



Diocesan Commission for Liturgy, Vasai
Twenty seventh 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 94 (95)

Invitatory Psalm Antiphon: Come, ring out our joy to the Lord; hail the God who saves us, alleluia.

Come, ring out our joy to the Lord;
hail the God who saves us.

Let us come before him, giving thanks,
with songs let us hail the Lord. **Invitatory Psalm Antiphon**

A mighty God is the Lord,
a great king above all gods.

In his hand are the depths of the earth;
the heights of the mountains are his.

To him belongs the sea, for he made it
and the dry land shaped by his hands. **Invitatory Psalm Antiphon**

Come in; let us bow and bend low;
let us kneel before the God who made us:

for he is our God and we
the people who belong to his pasture,
the flock that is led by his hand. **Invitatory Psalm Antiphon**

O that today you would listen to his voice!

‘Harden not your hearts as at Meribah,
as on that day at Massah in the desert
when your fathers put me to the test;
when they tried me, though they saw my work. **Invitatory Psalm Antiphon**

For forty years I was wearied of these people
and I said: “Their hearts are astray,
these people do not know my ways.”

Then I took an oath in my anger:
“Never shall they enter my rest.” **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: Come, ring out our joy to the Lord; hail the God who saves us, alleluia.

Hymn

Christ is the world’s redeemer,
The lover of the pure,
The font of heavenly wisdom,
Our trust and hope secure,
The armour of his soldiers,
The Lord of earth and sky,
Our health while we are living,
Our life when we shall die.

Down in the realm of darkness,
He lay a captive bound,
But at the hour appointed
He rose a victor crowned.
And now, to heaven ascended,
He sits upon a throne,
Whence he had ne’er departed,
His Father’s and his own.

All glory to the Father,
The unbegotten One,
All honour be to Jesus,
His sole-begotten Son;
And to the Holy Spirit,
The perfect Trinity,
Let all the worlds give answer,
Amen — so let it be.

Psalm 92 (93) : The magnificence of the Creator

Antiphon 1 : The Lord is wonderful on high. Alleluia.

The Lord is king, with majesty enrobed;
the Lord has robed himself with might,
he has girded himself with power.

The world you made firm, not to be moved;
your throne has stood firm from of old.
From all eternity, O Lord, you are.

The waters have lifted up, O Lord,
the waters have lifted up their voice,
the waters have lifted up their thunder.

Greater than the roar of mighty waters
more glorious than the surgings of the sea,
the Lord is glorious on high.

Truly your decrees are to be trusted.
Holiness is fitting to your house,
O Lord, until the end of time.

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 3:57-88,56

All creatures, bless the Lord

Antiphon 2 : May you be praised, Lord, and extolled for ever. Alleluia.

O all you works of the Lord, O bless the Lord.

To him be highest glory and praise for ever.

And you, angels of the Lord, O bless the Lord.

To him be highest glory and praise for ever.

And you, the heavens of the Lord, O bless the Lord.

And you, clouds of the sky, O bless the Lord.

And you, all armies of the Lord, O bless the Lord.

To him be highest glory and praise for ever.

And you, sun and moon, O bless the Lord.

And you, the stars of the heavens, O bless the Lord.

And you, showers and rain, O bless the Lord.

To him be highest glory and praise for ever.

And you, all you breezes and winds, O bless the Lord.

And you, fire and heat, O bless the Lord.

And you, cold and heat, O bless the Lord.

To him be highest glory and praise for ever.

And you, showers and dew, O bless the Lord.

And you, frosts and cold, O bless the Lord.

And you, frost and snow, O bless the Lord.

To him be highest glory and praise for ever.

And you, night-time and day, O bless the Lord.

And you, darkness and light, O bless the Lord.

And you, lightning and clouds, O bless the Lord.

To him be highest glory and praise for ever.

O let the earth bless the Lord.

To him be highest glory and praise for ever.

And you, mountains and hills, O bless the Lord.

And you, all plants of the earth, O bless the Lord.

And you, fountains and springs, O bless the Lord.

