



St. Charles  
Borromeo  
Church

# Vespers

Friday Evening Prayer  
Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe  
December 12, 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:* I have consecrated this temple

*All:*       **and my name shall dwell within it.**

*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:* I have consecrated this temple

*All:*       **and my name shall dwell within it.**

## 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:* Blessed are you, O Mary,

*All:* **from you has come the salvation of the world.**

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:**

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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:* The Virgin Mary is exalted  
*All:* **above all the choirs of angels.**

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**

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**READING:** Revelation 21:2-3

I, John, saw the holy city, a new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, “Behold, God’s dwelling is with the human race. God will dwell with them and they will be his people and God himself will always be with them as their God.”

**RESPONSORY**

*Reader:* Her children rose up and they called her blessed.

*All:* **Her children rose up and they called her blessed.**

She opened her lips with wisdom and her tongue spoke words of love.

— **And they called her blessed.**

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.

— **Her children rose up and they called her blessed.**



# GOSPEL CANTICLE

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

*The soul rejoices in the Lord*

*Leader:* Deep waters cannot quench love,

*All:* **nor floods sweep it away.**

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:* Deep waters cannot quench love,

*All:* **nor floods sweep it away.**

# INTERCESSIONS

*Reader:* God sent us the Blessed Virgin Mary to console us in our sorrow and to lead us to himself. Let us confidently pray:

**Grant us her love, help, and protection.**

You made Mary the gate through which the true Light shone over the earth,  
— by the light of her Son may the Church seek justice for the oppressed and peace for all people.

**Grant us her love, help, and protection.**

The image of the Mother of your Son was imprinted on the garment of the Indian Juan Diego with the features of his race,  
— imprint within us Mary’s virtues and her love for the poor and the defenseless.

**Grant us her love, help, and protection.**

Through Mary you changed barren Tepeyac into a fragrant garden of flowers,  
— through her transform us, that we may grow fruitfully as true Christians.

**Grant us her love, help, and protection.**

In Juan Diego you give us an example of simplicity and humility,  
— teach us constancy in suffering and fidelity to the Gospel.

**Grant us her love, help, and protection.**

You made the Virgin Mary the protector of all who call upon her and trust in her,  
— may the light of her consolation shine on those who have departed from this life.

**Grant us her love, help, and protection.**

## 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

God of power and mercy,  
you blessed the Americas at Tepeyac  
with the presence of the Virgin Mary of Guadalupe.  
May her prayers help all men and women  
to accept each other as brothers and sisters.  
Through your justice present in our hearts  
may your peace reign in the world.  
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.**