



Diocesan Commission for Liturgy, Vasai

Fifth Sunday of Easter

Evening Prayer (Vespers)

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

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.

Hymn

The Lamb's high banquet we await,
In snow-white robes of royal state;
And now, the Red Sea's channel past,
To Christ our Prince we sing at last.

Upon the altar of the Cross
His body hath redeemed our loss;
And tasting of his scarlet blood,
Our life is hid with him in God.

Now Christ our paschal Lamb is slain,
The Lamb of God that knows no stain,
The true oblation offered here,
Our own unleavened bread sincere.

O thou, from whom hell's monarch flies,
O great, O very Sacrifice,

Thy captive people are set free,
And endless life restored in thee.

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 : The Lord has risen and sits at the right hand of God. Alleluia.

Psalm 109 (110)

The Messiah, king and priest

The Lord's revelation to my Master:

‘Sit on my right:
your foes I will put beneath your feet.’

The Lord will wield from Sion
your sceptre of power:
rule in the midst of all your foes.

A prince from the day of your birth
on the holy mountains;
from the womb before the dawn I begot you.

The Lord has sworn an oath he will not change.
‘You are a priest for ever,
a priest like Melchizedek of old.’

The Master standing at your right hand
will shatter kings in the day of his wrath.

He shall drink from the stream by the wayside
and therefore he shall lift up his head.

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and to the Holy Spirit,
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Antiphon 1 : The Lord has risen and sits at the right hand of God. Alleluia.

Antiphon 2 : He has freed us from the power of darkness and has given us a place in the kingdom of his Son. Alleluia.

Psalm 113A (114)

Israel set free from Egypt

When Israel came forth from Egypt,
Jacob's sons from an alien people,
Judah became the Lord's temple,
Israel became his kingdom.

The sea fled at the sight:
the Jordan turned back on its course,
the mountains leapt like rams
and the hills like yearling sheep.

Why was it, sea, that you fled,
that you turned back, Jordan, on your course?
Mountains, that you leapt like rams;
hills, like yearling sheep?

Tremble, O earth, before the Lord,
in the presence of the God of Jacob,
who turns the rock into a pool
and flint into a spring of water.

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and to the Holy Spirit,
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Antiphon 2 : He has freed us from the power of darkness and has given us a place in the kingdom of his Son. Alleluia.

Antiphon 3 : Alleluia. The Lord our God is king: let us rejoice and give glory to him. Alleluia.

Canticle

(Apocalypse 19)

The wedding of the Lamb

Alleluia.

Salvation and glory and power belong to our God,
his judgements are true and just.

Alleluia.

Alleluia.

Praise our God, all you his servants,
you who fear him, small and great.

Alleluia.

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The Lord our God, the Almighty, reigns,
let us rejoice and exult and give him the glory.

Alleluia.

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The marriage of the Lamb has come,
and his bride has made herself ready.

Alleluia.

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and to the Holy Spirit,
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Short Reading

Hebrews 10:12-14

Christ has offered one single sacrifice for sins, and then taken his place forever, at the right hand of God, where he is now waiting until his enemies are made into a footstool for him. By virtue of that one single offering, he has achieved the eternal perfection of all whom he is sanctifying.

Short Responsory

The Lord has truly risen, alleluia, alleluia.

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He has appeared to Simon.

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Antiphon : It is to the glory of my Father that you should bear much fruit, and then you will be my disciples. Alleluia. (Year B)

Or: I give you a new commandment: love one another as I have loved you, says the Lord. Alleluia.

Canticle

Magnificat

My soul rejoices in the Lord

My soul glorifies the Lord,

my spirit rejoices in God, my Saviour.

He looks on his servant in her lowliness;

henceforth all ages will call me blessed.

The Almighty works marvels for me.

Holy his name!

His mercy is from age to age,

on those who fear him.

He puts forth his arm in strength

and scatters the proud-hearted.

He casts the mighty from their thrones

and raises the lowly.

He fills the starving with good things,

sends the rich away empty.

He protects Israel, his servant,

remembering his mercy,

the mercy promised to our fathers,

to Abraham and his sons for ever.

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Prayers and intercessions

Response : Victorious king, hear us.

Let us pray with joy to Christ the Lord. He rose from the dead and is living now to intercede for us. **Response :** Victorious king, hear us.

Christ, you are the light of the world and the salvation of nations; set us on fire with your Spirit as we proclaim the wonder of your resurrection. **Response :** Victorious king, hear us.

Let Israel recognize in you the Messiah it has longed for; fill all men with the knowledge of your glory. **Response :** Victorious king, hear us.

Keep us united in the communion of saints; may we find rest with them, when life's work is done. **Response :** Victorious king, hear us.

You have overcome death, the last enemy of man; destroy everything in us that is at enmity with God. **Response :** Victorious king, hear us.

Christ, our Saviour, you became obedient to death, but God raised you to the heights; receive our brothers into the kingdom of your glory. **Response :** Victorious king, hear us.

Our Father,

Concluding Prayer :

Since it is from you, God our Father,
that redemption comes to us, your adopted children,
look with favour on the family you love,
give true freedom to us and to all who believe in Christ,
and bring us all alike to our eternal heritage.
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.

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