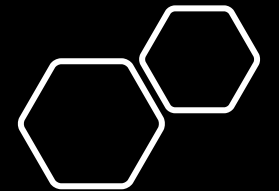




St. Charles
Borromeo
Church

Vespers

Friday Evening Prayer
Solemnity of the Assumption
August 15, 2025



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 122 Holy city Jerusalem

You have come to Mount Zion, to the city of the living God, heavenly Jerusalem
(Hebrews 12:22)

Antiphon:

Leader: Mary has been taken into heaven; the angels rejoice.

All: **They bless the Lord and sing his praises.**

Leader: I rejoiced when I heard them say:

“Let us go to God’s house.”

And now our feet are standing
within your gates, O Jerusalem.

All: **Jerusalem is built as a city
strongly compact.**

**It is there that the tribes go up,
the tribes of the Lord.**

For Israel’s law it is,

there to praise the Lord’s name.

There were set the thrones of judgment
of the house of David.

For the peace of Jerusalem pray:

“Peace be to your homes!

**May peace reign in your walls,
in your palaces, peace!”**

For love of my brethren and friends

I say: “Peace upon you.”

For love of the house of the Lord

I will ask for your good.

**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: Mary has been taken into heaven; the angels rejoice.

All: **They bless the Lord and sing his praises.**

Psalm Prayer

Leader: When you rose from the dead, Lord Jesus, you formed the Church into your new body, and made of it the new Jerusalem, united in your Spirit. Give us peace in our day. Make all nations come to your Church to share in your gifts in fellowship, that they may render you thanks without end and come to your eternal city.

Psalm 127: Apart from God our labors are worthless
You are God's building (1 Corinthians 3:9)

Antiphon:

Leader: The Virgin Mary was taken up to the
 heavenly bridal chamber

All: **Where the King of kings sits on a starry throne.**

If the Lord does not build the house,
in vain do its builders labor;
if the Lord does not watch over the city,
in vain do the watchers keep vigil.

**In vain is your earlier rising,
your going later to rest,
you who toil for the bread you eat,
when he pours gifts on his beloved while they slumber.**

Truly sons are a gift from the Lord,
a blessing, the fruit of the womb.
The sons of youth
are like arrows in the hand of a warrior.

**O the happiness of the man
who has filled his quiver with these arrows.
He will have no cause for shame
when he disputes with his foes in the gateways.**

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 Virgin Mary was taken up to the
 heavenly bridal chamber

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Psalm Prayer

Leader: You command the seed to rise, Lord God, though the farmer is unaware. Grant that those who labor for you may trust not in their own work but in your help. Remembering that the land is brought to flower not with human tears but with those of your Son, may the Church rely only upon your gifts.

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

Antiphon

Leader: We share the fruit of life through you,

All: **O daughter blessed by the Lord.**

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.**

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: We share the fruit of life through you,

All: **O daughter blessed by the Lord.**

READING: 1 Corinthians 15:22-23

Just as in Adam all die, so in Christ all will come to life again, but each one in proper order: Christ the first fruits and then, at his coming, all those who belong to him

RESPONSORY

Reader: The Virgin Mary has been exalted high above the choirs of angels.

All: The Virgin Mary has been exalted high above the choirs of angels.

Blessed is the Lord, who raised her up.
– **The Virgin Mary has been exalted high above the choirs of angels.**

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.
– **The Virgin Mary has been exalted high above the choirs of angels.**

GOSPEL CANTICLE

Canticle of Mary: Luke 1:46-55

The soul rejoices in the Lord

Leader: Today the Virgin Mary was assumed into heaven:
All: **Rejoice and be glad, for she will reign for ever with Christ.**

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: Today the Virgin Mary was assumed into heaven:
All: **Rejoice and be glad, for she will reign for ever with Christ.**

INTERCESSIONS

Reader: Let us praise God our Almighty Father, who wished that Mary, his Son's mother, be celebrated by each generation. Now in need we ask:

All: Mary, full of grace, intercede for us.

You made Mary the mother of mercy: may all who are faced with trials feel her motherly love.

Mary, full of grace, intercede for us.

You wished Mary to be the mother of the family in the home of Jesus and Joseph: may all mothers of families foster love and holiness through her intercession.

Mary, full of grace, intercede for us.

You gave Mary strength at the foot of the cross and filled her with joy at the resurrection of your Son: lighten the hardships of those who are burdened and deepen their sense of hope.

Mary, full of grace, intercede for us.

You made Mary open to your word and faithful as your servant through her intercession make us servants and true followers of your Son.

Mary, full of grace, intercede for us.

You crowned Mary queen of heaven,
– may all the dead rejoice in your kingdom with the saints for ever.

Mary, full of grace, intercede for 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

Almighty, ever-living God, you have taken the mother of your
Son, the immaculate Virgin Mary, body and soul into the glory
where you dwell.
Keep our hearts set on heaven so that, with her, we may share
in your glory.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of 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.**