



St. Charles  
Borromeo  
Church

# Vespers

Friday Evening Prayer  
Memorial of St. Anthony of Egypt  
January 17, 2025



## 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 41:** Prayer of a sick person

*One of you will betray me, yes, one who eats with me (Mark 14:18).*

### **Antiphon:**

*Leader:* Lord, lay your healing hand upon me,

*All:* **for I have sinned.**

*Leader:* Happy the man who considers the poor and the weak.

The Lord will save him in the day of evil,  
will guard him, give him life, make him happy in the land and  
will not give him up to the will of his foes.

The Lord will help him on his bed of pain,  
he will bring him back from sickness to health.

*All:* **As for me, I said: "Lord, have mercy on me, heal my soul  
for I have sinned against you."**

**My foes are speaking evil against me.**

**"How long before he dies and his name be forgotten?"**

They come to visit me and speak empty words,  
their hearts full of malice, they spread it abroad.

**My enemies whisper together against me.  
They all weigh up the evil which is on me:  
"Some deadly thing has fastened upon him,  
he will not rise again from where he lies."  
Thus even my friend, in whom I trusted,  
who ate my bread, has turned against me.**

But you, O Lord, have mercy on me.

Let me rise once more and I will repay them.

By this I shall know that you are my friend,  
if my foes do not shout in triumph over me.

If you uphold me I shall be unharmed  
and set in your presence for evermore.

**Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel  
from age to age. Amen. Amen.**

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:* Lord, lay your healing hand upon me, <sup>3</sup>

*All:* **for I have sinned.**

## Psalm Prayer

*Leader:* Lord Jesus, healer of soul and body, you said: Blessed are the merciful, they will obtain mercy. Teach us to come to the aid of the needy in a spirit of love, that we in turn may be received and strengthened by you.

**Psalm 46:** God our refuge and strength  
*He shall be called Emmanuel, which means: God-with-us (Matthew 1:23).*

**Antiphon:**

*Leader:* The mighty Lord is with us;

*All:* **the God of Jacob is our stronghold.**

God is for us a refuge and strength,  
a helper close at hand, in time of distress:  
so we shall not fear though the earth should rock, though the  
mountains fall into the depths of the sea, even though its  
waters rage and foam, even though the mountains be shaken  
by its waves.

**The Lord of hosts is with us:  
the God of Jacob is our stronghold.**

The waters of a river give joy to God's city,  
the holy place where the Most High dwells.  
God is within, it cannot be shaken;  
God will help it at the dawning of the day.  
Nations are in tumult, kingdoms are shaken:  
he lifts his voice, the earth shrinks away.

**The Lord of hosts is with us:  
the God of Jacob is our stronghold.**

Come, consider the works of the Lord,  
the redoubtable deeds he has done on the earth.  
He puts an end to wars over all the earth;  
the bow he breaks, the spear he snaps.  
He burns the shields with fire.  
"Be still and know that I am God,  
supreme among the nations, supreme on the earth!"

**The Lord of hosts is with us:  
the God of Jacob is our stronghold.**

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 mighty Lord is with us;

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## Psalm Prayer

*Leader:* All-powerful Father, the refuge and strength of your people, you protect in adversity and defend in prosperity those who put their trust in you. May they persevere in seeking your will and find their way to you through obedience.

**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:** Romans 8:28-30

We know that God makes all things work for the good for those who have been called according to his decree. Those whom he foreknew he predestined to share the image of his Son, so the Son might be the first-born among many brothers. Those he predestined he likewise called; those he called he also justified; and those he justified he also glorified.

**RESPONSORY**

*Reader:* Just is the Lord, in justice he delights.  
– **Just is the Lord, in justice he delights.**

He looks with favor on the upright (man);  
– **in justice he delights.**

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.  
– **Just is the Lord, in justice he delights.**



# GOSPEL CANTICLE

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

*The soul rejoices in the Lord*

*Leader:* You have left everything to follow me;

*All:* **you will have it all returned a hundredfold and will inherit eternal life.**

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:* You have left everything to follow me;

*All:* **you will have it all returned a hundredfold and will inherit eternal life.**

## INTERCESSIONS

*Reader:* Let us pray to the Father, the source of all holiness, and ask him to lead us to holiness of life through the example and intercession of his saints.

**May we be holy as you are holy.**

Holy Father, you want us to be called your sons and truly to be such,  
– grant that your holy Church may proclaim you throughout the world.

**May we be holy as you are holy.**

Holy Father, you want us to walk worthily and please you in all we do,  
– let us abound in doing good works.

**May we be holy as you are holy.**

Holy Father, you have reconciled us to yourself through Christ,  
– preserve us in your name so that all may be one.

**May we be holy as you are holy.**

Holy Father, you have called us to a heavenly banquet,  
– through the bread that came down from heaven make us worthy to grow in perfect love.

**May we be holy as you are holy.**

Holy Father, forgive the offenses of every sinner,  
– let the dead perceive the light of your countenance.

**May we be holy as you are holy.**

## **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, you called Saint Anthony,  
to renounce the world  
and serve you in solitude in the desert.  
By his prayers and example,  
may we learn to deny ourselves  
and to love you above all things.  
We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,  
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
God, forever 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.

**All: Amen.**