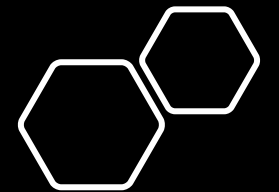




St. Charles  
Borromeo  
Church

# Vespers

Friday Evening Prayer  
April 24, 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:* I, the Lord,

*All:*       **am your savior and redeemer, alleluia.**

*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:* I, the Lord,

*All:*       **am your savior and redeemer, alleluia.**

## Psalm 135 (Part 2)

### Antiphon:

*Leader:* Blessed is the kingdom of David

*All:* **our father which has come among us, alleluia.**

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:* Blessed is the kingdom of David

*All:* **our father which has come among us, alleluia.**

### 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:* Let us sing to the Lord,

*All:* **glorious in his triumph, alleluia.**

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:* Let us sing to the Lord,

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**READING:** Hebrews 5:8-10

Son though he was, Christ learned obedience from what he suffered; and when perfected, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him, designated by God as high priest according to the order of Melchizedek.

**RESPONSORY**

*Reader:* The disciples rejoiced, alleluia, alleluia.

**All: The disciples rejoiced, alleluia, alleluia.**

When they saw the risen Lord,  
– **alleluia, alleluia.**

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.  
– **The disciples rejoiced, alleluia, alleluia.**

## **GOSPEL CANTICLE**

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

*The soul rejoices in the Lord*

*Leader:* Our crucified and risen Lord

*All:* **has redeemed us, alleluia.**

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:* Our crucified and risen Lord

*All:* **has redeemed us, alleluia.**

## INTERCESSIONS

*Reader:* Christ is the way, the truth, and the life. Let us praise him, and say:

**All: Son of the living God, bless your people.**

We pray to you, Lord Jesus, for all ministers of your Church,  
– as they break for us the bread of life, may they themselves receive nourishment and strength.

**Son of the living God, bless your people.**

We pray for the whole Christian people, that all may be worthy of their calling,  
– and safeguard their unity in the Spirit by the bond of peace.

**Son of the living God, bless your people.**

We pray for those who govern us, that they may temper justice with mercy,

– and promote harmony and peace throughout the world.

**Son of the living God, bless your people.**

We pray for ourselves, that our hearts may be purified to sing your praises in the communion of saints,

– may we be reunited with our deceased brothers and sisters, whom we commend to your loving kindness.

**Son of the living God, bless your people.**

## **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,  
by the love of your Spirit,  
may we who have experienced  
the grace of the Lord's resurrection  
rise to the newness of life in joy.  
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.**

*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.**