

# Saint Alphonus Parish

## Evening Prayer & Benediction



Fourth Week of Easter



## Evening Prayer

O + God, come to my assistance.

*Lord, make haste to help me.*

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. Alleluia.*

**Ant. 1** The night will be as clear as day, alleluia.

### **Psalm 139**

BVM O Lord, you search me and you know me,  
you know my resting and my rising,  
you discern my purpose from afar.  
You mark when I walk or lie down,  
all my ways lie open to you.

SJ Before ever a word is on my tongue  
you know it, O Lord, through and through.  
Behind and before you besiege me,  
your hand ever laid upon me.  
Too wonderful for me, this knowledge,  
too high, beyond my reach.

BVM O where can I go from your spirit,  
or where can I flee from your face?  
If I climb the heavens, you are there.  
If I lie in the grave, you are there.

SJ If I take the wings of the dawn  
and dwell at the sea's furthest end,  
even there your hand would lead me,  
your right hand would hold me fast.

BVM If I say: “Let the darkness hide me  
and the light around me be night,”  
even darkness is not dark for you  
and the night is as clear as the day.

SJ Glory to the Father, and to the Son,  
And to the Holy Spirit:

BVM As it was in the beginning, is now,  
And will be for ever. Amen.

**Ant 1.** *The night will be as clear as day, alleluia.*

**Ant. 2** I know my sheep and mine know me, alleluia.

BVM For it was you who created my being,  
knit me together in my mother’s womb.  
I thank you for the wonder of my being,  
for the wonders of all your creation.

SJ Already you knew my soul,  
my body held no secret from you  
when I was being fashioned in secret  
and molded in the depths of the earth.

BVM Your eyes saw all my actions,  
they were all of them written in your book;  
every one of my days was decreed  
before one of them came into being

SJ To me, how mysterious your thoughts,  
the sum of them not to be numbered!  
If I count them, they are more than the sand;  
to finish, I must be eternal, like you.

BVM O search me, God, and know my heart.  
O test me and know my thoughts.  
See that I follow not the wrong path  
and lead me in the path of life eternal.

SJ Glory to the Father, and to the Son,  
and to the Holy Spirit,

BVM As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever.  
Amen.

**Ant. 2** *I know my sheep and mine know me, alleluia.*

**Ant 3.** His glory covers the heavens and his praise fills the  
earth, alleluia.

### **Canticle: Colossians 1:12-20**

BVM Let us give thanks to the Father  
for having made you worthy  
to share the lot of the saints  
in light.

SJ He rescued us  
from the power of darkness  
and brought us  
into the kingdom of his beloved Son.  
Through him we have redemption,  
the forgiveness of our sins.

BVM He is the image of the invisible God,  
the first-born of all creatures.  
In him everything in heaven and on earth was created,  
things visible and invisible.

SJ All were created through him;  
all were created for him.  
He is before all else that is.  
In him everything continues in being.

BVM It is he who is head of the body, the church!  
he who is the beginning,  
the first-born of the dead,  
so that primacy may be his in everything.

SJ It pleased God to make absolute fullness reside in him  
and, by means of him, to reconcile everything in his  
person, both on earth and in the heavens,  
making peace through the blood of his cross.

BVM Glory to the Father and to the Son,  
and to the Holy Spirit,

SJ as it was in the beginning, is now,  
and will be for ever. Amen.

**Ant. 3** *His glory covers the heavens and his praise fills the earth, alleluia.*

**Reading Hebrews 7:24-27**

Jesus, because he remains forever, has a priesthood that does not pass away. Therefore he is always able to save those who approach God through him, since he forever lives to make intercession for them. It was fitting that we should have such a high priest: holy, innocent, undefiled, separated from sinners, higher than the heavens. Unlike the other high priests, he has no need to offer sacrifice day after day, first for his own sins and then for those of the people; he did that once for all when he offered himself.

## Responsory

The disciples rejoiced, alleluia, alleluia.  
– *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.*

**Ant.** God sent his Son into the world not as its judge but as its savior, alleluia.

## Canticle      Magnificat (*Luke 1:46-55*)

BVM 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.

SJ From this day all generations will call me blessed:  
the Almighty has done great things for me,  
and holy is his Name.

BVM He has mercy on those who fear him  
in every generation.

SJ He has shown the strength of his arm,  
he has scattered the proud in their conceit.

BVM He has cast down the mighty from their thrones,  
and has lifted up the lowly.

SJ He has filled the hungry with good things,  
and the rich he has sent away empty.

BVM 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 forever.

SJ Glory to the Father, and to the Son,  
and to the Holy Spirit:

BVM as it was in the beginning, is now,  
and will be for ever. Amen.

**Ant.** *God sent his Son into the world not as its judge but as  
its savior, alleluia.*

### **Intercessions**

In his Son, risen from the dead, God has opened for us the way  
to everlasting life. Let us ask the Father:

*Response: Through the victory of Christ, save the people  
he has redeemed.*

God of our fathers, you raised your Son Jesus from the  
dead and clothed him in glory; move our hearts to  
complete repentance, that we may walk in newness of  
life.

*Through the victory of Christ, save the people he  
has redeemed.*

You have led us back to the shepherd and bishop of our souls, keep us faithful under the guidance of the shepherds of the Church.

*Through the victory of Christ, save the people he has redeemed.*

You chose the first fruits of Christ's disciples from the Jewish people, reveal to the children of Israel the fulfillment of the promise made to their forefathers.

*Through the victory of Christ, save the people he has redeemed.*

Remember the lonely, the orphaned and the widowed, and do not abandon those who have been reconciled with you by the death of your Son.

*Through the victory of Christ, save the people he has redeemed.*

You called Stephen to your presence when he bore witness to Jesus, standing at your right hand, welcome our deceased brothers and sisters who in faith and love hoped for the vision of your glory.

*Through the victory of Christ, save the people he has redeemed.*

**Our Father...**

## **Prayer of Benediction**

You have given them Bread from heaven

*℟. Having within it all Sweetness*

Let us Pray,

Lord Jesus Christ,

You gave us the Eucharist

As the memorial of your suffering and death.

May our worship of this sacrament of your body and blood

Help us to experience the salvation you won for us

And the peace of the kingdom

Where you live with the Father and the Holy Spirit,

One God, for ever and ever.

### **Divine Praises**

Blessed be God.

Blessed be his Holy Name.

Blessed be Jesus Christ, true God and true Man.

Blessed be the Name of Jesus.

Blessed be his most Sacred Heart.

Blessed be his most Precious Blood.

Blessed be Jesus in the most Holy Sacrament of the Altar.

Blessed be the Holy Spirit, the Paraclete.

Blessed be the great Mother of God, Mary most holy.

Blessed be her holy and Immaculate Conception.

Blessed be her glorious Assumption.

Blessed be the name of Mary, Virgin and Mother.

Blessed be St. Joseph, her most chaste spouse.

Blessed be God in his angels and in his saints.

May the heart of Jesus, in the most Blessed Sacrament, be praised, adored and loved, with grateful affection, at every moment, in all the tabernacles of the world, even to the end of time. Amen.

