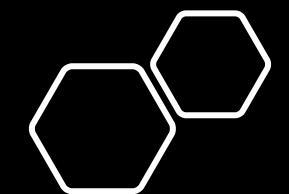




Vespers

Friday Evening Prayer
January 30, 2026



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: James 1:2–4

Reader: My brothers, count it pure joy when you are involved in every sort of trial. Realize that when your faith is tested this makes for endurance. Let endurance come to its perfection so that you may be fully mature and lacking in nothing.

RESPONSORY

Reader: Christ loved us and washed away our sins, in his own blood.

All: Christ loved us and washed away our sins, in his own blood.

He made us a nation of kings and priests, in his own blood.

– Christ loved us and washed away our sins, in his own blood.

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

– Christ loved us and washed away our sins, in his own blood.

GOSPEL CANTICLE

Canticle of Mary: Luke 1:46-55

The soul rejoices in the Lord

Leader: The Lord has come to the help of his servants,

All: **for he has remembered his promise of mercy.**

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: The Lord has come to the help of his servants,

All: **for he has remembered his promise of mercy.**

INTERCESSIONS

Reader: Because of our sins the Father gave the Lord Jesus up to death, and for our justification he raised him up again. Let us pray:

Have mercy on your people, Lord.

Hear our prayers and spare us as we confess our sins,
– grant us forgiveness and peace.

Have mercy on your people, Lord.

Your Apostle said: “Where sin abounds, grace abounds all the more,”
– forgive us our transgressions.

Have mercy on your people, Lord.

Lord, we have sinned, yet we have also acknowledged your infinite mercy,
– bring us to conversion.

Have mercy on your people, Lord.

Save your people from their sins, Lord,
– make them pleasing to you.

Have mercy on your people, Lord.

You opened Paradise to the thief who believed in you,
– do not close the gates of heaven to the faithful departed.

Have mercy on 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

Father,
in your loving plan
Christ your Son became the price of our salvation.
May we be united with him in his suffering
so that we may experience the power of his resurrection
in the kingdom
where he 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.