart will rejoice,  
– **alleluia, alleluia.**

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.  
– **The splendor of the just will shine before God, alleluia,  
alleluia.**

## GOSPEL CANTICLE

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

*The soul rejoices in the Lord*

*Leader:* Rejoice, all you saints, before the Lamb;

*All:* **for the kingdom has been prepared for you from the beginning of the world, alleluia.**

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:* Rejoice, all you saints, before the Lamb;

*All:* **for the kingdom has been prepared for you from the beginning of the world, alleluia.**

## 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:

**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

Father,  
you have made the blood of the martyrs the seed of Christians.  
May the witness of Saint Charles and his companions  
and their loyalty to Christ in the face of torture  
inspire countless men and women  
to live the Christian faith.  
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.**