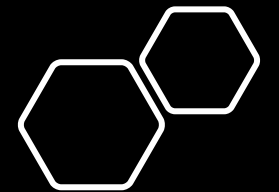




St. Charles
Borromeo
Church

Vespers

Friday Evening Prayer
May 1, 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 145: Praise of God's majesty

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

Antiphon:

Leader: God so loved the world

All: **that he gave his only Son, alleluia.**

Leader: 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: God so loved the world

All: **that he gave his only Son, alleluia.**

Psalm 145: Part II

Antiphon:

Leader: To the King of ages, immortal and invisible,

All: **be all honor and glory, alleluia.**

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 the King of ages, immortal and invisible,

All: **be all honor and glory, alleluia.**

Psalm Prayer

Leader: 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: The Lord is my strength, I shall always praise him,

All: **for he has become my savior, 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: The Lord is my strength, I shall always praise him,

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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: The Good Shepherd laid down

All: **his life for his sheep, 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: The Good Shepherd laid down

All: **his life for his sheep, alleluia.**

INTERCESSIONS

Reader: Let us praise Christ, the source of all life and the foundation of all virtue:

King of glory, hear our prayer.

Jesus our Savior, you died in your human nature but were restored to life by the Spirit,
– make us die to sin, and live by the Spirit.

King of glory, hear our prayer.

You sent your disciples into the whole world to preach the Gospel to every creature,
– inspire those who preach the Gospel to live by your Spirit.

King of glory, hear our prayer.

All power in heaven and on earth has been given to you, to bear witness to the truth,
– keep the hearts of those who govern us faithful to the truth.

King of glory, hear our prayer.

You make all things new, and command us to wait and watch for your kingdom,
– grant that the more we look forward to a new heaven and a new earth, the more we may seek to better this present world.

King of glory, hear our prayer.

You went down among the dead to bring them the good news of the Gospel,
– be the great joy and hope of all the dead.

King of glory, hear our prayer.

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

O God, author of our freedom and of our salvation,
listen to the voice of our pleading
and grant that those you have redeemed
by the shedding of your Son's Blood
may have life through you
and, under your protection,
rejoice for ever unharmed.
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.**