

# Saturday Evening Vespers

October 10, 2020, 6:00 PM

*St. Andrew's UP Church Lawn*

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## Opening Responses

O God, who created the heavens and stretched them out,

**We praise you!**

You made the earth and all that lives here:

**We praise you!**

You give breath to all creatures and your Spirit to your people:

**We praise and thank you, O God!**

That the eyes of the blinded be opened, the poor hear the good news, the captives be brought out of darkness, the wealth of the world serve the good of all,

**Your kingdom come, O God; your will be done!**

Then let us sing God a new song.

**With joy let us honour our Maker.**

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**Exodus 33:12–23 (ESV)** — **12** Moses said to the Lord, “See, you say to me, ‘Bring up this people,’ but you have not let me know whom you will send with me. Yet you have said, ‘I know you by name, and you have also found favor in my sight.’ **13** Now therefore, if I have found favor in your sight, please show me now your ways, that I may know you in order to find favor in your sight. Consider too that this nation is your people.” **14** And he said, “My presence will go with you, and I will give you rest.” **15** And he said to him, “If your presence will not go with me, do not bring us up from here. **16** For how shall it be known that I have found favor in your sight, I and your people? Is it not in your going with us, so that we are distinct, I and your people, from every other people on the face of the earth?” **17** And the Lord said to Moses, “This very thing that you have spoken I will do, for you have found favor in my sight, and I know you by name.” **18** Moses said, “Please show me your glory.” **19** And he said, “I will make all my goodness pass before you and will proclaim before you my name ‘The Lord.’ And I will be gracious to whom I will be gracious, and will show mercy on whom I will show mercy. **20** But,” he said, “you cannot see my face, for man shall not see me and live.” **21** And the Lord said, “Behold, there is a place by me where you shall stand on the rock, **22** and while my glory passes by I will put you in a cleft of the rock, and I will cover you with my hand until I have passed by. **23** Then I will take away my hand, and you shall see my back, but my face shall not be seen.”

**Matthew 22:15–22 (ESV)** — **15** Then the Pharisees went and plotted how to entangle him in his words. **16** And they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, “Teacher, we know that you are true and teach the way of God truthfully, and you do not care about anyone’s opinion, for you are not swayed by appearances. **17** Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to Caesar, or not?” **18** But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, “Why put me to the test, you hypocrites? **19** Show me the coin for the tax.” And they brought him a denarius. **20** And Jesus said to them, “Whose likeness and inscription is this?” **21** They said, “Caesar’s.” Then he said to them, “Therefore render to Caesar the

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things that are Caesar's, and to God the things that are God's." 22 When they heard it, they marveled. And they left him and went away.

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Meditation on the Word

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Prayers of the People

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Blessing