



## **Diocesan Commission for Liturgy, Vasai**

### **Fourth Sunday of Easter**

### **Morning Prayer (Lauds)**

*Note: Liturgy of the hours is the official prayer of the Church. In view of the recent spread of Covid-19 we hereby request the faithful to pray this prayer in their family.*

#### **Introduction (with Invitatory)**

Lord, open our lips.  
And we shall praise your name.

#### **Invitatory Psalm**

**Invitatory Psalm Antiphon:** The Lord has truly risen, alleluia.

Psalm 99 (100)

Cry out with joy to the Lord, all the earth.

Serve the Lord with gladness.

Come before him, singing for joy. **Invitatory Psalm Antiphon**

Know that he, the Lord, is God.

He made us, we belong to him,

we are his people, the sheep of his flock. **Invitatory Psalm Antiphon**

Go within his gates, giving thanks.

Enter his courts with songs of praise.

Give thanks to him and bless his name. **Invitatory Psalm Antiphon**

Indeed, how good is the Lord,

eternal his merciful love.

He is faithful from age to age. **Invitatory Psalm Antiphon**

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.

**Invitatory Psalm Antiphon** :The Lord has truly risen, alleluia.

### **Hymn**

Light's glittering morn bedecks the sky,  
Heav'n thunders forth its victor cry:  
The glad earth shouts her triumph high,  
And groaning hell makes wild reply.

While he, the King of sovereign might,  
Treads down death's strength in death's despite,  
And trampling hell by victor's right,  
Brings forth his sleeping saints to light.

Fast barred beneath the stone of late,  
In watch and ward where soldiers wait,  
Now shining in triumphant state,  
He rises victor from death's gate.

Hell's pains are loosed and tears are fled:  
Captivity is captive led:  
The angel, crowned with light, hath said:  
'The Lord is risen from the dead.'

Author of all, be thou our guide  
In this our joy of Eastertide;  
Whene'er assaults of death impend,  
Thy people strengthen and defend.

To thee who, dead, again dost live,  
All glory, Lord, thy people give:  
All glory, as is ever meet,  
To Father and to Paraclete.

**Antiphon 1 :** I shall not die, I shall live and recount the deeds of the Lord. Alleluia.

Psalm 117 (118)

A cry of rejoicing and triumph

Give thanks to the Lord for he is good,  
for his love endures for ever.

Let the sons of Israel say:  
'His love endures for ever.'

Let the sons of Aaron say:  
'His love endures for ever.'

Let those who fear the Lord say:  
'His love endures for ever.'

I called to the Lord in my distress;  
he answered and freed me.

The Lord is at my side; I do not fear.  
What can man do against me?

The Lord is at my side as my helper;  
I shall look down on my foes.

It is better to take refuge in the Lord  
than to trust in men;  
it is better to take refuge in the Lord  
than to trust in princes.

The nations all encompassed me;  
in the Lord's name I crushed them.

They compassed me, compassed me about;  
in the Lord's name I crushed them.

They compassed me about like bees;  
they blazed like a fire among thorns.  
In the Lord's name I crushed them.

I was hard-pressed and was falling,  
but the Lord came to help me.

The Lord is my strength and my song;  
he is my saviour.

There are shouts of joy and victory  
in the tents of the just.

The Lord's right hand has triumphed;  
his right hand raised me.  
The Lord's right hand has triumphed;  
I shall not die, I shall live  
and recount his deeds.  
I was punished, I was punished by the Lord,  
but not doomed to die.

Open to me the gates of holiness:  
I will enter and give thanks.  
This is the Lord's own gate  
where the just may enter.  
I will thank you for you have answered  
and you are my saviour.

The stone which the builders rejected  
has become the corner stone.  
This is the work of the Lord,  
a marvel in our eyes.  
This day was made by the Lord;  
we rejoice and are glad.

O Lord, grant us salvation;  
O Lord, grant success.  
Blessed in the name of the Lord  
is he who comes.  
We bless you from the house of the Lord;  
the Lord God is our light.

Go forward in procession with branches  
even to the altar.  
You are my God, I thank you.  
My God, I praise you.  
Give thanks to the Lord for he is good;  
for his love endures for ever.

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.

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**Antiphon 2 :** Blessed be your glorious and holy name. Alleluia.

**Canticle**

**Daniel 3:52-57**

Let every creature praise the Lord

You are blest, Lord God of our fathers.

