St. Charles Borromeo Church

Vespers

Friday Evening Prayer
November 13, 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: 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: Romans 8:1–2, 10–11

There is no condemnation now for those who are in Christ Jesus. The law of the spirit, the spirit of life in Christ Jesus, has freed you from the law of sin and death.

RESPONSORY

Reader: Christ died for our sins to make of us an offering to God.
– **Christ died for our sins to make of us an offering to God.**

He died to this world of sin, and rose in the power of the Spirit,
– **to make of us an offering to God.**

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.
– **Christ died for our sins to make of us an offering to God.**

GOSPEL CANTICLE

Canticle of Mary: Luke 1:46-55
The soul rejoices in the Lord

Leader: Remember your mercy, Lord,
All: **the promise of mercy you made to our fathers.**

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:
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INTERCESSIONS

Reader: Let us pray to Christ, the source of hope for all who know his name:
Lord, have mercy.

Christ, our frail humanity is prone to fall,
– strengthen us through your help.
Lord, have mercy.

Left to itself, our nature is inclined to sin,
– let your love always restore it to grace.
Lord, have mercy.

Lord, sin offends you, repentance pleases you,
– do not punish us in your wrath even when we have sinned.
Lord, have mercy.

You forgave the penitent woman, and placed the wandering sheep on your shoulders,
– do not deprive us of your mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

By your death on the cross you opened the gates of heaven,
– admit into your kingdom all who hoped in you.
Lord, have mercy.

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,
you brought salvation to all mankind
through the suffering of Christ your Son.
May your people strive to offer themselves
to you as a living sacrifice
and be filled with the abundance of your love.
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:

May the Lord + bless us,
protect us from all evil
and bring us to everlasting life.
– **Amen.**