



Diocesan Commission for Liturgy, Vasai

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

Holy God, we praise thy name;
Lord of all, we bow before thee!
All on earth thy sceptre own,
All in heaven above adore thee.
Infinite thy vast domain,
Everlasting is thy reign.

Hark! the loud celestial hymn,
Angel choirs above are raising;
Cherubim and seraphim,
In unceasing chorus praising,
Fill the heavens with sweet accord:
Holy, holy, holy, Lord.

Holy Father, holy Son,
Holy Spirit, three we name thee.

While in essence only one
Undivided God we claim thee;
And adoring bend the knee,
While we own the mystery.

Spare thy people, Lord, we pray,
By a thousand snares surrounded;
Keep us without sin today;
Never let us be confounded.
Lo, I put my trust in thee;
Never, Lord, abandon me.

Psalm 109 (110) : The Messiah, king and priest

Antiphon 1 : In holy splendour I begot you before the dawn, alleluia.

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 : In holy splendour I begot you before the dawn, alleluia.

Psalm 111 (112) : How blessed are the just.

Antiphon 2 : Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for justice, for they shall have their fill.

Happy the man who fears the Lord,
who takes delight in all his commands.
His sons will be powerful on earth;
the children of the upright are blessed.

Riches and wealth are in his house;
his justice stands firm for ever.
He is a light in the darkness for the upright:
he is generous, merciful and just.

The good man takes pity and lends,
he conducts his affairs with honour.
The just man will never waver:
he will be remembered for ever.

He has no fear of evil news;
with a firm heart he trusts in the Lord.
With a steadfast heart he will not fear;
he will see the downfall of his foes.

Open-handed, he gives to the poor;
his justice stands firm for ever.
His head will be raised in glory.

The wicked man sees and is angry,
grinds his teeth and fades away;
the desire of the wicked leads to doom.

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and to the Holy Spirit,
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Antiphon 2 : Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for justice, for they shall have their fill.

Canticle

Apocalypse 19

The wedding of the Lamb

Antiphon 3 : Praise God, all you his servants, both great and small. Alleluia.

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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Short Reading

Hebrews 12:22-24

What you have come to is Mount Zion and the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem where the millions of angels have gathered for the festival, with the whole Church in which everyone is a 'first-born son' and a citizen of heaven. You have come to God himself, the supreme Judge, and been placed with spirits of the saints who have been made perfect; and to Jesus, the mediator who brings a new covenant and a blood for purification which pleads more insistently than Abel's.

Short Responsory

Great is our Lord; great is his might.

– Great is our Lord; great is his might.

His wisdom can never be measured.

– Great is our Lord; great is his might.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.

– Great is our Lord; great is his might.

Canticle

Magnificat

My soul rejoices in the Lord

Antiphon : Jesus saw a large crowd; and he took pity on them because they were like sheep without a shepherd. (Year B)

Or: Mary has chosen the better part and it will never be taken from her.

'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 : Father, unite all things in Christ.

In the Church, God has made known to us his hidden purpose: to make all things one in Christ. Let us pray that his will may be done.

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We give you thanks for the presence and power of your Spirit in the Church:
give us the will to search for unity, and inspire us to pray and work together.

Response : Father, unite all things in Christ.

We give you thanks for all whose work proclaims your love:
help us to serve the communities in whose life we share.

Response : Father, unite all things in Christ.

Father, care for all who serve in the Church as ministers of your word and sacraments:
may they bring your whole family to the unity for which Christ prayed.

Response : Father, unite all things in Christ.

Your people have known the ravages of war and hatred:
grant that they may know the peace left by your Son.

Response : Father, unite all things in Christ.

Fulfil the hopes of those who sleep in your peace:
bring them to that final resurrection when you will be all in all.

Response : Father, unite all things in Christ.

Our Father, who art in heaven,

Concluding Prayer :

Be gracious, Lord, to us who serve you,
and in your kindness increase your gifts of grace within us:
so that, fervent in faith, hope and love,
we may be ever on the watch
and persevere in doing what you command.

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.

Amen.

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

Amen.