To you glory and praise for evermore.

Blest your glorious holy name.

To you glory and praise for evermore.

You are blest in the temple of your glory.

To you glory and praise for evermore.

You are blest who gaze into the depths.

To you glory and praise for evermore.

You are blest in the firmament of heaven.

To you glory and praise for evermore.

You who walk on the wings of the wind.

To you glory and praise for evermore.

May they bless you, the saints and the angels.

To you glory and praise for evermore.

From the heavens, the earth and the sea.

To you glory and praise for evermore.

You are blest, Lord God of our fathers.

To you glory and praise for evermore.

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and to the Holy Spirit,

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**Antiphon 2 :** Blessed be your glorious and holy name. Alleluia.

**Antiphon 3 :** Tell the greatness of our God. The works of God are perfect and all his ways are right. Alleluia.

**Psalm 150**

Praise the Lord

Praise God in his holy place,  
praise him in his mighty heavens.  
Praise him for his powerful deeds,  
praise his surpassing greatness.

O praise him with sound of trumpet,  
praise him with lute and harp.  
Praise him with timbrel and dance,  
praise him with strings and pipes.

O praise him with resounding cymbals,  
praise him with clashing of cymbals.  
Let everything that lives and that breathes  
give praise to the Lord.

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and to the Holy Spirit,  
as it was in the beginning,  
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**Short Reading**

**Acts 10:40-43**

God raised Jesus to life on the third day and allowed him to be seen, not by the whole people but only by certain witnesses God had chosen beforehand. Now we are those witnesses – we have eaten and drunk with him after his resurrection from the dead – and he has ordered us to proclaim this to his people and to tell them that God has appointed him to judge everyone, alive or dead. It is to him that all the prophets bear this witness: that all who believe in Jesus will have their sins forgiven through his name.

### Short Responsory

Have mercy on us, Christ, Son of the living God, alleluia, alleluia.  
– Have mercy on us, Christ, Son of the living God, alleluia, alleluia.  
You have risen from the dead.  
– Have mercy on us, Christ, Son of the living God, alleluia, alleluia.  
Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.  
– Have mercy on us, Christ, Son of the living God, alleluia, alleluia.

**Antiphon :** I am the shepherd of the flock; I am the way, the truth and the life; I am the good shepherd; I know my own and my own know me, alleluia.

### Canticle

### Benedictus

The Messiah and the one who was sent before him

Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel!

He has visited his people and redeemed them.

He has raised up for us a mighty saviour  
in the house of David his servant,  
as he promised by the lips of holy men,  
those who were his prophets from of old.

A saviour who would free us from our foes,  
from the hands of all who hate us.  
So his love for our fathers is fulfilled  
and his holy covenant remembered.

He swore to Abraham our father to grant us,  
that free from fear, and saved from the hands of our foes,  
we might serve him in holiness and justice  
all the days of our life in his presence.

As for you, little child,  
you shall be called a prophet of God, the Most High.  
You shall go ahead of the Lord  
to prepare his ways before him,

To make known to his people their salvation  
through forgiveness of all their sins,

the loving-kindness of the heart of our God  
who visits us like the dawn from on high.

He will give light to those in darkness,  
those who dwell in the shadow of death,  
and guide us into the way of peace.

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.

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### **Prayers and intercessions**

**Response :** Glorify us, Lord, with the glory of Christ.

Let us pray to the Father, the all-powerful God, who raised up Jesus, our prince and our Saviour.

**Response :** Glorify us, Lord, with the glory of Christ.

Father, you brought your beloved Son from the darkness of death to the light of glory;  
let us enter into the regions of your own wonderful light.

**Response :** Glorify us, Lord, with the glory of Christ.

You saved us through faith in Jesus Christ;  
help us to live today in the grace of our baptism.

**Response :** Glorify us, Lord, with the glory of Christ.

You have told us to seek the things that are in heaven;  
enable us to resist the attraction of sin.

**Response :** Glorify us, Lord, with the glory of Christ.

Reveal the riches of our hidden life in Christ  
that men may see the signs of the new heaven and the new earth.

**Response :** Glorify us, Lord, with the glory of Christ.

Our Father .....

**Concluding Prayer :**

Almighty, ever-living God,  
bring us to the joy of your heavenly city:  
so that we, your little flock,  
may follow where Christ, our Good Shepherd,  
has gone before us by the power of his resurrection.  
Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
(one) God, for ever and ever.  
Amen.

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