



St. Charles
Borromeo
Church

Vespers

Friday Evening Prayer
Solemnity of Saints Peter and Paul
June 28, 2024



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 117 Praise for God's loving compassion

I affirm that . . . the Gentile peoples are to praise God because of his mercy
(Romans 15:8-9)

Antiphon:

Leader: You are Christ, the Son of the living God.

All: **Blessed are you Simon, son of John!**

Leader: O praise the Lord, all you nations,
acclaim him all you peoples!

All: **Strong is his love for us;
he is faithful for ever.**

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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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Psalm Prayer

Leader: God our Father, may all nations and peoples praise you. May Jesus, who is called faithful and true and who lives with you eternally, possess our hearts for ever.

Psalm 147:12-20: The restoration of Jerusalem
Come, I will show you the bride of the Lamb
(Revelation 21:9)

Antiphon:

Leader: You are Peter,

All: **and on this rock I will build my Church.**

O praise the Lord, Jerusalem!
Zion, praise your God!

**He has strengthened the bars of your gates,
he has blessed the children within you.
He established peace on your borders,
he feeds you with finest wheat.**

He sends out his word to the earth
and swiftly runs his command.
He showers down snow white as wool,
he scatters hoar-frost like ashes.

**He hurls down hailstones like crumbs.
The waters are frozen at his touch;
he sends forth his word and it melts them:
at the breath of his mouth the waters flow.**

He makes his word known to Jacob,
to Israel his laws and decrees.
He has not dealt thus with other nations;
he has not taught them his decrees.

**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:

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All: **and on this rock I will build my Church.**

Psalm Prayer

Leader: Lord you established peace within the borders of Jerusalem. Give the fullness of peace to your faithful people. May peace rule us in this life and possess us in eternal life. You are about to fill us with the best of wheat; grant that what we see dimly now as in a mirror, we may come to perceive clearly in the brightness of your truth.

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

Antiphon

Leader: You are the chosen vessel of God, blessed apostle Paul;

All: **you preached the truth throughout the whole world.**

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,
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READING: Romans 1:2–2, 7

Greetings from Paul, a servant of Christ Jesus, called to be an apostle and set apart to proclaim the gospel of God which he promised long ago through his prophets, as the holy Scriptures record—the gospel concerning his Son—to all in Rome, beloved of God and called to holiness, grace and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

RESPONSORY

Reader:

The apostles proclaimed the word of God and preached it faithfully.

All: The apostles proclaimed the word of God and preached it faithfully.

They bore witness to the resurrection of Jesus Christ.
– **And preached it faithfully.**

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.
– **The apostles proclaimed the word of God and preached it faithfully.**

GOSPEL CANTICLE

Canticle of Mary: Luke 1:46-55

The soul rejoices in the Lord

Leader: How glorious are the apostles of Christ; in life they loved one another;

All: **in death they rejoice together for ever.**

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.

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INTERCESSIONS

Reader: The Lord Jesus built his holy people on the foundation of the apostles and prophets. In faith let us pray:

Lord, come to the aid of your people.

You once called Simon, the fisherman, to catch men,
— now summon new workers who will bring the message of salvation to all peoples.

Lord, come to the aid of your people.

You calmed the waves so that your followers would not be drowned,
— guard your Church, protect it from all dangers.

Lord, come to the aid of your people.

You gathered your scattered flock around Peter after the resurrection,
— good Shepherd, bring all your people together as one flock.

Lord, come to the aid of your people.

You sent Paul as apostle to preach the good news to the Gentiles,
— let the word of salvation be proclaimed to all mankind.

Lord, come to the aid of your people.

You gave the keys of your kingdom into the hands of your holy Church,
— open the gates of that kingdom to all who trusted in your mercy while on earth.

Lord, come to the aid of your people.

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 our God,
encourage us through the prayers of Saints Peter and Paul.
May the apostles who strengthened the faith of the infant Church
help us on our way of 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.