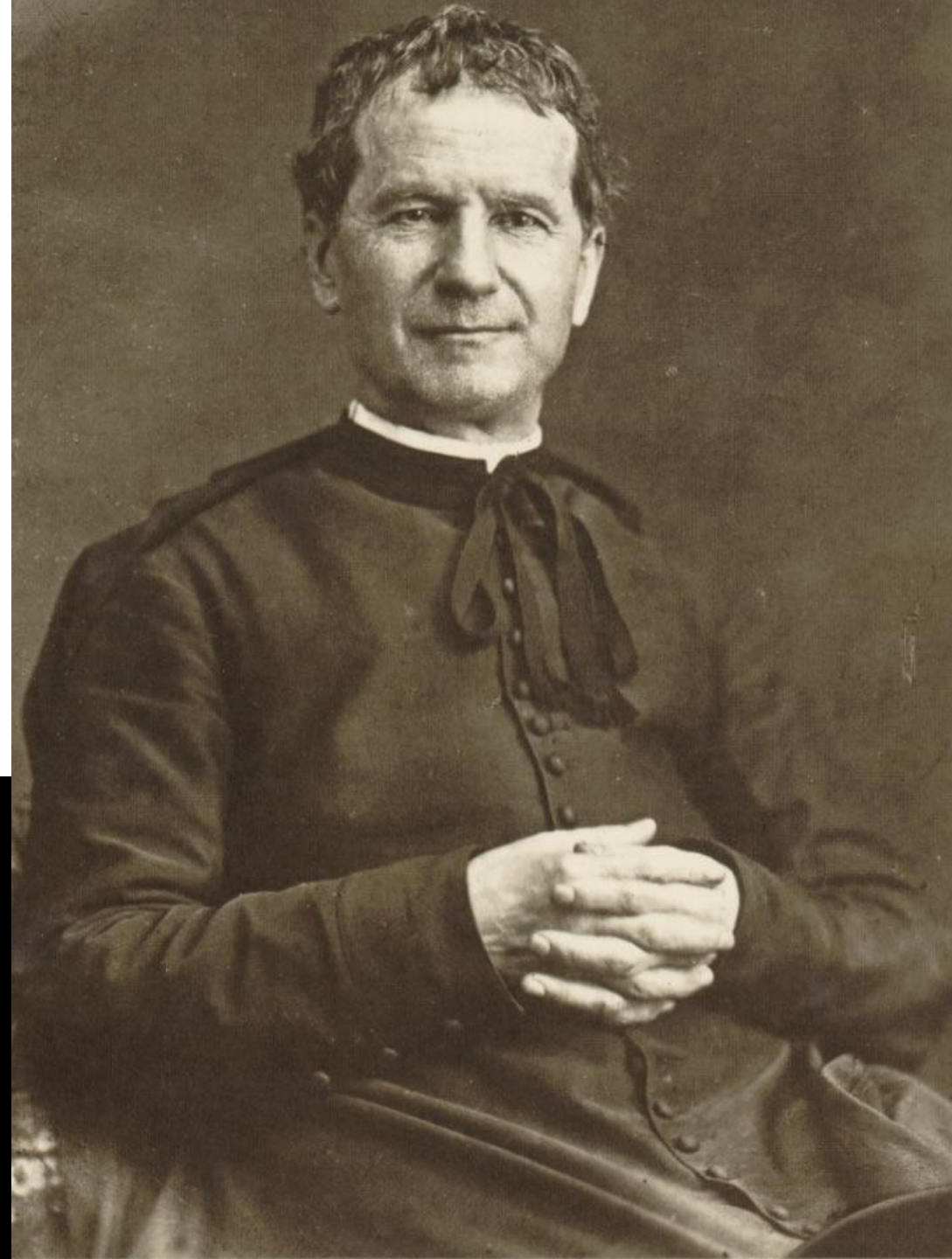


St. Charles  
Borromeo  
Church

# Vespers

Friday Evening Prayer  
January 31, 2025  
Memorial of St. John Bosco



## 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 135: Praise for the wonderful things God does for us**

*He has won us for himself. . . and you must proclaim what he has done for you.  
He has called you out of darkness into his own wonderful light (1 Peter 2:9).*

#### **Antiphon:**

*Leader:* Great is the Lord, our God,

*All:* **transcending all other gods.**

*Leader:* Praise the name of the Lord,  
praise him, servants of the Lord,  
who stand in the house of the Lord  
in the courts of the house of our God.

