

**Solemn Vespers
with Benediction
of the Blessed Sacrament**



Thursday after Ash Wednesday

March 3, 2022

6:30 PM

Saint Wendelin Catholic Church

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The Order of Liturgy

Entrance Procession *Kindly stand as the ministers process to the sanctuary.*

Introductory Versicle

Stand. All make the sign of the cross.

Presiding minister:  *Assembly:* 

O God, ✠ come to my as - sis - tance. Lord, make haste to help me.

All: 

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Ho - ly Spir - it:



as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ev - er. A - men.

Hymn

The Glory of These Forty Days

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1. The glo - ry of these for - ty days We cel - e -
2. A - lone and fast - ing Mo - ses saw The lov - ing
3. So Dan - iel trained his mys - tic sight, De - liv - ered
4. Then grant that we like them be true, Con - sumed in
5. O Fa - ther, Son, and Spir - it blest, To you be



1. brate with songs of praise; For Christ, by whom all
2. God who gave the law; And to E - li - jah,
3. from the li - ons' might; And John, the Bride - groom's
4. fast and pray'r with you; Our spir - its strength - en
5. ev - 'ry pray'r ad - dressed; Who are in three - fold



1. things were made, Him - self has fast - ed and has prayed.
2. fast - ing, came The steeds and char - i - ots of flame.
3. friend, be - came The her - ald of Mes - si - ah's name.
4. with your grace, And give us joy to see your face.
5. Name a - dored, From age to age the on - ly Lord.

Text: LM; *Clarum decus jejunii*; St. Gregory the Great, ca. 540–604; tr. fr. the *English Hymnal*, 1906; Maurice F. Bell, 1862–1947, alt. Music: J. Klug's *Geistliche Lieder*, Wittenberg, 1543; adapt. by Johann Sebastian Bach, 1685–1750, alt.

Psalmody



Antiphon 1: He is my comfort and my refuge.
⁶In him I put my trust.

Psalm 144 Prayer for victory and peace

*Christ learned the art of warfare when he overcame the world, as he said:
"I have overcome the world" (Saint Hilary).*

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Cantor: Blest be the LORD, my rock
²who trains my hands for battle,
⁶my fingers for war.

People: He is my merciful love, my fortress;
²he is my stronghold, my savior,
⁵my shield in whom I take refuge.
⁶He brings peoples under my rule.

Cantor: LORD, what is man that you regard him,
²the son of man that you keep him in mind,
⁵man who is merely a breath,
⁶whose days are like a passing shadow.

People: Lower your heavens, O LORD, and come down.
²Touch the mountains; wreath them in smoke.
⁵Flash your lightnings; rout the foe.
⁶Shoot your arrows, and put them to flight.

Cantor: Reach down with your hand from on high;
²rescue me, save me from the many waters,
³from the hands of foreign foes
⁴whose mouths speak only emptiness,
⁶whose hands are raised in perjury.



All: Glory to the Father, and to the Son,
²and to the Holy Spirit:
⁵as it was in the beginning, is now,
⁶and will be for ever. Amen.

Antiphon: He is my comfort and my refuge.
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Antiphon 2: Blessed are the people
⁶whose God is the Lord.

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Women: To you, O God, will I sing a new song;
²I will play on the ten-stringed harp
³to you who give kings their victory,
⁶who redeemed David, your servant, from the evil
sword.

Men: Rescue me, free from the hands of foreign foes,
²whose mouths speak lies,
⁶whose right hands are raised in perjury.

Women: Let our sons then flourish ish like saplings
²grown tall and strong from their youth;
³our daughters graceful as columns,
⁶as though they were carved for a palace.

Men: Let our barns be filled to overflowing
²with crops of every kind;
⁴our sheep increasing by thousands,
⁵tens of thousands in our fields,
⁶our cattle heavy with young.



Women: No ruined **w**all, no exile,
²no sound of weeping **i**n our streets.
³Blessed the people of whom **t**his is true;
⁶blessed the people whose God is the LORD.

All: Glory to the Father, and **t**o the Son,
²and to the **H**oly Spirit:
³as it was in the begin**n**ing, is now,
⁶and will be for **e**ver. Amen.

Antiphon: Blessed **a**re the people
⁶whose God **i**s the Lord.

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Antiphon 3:



Now the vic - tor - i - ous reign of our God has be - gun.

