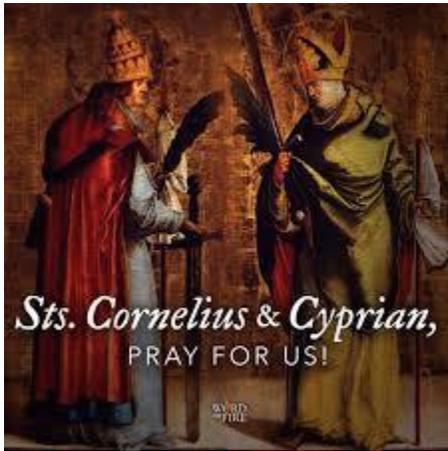


Wednesday 16 September 2020



## Vespers

### Introduction

O God, come to our aid.  
*O Lord, make haste to help us.*  
Glory be to the Father and to the Son  
and to the Holy Spirit,  
as it was in the beginning,  
is now, and ever shall be,  
world without end.  
Amen. Alleluia.

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### Hymn

All hail the power of Jesus' name;  
Let Angels prostrate fall;  
Bring forth the royal diadem  
To crown him Lord of all.  
Crown him, ye Martyrs of your God,  
Who from his altar call;  
Praise him whose way of pain ye trod,  
And crown him Lord of all.  
Hail him, ye heirs of David's line,  
Whom David Lord did call;  
The God Incarnate, Man Divine,  
And crown him Lord of all.  
Let every tribe and every tongue  
To him their hearts enthral,  
Lift high the universal song,  
And crown him Lord of all.

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## Psalm 138 (139) The Lord knows all things

“Who could ever know the mind of the Lord? Who could ever be his counsellor?” (Rom 11:34).

*How wonderful is this knowledge of yours that you have shown me, Lord.*

O Lórd, you séarch me and you knów me, †  
you knów my résting and my rísing, \*  
you discern my púrpose from afár.  
You márk when I wálk or lie dówn, \*  
all my wáys lie ópen to yóu.

Before éver a wórd is on my tóngue \*  
you knów it, O Lórd, through and through.  
Behínd and befóre you besíege me, \*  
your hánd ever láid upón me.  
Too wónderful for mé this knówledge, \*  
too hígh, beyónd my réach.

O whére can I gó from your spírit, \*  
or whére can I flée from your fáce?  
If I clímb the héavens, you are thére. \*  
If I líe in the gráve, you are thére.

If I táke the wíngs of the dáwn \*  
and dwéll at the séa's furthest énd,  
even thére your hánd would léad me, \*  
your ríght hand would hóld me fást.

If I sáy: ‘Let the dárkness híde me \*  
and the líght aróund me be níght,’  
even dárkness is not dárk for yóu \*  
and the níght is as cléar as the dáy.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son  
and to the Holy Spirit,  
as it was in the beginning,  
is now, and ever shall be,  
world without end.

Amen.

*How wonderful is this knowledge of yours that you have shown me, Lord.*

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## Psalm 138 (139)

*I am the Lord, who test the mind and heart; I give each man what his conduct deserves.*

For it was yóu who créated my béing, \*  
knit me togéther in my móther's wómb.  
I thánk you for the wónder of my béing, \*  
for the wónders of áll your création.

Alréady you knéw my sóul, \*

my bódy held no sécret from yóu  
when Í was being fáshioned in sécret \*  
and móulded in the dépths of the éarth.

Your éyes saw áll my áctions, \*  
they were áll of them wríttén in your bóok;  
every óne of my dáys was decreéd \*  
before óne of them cáme into béing.

To mé, how mystérious your thóughts, \*  
the súm of them nótt to be númered!  
If I cóunt them, they are móre than the sánd; \*  
to fínish, I must be etérnal, like yóu.

O séarch me, Gód, and know my héart. \*  
O tést me and knów my thóughts.  
See that I fóllow not the wróng páth \*  
and léad me in the páth of life etérnal.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son  
and to the Holy Spirit,  
as it was in the beginning,  
is now, and ever shall be,  
world without end.  
Amen.