To him be highest glory and praise for ever.

And you, rivers and seas, O bless the Lord.
And you, creatures of the sea, O bless the Lord.
And you, every bird in the sky, O bless the Lord.
And you, wild beasts and tame, O bless the Lord.
To him be highest glory and praise for ever.

And you, children of men, O bless the Lord.
To him be highest glory and praise for ever.

O Israel, bless the Lord, O bless the Lord.
And you, priests of the Lord, O bless the Lord.
And you, servants of the Lord, O bless the Lord.
To him be highest glory and praise for ever.

And you, spirits and souls of the just, O bless the Lord.
And you, holy and humble of heart, O bless the Lord.
Ananias, Azarias, Mizael, O bless the Lord.
To him be highest glory and praise for ever.

Let us praise the Father, the Son and Holy Spirit:
To you be highest glory and praise for ever.
May you be blessed, O Lord, in the heavens:
To you be highest glory and praise for ever.

Antiphon 2 : May you be praised, Lord, and extolled for ever. Alleluia.

Psalm 148 : An anthem to the Lord, the Creator

Antiphon 3 : Praise the Lord from the heavens. Alleluia.

Praise the Lord from the heavens,
praise him in the heights.
Praise him, all his angels,
praise him, all his host.

Praise him, sun and moon,
praise him, shining stars.
Praise him, highest heavens
and the waters above the heavens.

Let them praise the name of the Lord.
He commanded: they were made.
He fixed them for ever,
gave a law which shall not pass away.

Praise the Lord from the earth,
sea creatures and all oceans,
fire and hail, snow and mist,
stormy winds that obey his word;

all mountains and hills,
all fruit trees and cedars,
beasts, wild and tame,
reptiles and birds on the wing;

all earth's kings and peoples,
earth's princes and rulers,
young men and maidens,
old men together with children.

Let them praise the name of the Lord
for he alone is exalted.
The splendour of his name
reaches beyond heaven and earth.

He exalts the strength of his people.
He is the praise of all his saints,
of the sons of Israel,
of the people to whom he comes close.

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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Short Reading

Ezekiel 37:12-14

The Lord says this: I am now going to open your graves; I mean to raise you from your graves, my people, and lead you back to the soil of Israel. And you will know that I am the Lord, when I open your graves and raise you from your graves, my people. And I shall put my spirit in you, and you will live, and I shall resettle you on your own soil; and you will know that I, the Lord, have said and done this – it is the Lord who speaks.

Short Responsory

You are the Christ, the Son of the living God. Have mercy on us.

– You are the Christ, the Son of the living God. Have mercy on us.

You are seated at the right hand of the Father.

– You are the Christ, the Son of the living God. Have mercy on us.

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

– You are the Christ, the Son of the living God. Have mercy on us.

Canticle

Benedictus

The Messiah and the one who was sent before him

Antiphon : Let the little children come to me; for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these.

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.

Antiphon : Let the little children come to me; for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these.

Prayers and intercessions

Response : Lord, send us the light of your Spirit.

We pray to the Father, who sent his Holy Spirit to bring new light to the hearts of us all. **Response :** Lord, send us the light of your Spirit.

Blessed are you, the source of all light;
all creation rightly gives you praise.

Response : Lord, send us the light of your Spirit.

Through the resurrection of your Son, the world is filled with light:
through the gift of your Spirit, may your light shine out in the Church.

Response : Lord, send us the light of your Spirit.

Through your Holy Spirit, the disciples remembered all that Jesus taught them:
pour out your Spirit on the Church that she may be faithful to that teaching.

Response : Lord, send us the light of your Spirit.

Light of all the nations, look upon those who live in darkness:
open their hearts to accept you as the one true God.

Response : Lord, send us the light of your Spirit.

Our Father

Concluding Prayer :

Almighty, ever-living God,
whose love surpasses all that we ask or deserve,
open up for us the treasures of your mercy.
Forgive us all that weighs on our conscience,
and grant us more even than we dare to ask.
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