



St. Charles
Borromeo
Church

Vespers

Friday Evening Prayer
December 30, 2022
Feast of the Holy Family



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 122: Holy city, Jerusalem

You have come to Mount Zion, to the city of the living God, heavenly Jerusalem

(Hebrews 12:22)

Antiphon:

Leader: After three days, Jesus was found in the temple,

All: **seated in the midst of the doctors, listening to them and asking them questions.**

Leader: I rejoiced when I heard them say:

“Let us go to God’s house.”

And now our feet are standing
within your gates, O Jerusalem.

***All:* Jerusalem is built as a city
strongly compact.**

**It is there that the tribes go up,
the tribes of the Lord.**

For Israel’s law it is,

there to praise the Lord’s name.

There were set the thrones of judgment
of the house of David.

For the peace of Jerusalem pray:

“Peace be to your homes!

**May peace reign in your walls,
in your palaces, peace!”**

For love of my brethren and friends

I say: “Peace upon you.”

For love of the house of the Lord

I will ask for your good.

**Glory to the Father, and to the Son,
and to the Holy Spirit:**

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and will be for ever. Amen.**

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Psalm Prayer

Leader: When you rose from the dead, Lord Jesus, you formed the Church into your new body, and made of it the new Jerusalem, united in your Spirit. Give us peace in our day. Make all nations come to your Church to share in your gifts in fellowship, that they may render you thanks without end and come to your eternal city.

Psalm 127: Apart from God our labors are worthless
You are God's building (1 Corinthians 3:9)

Antiphon:

Leader: Jesus returned with Mary and Joseph to Nazareth;

All: **there he lived and was obedient to them.**

If the Lord does not build the house,
in vain do its builders labor;
if the Lord does not watch over the city,
in vain do the watchers keep vigil.

**In vain is your earlier rising,
your going later to rest,
you who toil for the bread you eat,
when he pours gifts on his beloved while they slumber.**

Truly sons are a gift from the Lord,
a blessing, the fruit of the womb.
The sons of youth
are like arrows in the hand of a warrior.

**O the happiness of the man
who has filled his quiver with these arrows.
He will have no cause for shame
when he disputes with his foes in the gateways.**

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and to the Holy Spirit:
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and will be for ever. Amen.

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Psalm Prayer

Leader: You command the seed to rise, Lord God, though the farmer is unaware. Grant that those who labor for you may trust not in their own work but in your help. Remembering that the land is brought to flower not with human tears but with those of your Son, may the Church rely only upon your gifts.

Canticle: Ephesians 1:3-10: God our savior

Antiphon

Leader: Jesus grew in wisdom with the years

All: **and was pleasing to God and men.**

Praised be the God and Father
of our Lord Jesus Christ,
who has bestowed on us in Christ
every spiritual blessing in the heavens.

**God chose us in him
before the world began
to be holy
and blameless in his sight.**

He predestined us
to be his adopted sons through Jesus Christ,
such was his will and pleasure,
that all might praise the glorious favor
he has bestowed on us in his beloved.

**In him and through his blood, we have been redeemed,
and our sins forgiven,
so immeasurably generous
is God’s favor to us.**

God has given us the wisdom
to understand fully the mystery,
the plan he was pleased
to decree in Christ.

**A plan to be carried out
in Christ, in the fullness of time,
to bring all things into one in him,
in the heavens and on earth.**

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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: Philippians 2:6–7

Though he was in the form of God, Christ Jesus did not deem equality with God something to be grasped at. Rather, he emptied himself and took the form of a slave, being born in the likeness of men. He was known to be of human estate.

RESPONSORY

Reader: He had to become like his brothers in every way to show the fullness of his mercy.

– **He had to become like his brothers in every way to show the fullness of his mercy.**

He was seen on earth and lived among men and women,
– **to show the fullness of his mercy.**

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.
– **He had to become like his brothers in every way to show the fullness of his mercy.**

GOSPEL CANTICLE

Canticle of Mary: Luke 1:46-55

The soul rejoices in the Lord

Leader: Son, why have you done this to us? Think what anguish your father and I have endured looking for you.

All: **But why did you look for me? Did you not know that I had to be in my Father's house?**

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: Let us adore the Son of the living God who humbled himself to become a son of a human family, and let us beseech him:

Lord, you are the model and Savior of all.

Christ, by the mystery of your subjection to Mary and Joseph,
– teach all people reverence and obedience to lawful authority.

Lord, you are the model and Savior of all.

You loved your parents and were loved by them,
– establish our families in mutual love and peace.

Lord, you are the model and Savior of all.

You were eager to be about your Father's business,
– may he be honored in every home.

Lord, you are the model and Savior of all.

Christ, after three days your anxious parents found you in your Father's house,
– teach all to seek first the kingdom of God.

Lord, you are the model and Savior of all.

Christ, you have made Mary and Joseph sharers in heavenly glory,
– admit the dead into the family of the blessed.

Lord, you are the model and Savior of all.

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,
help us to live as the holy family,
united in respect and love.
Bring us to the joy and peace of your eternal home.
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.**