



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

### **Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

#### **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**

Psalm 66 (67)

**Invitatory Psalm Antiphon:** . We are the people of the Lord, the flock that is led by his hand: come, let us adore him, alleluia.

O God, be gracious and bless us  
and let your face shed its light upon us.  
So will your ways be known upon earth  
and all nations learn your saving help. **Invitatory Psalm Antiphon**

Let the peoples praise you, O God;  
let all the peoples praise you. **Invitatory Psalm Antiphon**

Let the nations be glad and exult  
for you rule the world with justice.  
With fairness you rule the peoples,  
you guide the nations on earth. **Invitatory Psalm Antiphon**

Let the peoples praise you, O God;  
let all the peoples praise you. **Invitatory Psalm Antiphon**

The earth has yielded its fruit  
for God, our God, has blessed us.  
May God still give us his blessing  
till the ends of the earth revere him. **Invitatory Psalm Antiphon**

Let the peoples praise you, O God;  
let all the peoples praise you. **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.

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### **Hymn**

I bind unto myself today  
The strong name of the Trinity,  
By invocation of the same,  
The Three in One, and One in Three.

I bind unto myself today  
The power of God to hold and lead,  
His eye to watch, his might to stay,  
His ear to hearken to my need,  
  
The wisdom of my God to teach,  
His hand to guide, his shield to ward;  
The word of God to give me speech,  
His heavenly host to be my guard.

I bind unto myself the name,  
The strong name of the Trinity;  
By invocation of the same,  
The Three in One, and One in Three –

Of whom all nature hath creation;  
Eternal Father, Spirit, Word:  
Praise to the Lord of my salvation:  
Salvation is of Christ the Lord.

**Psalm 117 (118) : A cry of rejoicing and triumph**

**Antiphon 1 :** Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Alleluia.

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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**Canticle**

**Daniel 3:52-57**

Let every creature praise the Lord

**Antiphon 2 :** Let us sing a hymn to our God. Alleluia.

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.

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To you glory and praise for evermore.

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and to the Holy Spirit,  
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**Psalm 150 : Praise the Lord**

**Antiphon 3 :** Praise the Lord for his surpassing greatness. Alleluia.

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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**Short Reading**

**Ezekiel 36:25-27**

I shall pour clean water over you and you will be cleansed; I shall cleanse you of all your defilement and all your idols. I shall give you a new heart, and put a new spirit in you; I shall remove the heart of stone from your bodies and give you a heart of flesh instead. I shall put my spirit in you, and make you keep my laws and sincerely respect my observances.

### Short Responsory

We give thanks to you, O God, and call upon your name.  
– We give thanks to you, O God, and call upon your name.  
We recount your wonderful deeds.  
– We give thanks to you, O God, and call upon your name.  
Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.  
– We give thanks to you, O God, and call upon your name.

### Canticle

### Benedictus

The Messiah and the one who was sent before him

**Antiphon :** I tell you most solemnly, it was not Moses who gave you bread from heaven, it is my Father who gives you the bread from heaven, the true bread. (Year B)

**Or:** Do not work for food that cannot last, but work for food that endures to eternal life.

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.

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and to the Holy Spirit,  
as it was in the beginning,  
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### **Prayers and intercessions**

**Response :** We praise you, O Lord, and we thank you.

Let us thank our Saviour, who came into this world that God might be with us.

**Response :** We praise you, O Lord, and we thank you.

We welcome you with praise, you are the Daystar, the first fruits from the dead:  
let us rise with you to walk in the light of Easter.

**Response :** We praise you, O Lord, and we thank you.

Help us on this day of rest to see goodness in all your creatures:

open our eyes and our hearts to your love in the world.

**Response :** We praise you, O Lord, and we thank you.

Lord, we meet around your table as your family:

help us to see that our bitterness is forgotten, our discord is resolved, and our sins are forgiven. **Response :** We praise you, O Lord, and we thank you.

We pray for all Christian families:

may your Spirit deepen their unity in faith and love.

**Response :** We praise you, O Lord, and we thank you.

Our Father .....

**Concluding Prayer :**

We recognize with joy

that you, Lord, created us,

and that you guide us by your providence.

In your unfailing kindness, support us in our prayer:

renew your life within us,

guard it and make it bear fruit for eternity.

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.