Canticle Revelation 11:17-18; 12:10b-12a The judgement of God

Cantor: We give you thanks, O Lord, Almighty God,
you who are and who were.
For you have assumed your great power
and you have begun your reign.

The nations raged, but your wrath has come,
and the time for the dead to be judged,
and to reward your servants the prophets
and the holy ones and those who fear your name,
the small and the great alike. *(To Antiphon)*

Now have come the salvation
and the power and the kingdom of our God,
and the authority of his Anointed One,
for the accuser of our brethren is cast down
who accused them before our God day and night.

They conquered him by the blood of the Lamb,
and by the word of their witness;
love for their life did not deter them from death.
Therefore, rejoice, O heavens,
and you who dwell therein!



Now the vic - tor - i - ous reign of our God has be - gun.

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. *(To Antiphon)*

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Reading

James 4:7-8, 10

Responsory

Reader: To you, O Lord, I make my prayer for mercy.

All: To you, O Lord, I make my prayer for mercy.

Reader: Heal my soul, for I have sinned against you.

All: I make my prayer for mercy.

Reader: Glory to the Father, and to the Son,
and to the Holy Spirit.

All: To you, O Lord, I make my prayer for mercy.

Gospel Canticle

Kindly stand.

Antiphon: Whoever gives up his life for my sake in this world
will find it again for ever in the next, says the Lord.

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

All make the sign of the cross as the canticle begins.

Mary's Song

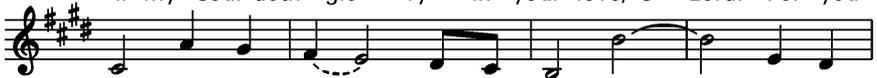
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1. My soul doth glo - ry in your love, O Lord.
2. Great are you, God, and ho - ly is your name.
3. Ah, how you fill the hun - gry with your love.
4. My soul doth glo - ry in your love, O Lord.



1. My soul doth glo - ry in your love, O Lord. For you
2. Your mer - cy reach - es to the end of time. Ah, the
3. With emp - ty hands the rich are sent a - way. You will
4. My soul doth glo - ry in your love, O Lord. For you



1. gazed on your ser - vant with com - pas - sion, And you
2. low - ly you raise — to the heav - ens, And the
3. al - ways be mind - ful of your mer - cy, As you
4. smiled on your ser - vant with com - pas - sion, And you



1. reached out and took me by the hand.
2. proud - heart - ed have no part with you.
3. prom - ised your peo - ple long a - go.
4. reached out and took me by the hand.

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Antiphon: Whoever gives up his life for my sake in this world
 will find it again for ever in the next, says the Lord.

Intercessions

℟ Lord, give life to your people, whom Christ has redeemed.

The Lord's Prayer

Benediction

Kindly kneel.

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| 1. Tantum ergo Sacramentum
Veneremur cernui:
Et antiquum documentum
Novo cedat ritui:
Præstet fides supplementum
Sensuum defectui. | 2. Genitori, Genitoque
Laus et jubilatio,
Salus, honor, virtus quoque
Sit et benedictio:
Procedenti ab utroque
Compar sit laudatio. Amen. |
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Presider: You have given them Bread from heaven.

All: Having within it all Sweetness.

Prayer

The Divine Praises

Blessed be God.	Blessed be the great Mother of
Blessed be his Holy Name.	God, Mary most holy.
Blessed be Jesus Christ, true God and true Man.	Blessed be her holy and Immaculate Conception.
Blessed be the Name of Jesus.	Blessed be her glorious Assumption.
Blessed be his most Sacred Heart.	Blessed be the name of Mary, Virgin and Mother.
Blessed be his most Precious Blood.	Blessed be Saint Joseph, her most chaste spouse.
Blessed be Jesus in the most Holy Sacrament of the altar.	Blessed be God in his angels and in his saints.
Blessed be the Holy Spirit, the Paraclete.	

Hymn of Praise

Holy God, We Praise Thy Name

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Holy God, we praise Thy name. Lord of all, we bow before Thee. All on earth Thy scepter claim; All above in heav'n adore Thee. Infinite Thy vast domain, Everlasting is Thy reign. Infinite Thy vast domain, Everlasting is Thy reign.	Holy Father, Holy Son, Holy Spirit, Three we name Thee While in essence only One Undivided God we claim Thee; And adoring, bend the knee, While we own the mystery. And adoring, bend the knee, While we own the mystery.
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