St. Charles Borromeo Church

# Vespers

Friday Evening Prayer
March 10, 2023

# 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 116:1-9 Thanksgiving

*We must endure many trials before entering God's kingdom*
(Acts 14:21)

**Antiphon:**

*Leader:* Lord, keep my soul from death,
*All:* **never let me stumble.**

*Leader:* I love the Lord for he has heard
the cry of my appeal;
for he turned his ear to me
in the day when I called him.

*All:* **They surrounded me, the snares of death, with the anguish of the tomb;
they caught me, sorrow and distress.
I called on the Lord's name.**

O Lord, my God, deliver me!

**How gracious is the Lord, and just;
our God has compassion.
The Lord protects the simple hearts;
I was helpless so he saved me.**

Turn back, my soul, to your rest
for the Lord has been good;
he has kept my soul from death,
my eyes from tears
and my feet from stumbling.

**I will walk in the presence of the Lord
in the land of the living.**

Glory to the Father, and to the Son,
and to the Holy Spirit:
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and will be for ever. Amen.

**Antiphon:**

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## Psalm Prayer

*Leader:* God of power and mercy, through your Son's passion and resurrection you have freed us from the bonds of death and the anguish of separation from you. Be ever with us on our pilgrimage; then we shall sing rather than weep. Keep our feet from stumbling, so that we may be able to follow you until we come to eternal rest.

**Psalm 121:** Guardian of his people
*Never again will they hunger and thirst, never again know scorching heat*
(Revelation 7:16)

## Antiphon:

*Leader:* My help comes from the Lord,
*All:* **who made heaven and earth.**

I lift up my eyes to the mountains:
from where shall come my help?
My help shall come from the Lord
who made heaven and earth.

**May he never allow you to stumble!**
**Let him sleep not, your guard.**
**No, he sleeps not nor slumbers,**
**Israel's guard.**

The Lord is your guard and your shade;
at your right side he stands.
By day the sun shall not smite you
nor the moon in the night.

**The Lord will guard you from evil,**
**he will guard your soul.**
**The Lord will guard your going and coming both now and for ever.**

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and to the Holy Spirit:
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Lord Jesus Christ, you have prepared a quiet place for us in your Father's eternal home. Watch over our welfare on this perilous journey, shade us from the burning heat of day, and keep our lives free of evil until the end.

## 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:**
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**and will be for ever. Amen.**

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## READING: James 5:16, 19-20

*Reader:* Declare your sins to one another, and pray for one another, that you may find healing. The fervent petition of a holy man is powerful indeed.

My brothers, the case may arise among you of someone straying from the truth, and of another bringing him back. Remember this: the person who brings a sinner back from his way will save his soul from death and cancel a multitude of sins.

## RESPONSORY

*Reader:* To you, O Lord, I make my prayer for mercy.
*All:* **To you, O Lord, I make my prayer for mercy.**

Heal my soul, for I have sinned against you.
**– I make my prayer for mercy.**

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.
**– To you, O Lord, I make my prayer for mercy.**

# GOSPEL CANTICLE

**Canticle of Mary**: Luke 1:46-55
*The soul rejoices in the Lord*

*Leader:* They would have arrested Jesus
*All:* **but they feared the people who regarded him as a prophet.**

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:* The Savior of mankind by dying destroyed death and by rising again restored life. Let us humbly ask him:

*All:* **Sanctify your people, redeemed by your blood.**

Redeemer of the world, give us a greater share of your passion through a deeper spirit of repentance,
– so that we may share the glory of your resurrection.

**Sanctify your people, redeemed by your blood.**

May your Mother, comfort of the afflicted, protect us,
– may we console others as you console us.

**Sanctify your people, redeemed by your blood.**

In their trials enable your faithful people to share in your passion,
– and so reveal in their lives your saving power.
**Sanctify your people, redeemed by your blood.**

You humbled yourself by being obedient even to accepting death, death on a cross,
– give all who serve you the gifts of obedience and patient endurance.
**Sanctify your people, redeemed by your blood.**

Transform the bodies of the dead to be like your own in glory,
– and bring us at last into their fellowship.
**Sanctify your people, redeemed by your blood.**

## 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

Merciful Father,
may our acts of penance bring us your forgiveness,
open our hearts to your love,
and prepare us for the coming feast of the resurrection.
We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with and the Holy Spirit,
God, for ever and ever.
**– Amen.**

## DISMISSAL

*If a priest or deacon presides, he dismisses the people*:

May the Lord Jesus, who loved children, bless you and keep you in his love, now and for ever.
**– Amen.**

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**.

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