



St. Charles  
Borromeo  
Church

# Vespers

Friday Evening Prayer  
Memorial of St. Cecilia  
November 22, 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 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 Peter 4:13-14

*Reader:* Rejoice, beloved, in the measure that you share Christ's sufferings. When his glory is revealed, you will rejoice exultantly. Happy are you when you are insulted for the sake of Christ, for then God's Spirit in its glory has come to rest on you.

**RESPONSORY**

*Reader:* The Lord chose her, his loved one from the beginning.

*All:* **The Lord chose her, his loved one from the beginning.**

He has taken her to live with him,  
– **his loved one from the beginning.**

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.  
– **The Lord chose her, his loved one from the beginning.**



# GOSPEL CANTICLE

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

*The soul rejoices in the Lord*

*Leader:* Saint Cecilia kept the Gospel of Christ ever near her heart;

*All:* **day or night she never ceased praying and speaking with God.**

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:* Saint Cecilia kept the Gospel of Christ ever near her heart;

*All:* **day or night she never ceased praying and speaking with God.**

## INTERCESSIONS

*Reader:* This is the hour when the King of martyrs offered his life in the upper room and laid it down on the cross. Let us thank him and say:

*All:* **We praise you, O Lord.**

We praise you, O Lord, our Savior, inspiration and example for every martyr, for loving us to the end:

**We praise you, O Lord.**

For calling all repentant sinners to the rewards of life:

**We praise you, O Lord.**

For entrusting to your Church the blood of the new and everlasting covenant poured out for the remission of sin:

**We praise you, O Lord.**

For our perseverance in your grace today:

**We praise you, O Lord.**

For incorporating our dead brothers and sisters into your own death today:

**We praise you, O Lord.**

## **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 of mercy,  
be close to those who call upon you.  
With Saint Cecilia to help us  
hear and answer our prayers.

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.**