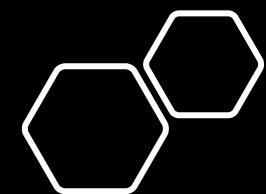




# Vespers



Friday Evening Prayer  
February 6, 2026  
Feast of St. Paul Miki and Companions



## **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 145: Praise of God's majesty

*Lord, you are the Just One, who was and who is (Revelation 16:5)*

#### Antiphon:

*Leader: Day after day I will bless you, Lord;*

*All: I will tell of your marvelous deeds.*

I will give you glory, O God my King,

I will bless your name for ever.

**I will bless you day after day**

**and praise your name for ever.**

**The Lord is great, highly to be praised,  
his greatness cannot be measured.**

Age to age shall proclaim your works,  
shall declare your mighty deeds,  
shall speak of your splendor and glory,  
tell the tale of your wonderful works.

**They will speak of your terrible deeds,  
recount your greatness and might.**

**They will recall your abundant goodness;  
age to age shall ring out your justice.**

The Lord is kind and full of compassion,  
slow to anger, abounding in love.

How good is the Lord to all,  
compassionate to all his creatures.

**All your creatures shall thank you, O Lord,  
and your friends shall repeat their blessing.  
They shall speak of the glory of your reign  
and declare your might, O God,**

to make known to men your mighty deeds  
and the glorious splendor of your reign.  
Yours is an everlasting kingdom;  
your rule lasts from age to age.

**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: Day after day I will bless you, Lord;*

*All: I will tell of your marvelous deeds.*

## Psalm 145: Part II

### Antiphon:

*Leader:* To you alone, Lord, we look with confidence;  
*All:* **you are ever close to those who call upon you**

The Lord is faithful in all his words  
and loving in all his deeds.  
The Lord supports all who fall  
and raises all who are bowed down.

**The eyes of all creatures look to you  
and you give them their food in due time.  
You open wide your hand,  
grant the desires of all who live.**

The Lord is just in all his ways  
and loving in all his deeds.  
He is close to all who call him,  
who call on him from their hearts.

**He grants the desires of those who fear him,  
he hears their cry and he saves them.  
The Lord protects all who love him;  
the wicked he will utterly destroy.**

Let me speak the praise of the Lord,  
let all mankind bless his holy name  
for ever, for ages unending.

**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:* To you alone, Lord, we look with confidence;  
*All:* **you are ever close to those who call upon you**

### Psalm Prayer

Lord, be near to all who call upon you in truth and increase the dedication of those who revere you. Hear their prayers and save them that they may always love you and praise your holy name.

## Canticle: Revelation 15:3-4: Hymn of adoration

### Antiphon

*Leader:* King of all the ages,  
*All:* **your ways are perfect and true.**

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:* King of all the ages,  
*All:* **your ways are perfect and true.**

## 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:* Let the just rejoice and sing for joy in the Lord.  
— **Let the just rejoice and sing for joy in the Lord.**

Delight in his love, you pure of heart,  
— **and sing for joy in the Lord.**

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.  
— **Let the just rejoice and sing for joy in the Lord.**

## GOSPEL CANTICLE

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

*The soul rejoices in the Lord*

*Leader:* The holy friends of Christ rejoice in heaven; they followed in his footsteps to the end.

*All:* **They have shed their blood for love of him and will reign with him for ever.**

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 holy friends of Christ rejoice in heaven; they followed in his footsteps to the end.

*All:* **They have shed their blood for love of him and will reign with him for ever.**

## 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

God our Father,  
source of strength for all your saints,  
you led Paul Miki and his companions  
through the suffering of the cross  
to the joy of eternal life.

May their prayers give us the courage  
to be loyal until death in professing our faith.  
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.**