



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

### **Sixth 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 :** He raised Christ from the dead and placed him at his own right hand, in heaven. 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 2 :** You have been converted from idolatry to the living God. Alleluia.

Psalm 113B (115)

Praise of the true God

Not to us, Lord, not to us,  
but to your name give the glory  
for the sake of your love and your truth,  
lest the heathen say: 'Where is their God?'

But our God is in the heavens;  
he does whatever he wills.  
Their idols are silver and gold,  
the work of human hands.

They have mouths but they cannot speak;  
they have eyes but they cannot see;  
they have ears but they cannot hear;  
they have nostrils but they cannot smell.

With their hands they cannot feel;  
with their feet they cannot walk.  
(No sound comes from their throats.)  
Their makers will come to be like them  
and so will all who trust in them.

Sons of Israel, trust in the Lord;  
he is their help and their shield.  
Sons of Aaron, trust in the Lord;  
he is their help and their shield.

You who fear him, trust in the Lord;  
he is their help and their shield.

He remembers us, and he will bless us;  
he will bless the sons of Israel.  
(He will bless the sons of Aaron.)

The Lord will bless those who fear him,  
the little no less than the great:  
to you may the Lord grant increase,  
to you and all your children.

May you be blessed by the Lord,  
the maker of heaven and earth.  
The heavens belong to the Lord  
but the earth he has given to men.

The dead shall not praise the Lord,  
nor those who go down into the silence.  
But we who live bless the Lord  
now and for ever. Amen.

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and to the Holy Spirit,  
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**Antiphon 3 :** Alleluia. Victory and glory and power to our God! 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.

Alleluia.

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 Responory**

The Lord has truly risen, alleluia, alleluia.

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He has appeared to Simon.

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**Antiphon :** This is my commandment: love one another, as I have loved you. A man can have no greater love than to lay down his life for his friends. Alleluia. (Year B)

Or: If anyone loves me he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we shall come to him and make our home with him, 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 :** Lord, protect your people through the glory of Christ.

Let us pray to God the Father, who raised Jesus to life and exalted him at his own right hand. **Response :** Lord, protect your people through the glory of Christ.

Father, through the victory of the cross you have lifted up Jesus from the earth; may he draw all men to himself. **Response :** Lord, protect your people through the glory of Christ.

Through the exaltation of Christ send your Spirit into the Church; make her the sign of unity for the whole human family. **Response :** Lord, protect your people through the glory of Christ.

You have become the Father of men through water and the Spirit; keep them faithful to their baptism until they enter eternal life. **Response :** Lord, protect your people through the glory of Christ.

Through the exaltation of your Son raise up the sorrowful, set prisoners free, heal the sick; may the whole world rejoice in your wonderful gifts. **Response :** Lord, protect your people through the glory of Christ.

You nourished the faithful departed with Christ's body and blood; let them share in his glory on the day of resurrection. **Response :** Lord, protect your people through the glory of Christ.

Our Father, who art in heaven, .....

## **Concluding Prayer :**

Almighty God,

give us the grace of an attentive love

to celebrate these days of joy

devoted to the honour of the Risen Lord.

Teach us to hold fast in our actions

to the mystery we recall in worship.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,

who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,

God, for ever and ever

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

Amen.