*I am the Lord, who test the mind and heart; I give  
each man what his conduct deserves.*

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## Canticle

(Colossians 1)

**Christ, firstborn of all  
creatures and firstborn from  
the dead**

*All things were created in him and he holds all  
things in being.*

Let us give thanks to the Father, †  
who has qualified us to share \*  
in the inheritance of the saints in light.

He has delivered us from the dominion of  
darkness \*  
and transferred us to the kingdom of his  
beloved Son,  
in whom we have redemption, \*  
the forgiveness of sins.

He is the image of the invisible God, \*  
the firstborn of all creation,  
for in him all things were created, in heaven and on  
earth, \*  
visible and invisible.

All things were created \*

through him and for him.  
He is before all things, \*  
and in him all things hold together.

He is the head of the body, the Church; \*  
he is the beginning,  
the firstborn from the dead, \*  
that in everything he might be pre-eminent.

For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to  
dwell, \*  
and through him to reconcile to himself all  
things,  
whether on earth or in heaven, \*  
making peace by the blood of his cross.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son  
and to the Holy Spirit,  
as it was in the beginning,  
is now, and ever shall be,  
world without end.

Amen.

*All things were created in him and he holds all  
things in being.*

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## Short Reading

**1 Peter 4:13-14**

Beloved, if you can have some share in the sufferings  
of Christ, be glad, because you will enjoy a much  
greater gladness when his glory is revealed. It is a  
blessing for you when they insult you for bearing the  
name of Christ, because it means that you have the  
Spirit of glory, the Spirit of God resting on you.

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## Short Responory

Rejoice in the Lord. Let the just shout for joy.  
– *Rejoice in the Lord. Let the just shout for joy.*  
Let the upright sing praise.  
– *Rejoice in the Lord. Let the just shout for joy.*  
Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the  
Holy Spirit.  
– *Rejoice in the Lord. Let the just shout for joy.*

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## Canticle

**Magnificat**

**My soul rejoices in the Lord**

*The blood of Christ's martyrs bathes our holy  
Church with radiance.*

My soul glórífies the Lórd, \*  
my spirit rejóices in Gód, my Sáviour.  
He looks on his sérvant in her lówliness; \*  
henceforth all áges will cáll me bléssed.

The Almíghty works márvels for me. \*  
Hóly his náme!

His mércy is from age to áge, \*  
on thóse who féar him.

He púts forth his árm in strángth \*  
and scátters the proud-héarted.  
He casts the míghty from their thrónes \*  
and ráises the lówly.

He fills the stárving with good thínghs, \*  
sends the rích away émpty.

He protects Ísrael, his sérvant, \*  
remémbering his mércy,  
the mércy prómised to our fáthers, \*  
to Ábraham and his sóns for éver.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son  
and to the Holy Spirit,  
as it was in the beginning,  
is now, and ever shall be,  
world without end.

Amen.

*The blood of Christ's martyrs bathes our holy  
Church with radiance.*

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### **Prayers and intercessions**

Let us give thanks to the king of martyrs, for this is  
the hour when he offered himself in the last  
supper and laid down his life on the cross.

– *We praise you, Christ the Lord.*

We praise you, Christ our Saviour, example and  
strength of the martyrs, because you have  
loved us to the end;

– *We praise you, Christ the Lord.*

Because you have promised repentant sinners the  
reward of eternal life,

– *We praise you, Christ the Lord.*

Because you have called the Church to offer the  
blood of the new and eternal covenant, the  
blood shed for the remission of sins,

– *We praise you, Christ the Lord.*

Because you have brought us to this day with the  
gift of faith intact,

– *We praise you, Christ the Lord.*

Because of the many brothers who today have come  
to share in your saving death,

– *We praise you, Christ the Lord.*

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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.

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Lord God,

you gave Saint Cornelius and Saint Cyprian to  
your Church  
as faithful pastors and steadfast martyrs.

Strengthen our faith and our courage by their  
prayers,

so that we may strive with all our power for the  
unity of the Church.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,  
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of  
the Holy Spirit,  
one God, for ever and ever.

**Amen.**

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The Lord bless us, and keep us from all evil, and  
bring us to everlasting life.

**Amen.**

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