*All:* **Praise the Lord for the Lord is good.  
Sing a psalm to his name for he is loving.  
For the Lord has chosen Jacob for himself  
and Israel for his own possession.**

For I know the Lord is great,  
that our Lord is high above all gods.  
The Lord does whatever he wills,  
in heaven, on earth, in the seas.

**He summons clouds from the ends of the earth;  
makes lightning produce the rain;  
from his treasuries he sends forth the wind.**

The first-born of the Egyptians he smote,  
of man and beast alike.

Signs and wonders he worked  
in the midst of your land, O Egypt,  
against Pharaoh and all his servants.

**Nations in their greatness he struck  
and kings in their splendor he slew.  
Sihon, king of the Amorites,  
Og, the king of Bashan,  
and all the kingdoms of Canaan.  
He let Israel inherit their land;  
on his people their land he bestowed.**

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:* Great is the Lord, our God,

*All:* **transcending all other gods.**

## Psalm 135 (Part 2)

### Antiphon:

*Leader:* House of Israel, bless the Lord!

*All:* **Sing psalms to him, for he is merciful.**

Lord, your name stands for ever,  
unforgotten from age to age:  
for the Lord does justice for his people;  
the Lord takes pity on his servants.

**Pagan idols are silver and gold,  
the work of human hands.  
They have mouths but they cannot speak;  
they have eyes but they cannot see.**

They have ears but they cannot hear;  
there is never a breath on their lips.  
Their makers will come to be like them  
and so will all who trust in them!

**Sons of Israel, bless the Lord!  
Sons of Aaron, bless the Lord!  
Sons of Levi, bless the Lord!  
You who fear him, bless the Lord!**

From Zion may the Lord be blessed,  
he who dwells in Jerusalem!

**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:* House of Israel, bless the Lord!

*All:* **Sing psalms to him, for he is merciful.**

### Psalm Prayer

*Leader:* Father, your name and your memory last forever. We stand to pray in your house and praise you with psalms of joy. We ask you in your kindness to have mercy on us in our lowliness.

**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 5:1-4

To the elders among you, I, a fellow elder, a witness of Christ's sufferings and sharer in the glory that is to be revealed, make this appeal. God's flock is in your midst; give it a shepherd's care. Watch over it willingly, as God would have you do, not under constraint, and not for shameful profit, either, but generously. Be examples to the flock, not lording it over those assigned to you, so that when the chief Shepherd appears, you will win for yourselves the unfading crown of glory.

## **RESPONSORY**

*Reader:* This is a man who loved his brethren and ever prayed for them.

**All: This is a man who loved his brethren and ever prayed for them.**

He spent himself in their service,  
— **and ever prayed for them.**

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.  
**This is a man who loved his brethren and ever prayed for them.**

## GOSPEL CANTICLE

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

*The soul rejoices in the Lord*

*Leader:* Let the little children come to me,  
*All:* **for they are at home in my Father's kingdom.**

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:* Let the little children come to me,  
*All:* **for they are at home in my Father's kingdom.**

## INTERCESSIONS

*Reader:* Jesus Christ is worthy of all praise, for he was appointed high priest among men and women and their representative before God. We honor him and in our frailty we pray:

***All: Bring salvation to your people, Lord.***

You marvelously illuminated your Church through distinguished leaders and holy men and women,  
– let Christians rejoice always in such splendor.

***Bring salvation to your people, Lord.***

You forgave the sins of your people when their holy leaders like Moses sought your compassion,  
– through their intercession continue to purify and sanctify your holy people.

***Bring salvation to your people, Lord.***

In the midst of their brothers and sisters you anointed your holy ones and filled them with the Holy Spirit,  
– fill all the leaders of your people with the same Spirit.

***Bring salvation to your people, Lord.***

You yourself are the only visible possession of our holy pastors,  
– let none of them, won at the price of your blood, remain far from you.

***Bring salvation to your people, Lord.***

The shepherds of your Church keep your flock from being snatched out of your hand. Through them you give your flock eternal life,  
– save those who have died, those for whom you gave up your life.

***Bring salvation to your people, 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,  
you called John Bosco  
to be a teacher and father to the young.  
Fill us with love like his:  
may we give ourselves completely to your service  
and to the salvation of mankind.  
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:*

May the Lord + bless us,  
protect us from all evil  
and bring us to everlasting life.  
– **Amen.**