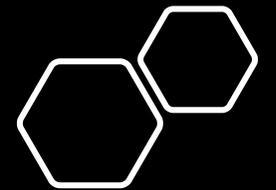




St. Charles
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Novena and Vespers

Friday Evening Prayer
December 16, 2022



Novena to St. Agnes

Week 4, Friday, December 16, 2022

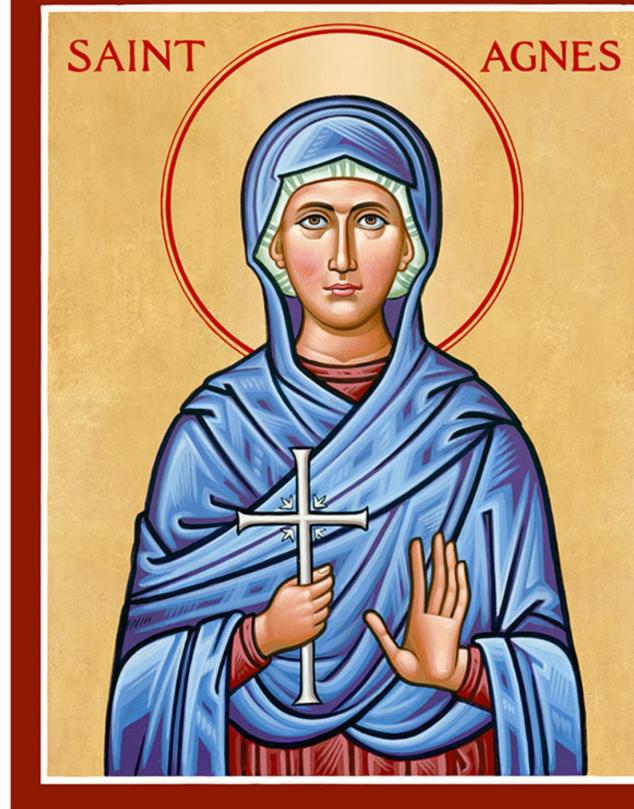
I put such great trust into Him...

Leader: In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit,

All: Amen.

Leader: Saint Agnes, who had for nothing human glory and, with joy, suffered death by martyrdom for the One who died for all of us, we ask you humbly, deign to intercede for us in every minute of this week, and obtain for us these graces that we ask of you

Let your prayer give us comfort in times of trials and torments. Be our friend in times of loneliness and abandonment, and obtain for us from your Spouse, Jesus Christ, eternal happiness in Heaven. Holy innocent virgin, who paid the greatest price for preserving fidelity to Christ, obtain for us the grace of complete purity of the soul and the body. Amen.



Our Father ...

Hail Mary ...

Glory be ...

**In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit,
Amen.**

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.

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Antiphon:

Leader: Great is the Lord, our God,

All: **transcending all other gods.**

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.**

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Psalm 135 (Part 2)

Antiphon:

Leader: House of Israel, bless the Lord!

All: **Sing psalms to him, for he is merciful.**

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:
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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: King of all the ages

All: **your ways are perfect and true.**

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,
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READING: 2 Peter 3:8-10

In the Lord's eyes, one day is as a thousand years and a thousand years are as a day. The Lord does not delay in keeping his promise—though some consider it “delay.” Rather, he shows you generous patience, since he wants none to perish but all to come to repentance.

RESPONSORY

Reader: Come and set us free, Lord God of power and might.

All: **Come and set us free, Lord God of power and might.**

Let your face shine upon us and we shall be saved,
– **Lord God of power and might.**

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.
– **Come and set us free, Lord God of power and might.**

GOSPEL CANTICLE

Canticle of Mary: Luke 1:46-55

The soul rejoices in the Lord

Leader: Out of Egypt I have called my Son;

All: **he will come to save his people.**

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.

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INTERCESSIONS

Reader: With confidence let us call upon Christ, the shepherd and guardian of our souls:

Lord, have mercy on us.

Good shepherd of God's flock,
– gather all into your Church.

Lord, have mercy on us.

Lord Jesus, help the shepherds of your pilgrim people,
– until you come again may they zealously feed your flock.

Lord, have mercy on us.

Choose from among us heralds of your word,
– to proclaim your Gospel to the ends of the earth.

Lord, have mercy on us.

Take pity on all who struggle and fall along the way,
– may they find a friend to help them.

Lord, have mercy on us.

Show your glory in heaven,
– to those who listen to your voice on earth.

Lord, have mercy on us.

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

All-powerful Father,
guide us with your love
as we await the coming of your Son.

Keep us faithful
that we may be helped through life
and brought to salvation.

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.**