



St. Charles  
Borromeo  
Church

# Vespers

Friday Evening Prayer  
February 10, 2023  
Memorial of St. Scholastica



## 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 41:** Prayer of a sick person

*One of you will betray me, yes, one who eats with me (Mark 14:18).*

### **Antiphon:**

*Leader:* Lord, lay your healing hand upon me,

*All:* **for I have sinned.**

*Leader:* Happy the man who considers the poor and the weak.

The Lord will save him in the day of evil,  
will guard him, give him life, make him happy in the land and  
will not give him up to the will of his foes.

The Lord will help him on his bed of pain,  
he will bring him back from sickness to health.

*All:* **As for me, I said: "Lord, have mercy on me, heal my soul  
for I have sinned against you."**

**My foes are speaking evil against me.**

**"How long before he dies and his name be forgotten?"**

They come to visit me and speak empty words,  
their hearts full of malice, they spread it abroad.

**My enemies whisper together against me.  
They all weigh up the evil which is on me:  
"Some deadly thing has fastened upon him,  
he will not rise again from where he lies."  
Thus even my friend, in whom I trusted,  
who ate my bread, has turned against me.**

But you, O Lord, have mercy on me.

Let me rise once more and I will repay them.  
By this I shall know that you are my friend,  
if my foes do not shout in triumph over me.  
If you uphold me I shall be unharmed  
and set in your presence for evermore.

**Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel  
from age to age. Amen. Amen.**

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:* Lord, lay your healing hand upon me, <sup>3</sup>

*All:* **for I have sinned.**

## **Psalm Prayer**

*Leader:* Lord Jesus, healer of soul and body, you said: Blessed are the merciful, they will obtain mercy. Teach us to come to the aid of the needy in a spirit of love, that we in turn may be received and strengthened by you.

**Psalm 46:** God our refuge and strength  
*He shall be called Emmanuel, which means: God-with-us (Matthew 1:23).*

**Antiphon:**

*Leader:* The mighty Lord is with us;

*All:* **the God of Jacob is our stronghold.**

God is for us a refuge and strength,  
a helper close at hand, in time of distress:  
so we shall not fear though the earth should rock, though the  
mountains fall into the depths of the sea, even though its  
waters rage and foam, even though the mountains be shaken  
by its waves.

**The Lord of hosts is with us:  
the God of Jacob is our stronghold.**

The waters of a river give joy to God's city,  
the holy place where the Most High dwells.  
God is within, it cannot be shaken;  
God will help it at the dawning of the day.  
Nations are in tumult, kingdoms are shaken:  
he lifts his voice, the earth shrinks away.

**The Lord of hosts is with us:  
the God of Jacob is our stronghold.**

Come, consider the works of the Lord,  
the redoubtable deeds he has done on the earth.  
He puts an end to wars over all the earth;  
the bow he breaks, the spear he snaps.  
He burns the shields with fire.  
"Be still and know that I am God,  
supreme among the nations, supreme on the earth!"

**The Lord of hosts is with us:  
the God of Jacob is our stronghold.**

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 mighty Lord is with us;

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## Psalm Prayer

*Leader:* All-powerful Father, the refuge and strength of your people, you protect in adversity and defend in prosperity those who put their trust in you. May they persevere in seeking your will and find their way to you through obedience.

**Canticle: Revelation 15:3-4:** Hymn of adoration

**Antiphon**

*Leader:* All nations will come

*All:* **and worship before you, O Lord.**

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:* All nations will come

*All:* **and worship before you, O Lord.**

**READING:** 1 Corinthians 7:32b, 34

The unmarried man is busy with the Lord's affairs, concerned with pleasing the Lord. The virgin—indeed, any unmarried woman—is concerned with things of the Lord, in pursuit of holiness in body and spirit.

**RESPONSORY**

*Reader:* The virgins are led into the presence of the King, amid gladness and joy, alleluia, alleluia.

*All:* – **The virgins are led into the presence of the King, amid gladness and joy, alleluia, alleluia.**

They are brought into the King's dwelling place,  
– **Alleluia, alleluia.**

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.

– **The virgins are led into the presence of the King, amid gladness and joy, alleluia, alleluia.**

## GOSPEL CANTICLE

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

*The soul rejoices in the Lord*

*Leader:* Come, spouse of Christ, receive the crown

*All:* **the Lord has prepared for you from all eternity.**

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:* Come, spouse of Christ, receive the crown

*All:* **the Lord has prepared for you from all eternity.**

## INTERCESSIONS

*Reader:* Christ extolled those who practiced virginity for the sake of the kingdom. Let us praise him joyfully and pray to him:

*All: Jesus, example of virgins, hear us.*

Christ, you presented the Church to yourself as a chaste virgin to her spouse,  
– keep her holy and inviolate.

*Jesus, example of virgins, hear us.*

Christ, the holy virgins went out to meet you with their lamps alight,  
– keep the fidelity of your consecrated handmaids burning brightly.

*Jesus, example of virgins, hear us.*

Lord, your virgin Church has always kept its faith whole and untarnished,

– grant all Christians a whole and untarnished faith.

*Jesus, example of virgins, hear us.*

You have given your people joy in celebrating the feast of your holy virgin Scholastica,

– give us constant joy through her intercession.

*Jesus, example of virgins, hear us.*

You have admitted the holy virgins to your marriage banquet,  
– in your mercy lead the dead to your heavenly feast.

*Jesus, example of virgins, hear 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**

Lord,  
as we recall the memory of Saint Scholastica,  
we ask that by her example  
we may serve you with love and obtain perfect joy.  
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.

**All: Amen.**