



Diocesan Commission for Liturgy, Vasai
Thirty First Sunday in Ordinary Time
First Vespers of tomorrow, All Saints

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

For all the saints who from their labours rest,
Who thee by faith before the world confessed,
Thy name, O Jesu, be for ever blest.
Alleluia, Alleluia!

Thou wast their rock, their fortress and their might;
Thou, Lord, their captain in the well-fought fight;
Thou in the darkness drear their one true Light.
Alleluia, Alleluia!

O may thy soldiers, faithful, true and bold,
Fight as the saints who nobly fought of old,
And win, with them, the victor's crown of gold.
Alleluia, Alleluia!

O blest communion! fellowship divine!
We feebly struggle, they in glory shine;
Yet all are one in thee, for all are thine.
Alleluia, Alleluia!

Psalm 112 (113) : Praise of the Lord's name

Antiphon 1 : Undying light will shine about your saints, Lord; they will live for ever.
Alleluia.

Praise, O servants of the Lord,
praise the name of the Lord!
May the name of the Lord be blessed
both now and for evermore!
From the rising of the sun to its setting
praised be the name of the Lord!
High above all nations is the Lord,
above the heavens his glory.
Who is like the Lord, our God,
who has risen on high to his throne
yet stoops from the heights to look down,
to look down upon heaven and earth?

From the dust he lifts up the lowly,
from his misery he raises the poor
to set him in the company of princes,
yes, with the princes of his people.
To the childless wife he gives a home
and gladdens her heart with children.

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and to the Holy Spirit,
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Antiphon 1 : Undying light will shine about your saints, Lord; they will live for ever.
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Psalm 147 (147B) : God, the foundation of Jerusalem

Antiphon 2 : Jerusalem, city of God, you shall rejoice in your children. They shall all be blessed, and shall be gathered together to the Lord. Alleluia.

O praise the Lord, Jerusalem!

Sion, praise your God!

He has strengthened the bars of your gates

he has blessed the children within you.

He established peace on your borders,

he feeds you with finest wheat.

He sends out his word to the earth

and swiftly runs his command.

He showers down snow white as wool,

he scatters hoar-frost like ashes.

He hurls down hailstones like crumbs.

The waters are frozen at his touch;

he sends forth his word and it melts them:

at the breath of his mouth the waters flow.

He makes his word known to Jacob,

to Israel his laws and decrees.

He has not dealt thus with other nations;

he has not taught them his decrees.

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Canticle

Apocalypse 19

The wedding of the Lamb

Antiphon 3 : The saints were singing a new song at the throne of God and the Lamb, and the earth rang to the sound of their voices. 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.

Alleluia.

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 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

The just shall rejoice in the presence of God.
– The just shall rejoice in the presence of God.
They shall exult and dance for joy.
– The just shall rejoice in the presence of God.
Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.
– The just shall rejoice in the presence of God.

Canticle

Magnificat

My soul rejoices in the Lord

Antiphon : The glorious band of apostles, the noble company of prophets, the white-robed army who shed their blood for Christ and all the saints in heaven together proclaim: We praise you, Holy Trinity, one God.

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 : With all the saints we praise and thank you, Lord.

With so many witnesses in a great cloud on every side of us, we are encouraged to run steadily in the race we have started. We pray to Christ, for he is the author of our faith, and he will bring it to fulfilment:

Response : With all the saints we praise and thank you, Lord.

Lord, you chose the apostles to be the foundation of your Church:
keep us faithful to all that you left in their care.

Response : With all the saints we praise and thank you, Lord.

Your martyrs testified to you, even to the shedding of their blood:
make all Christians faithful witnesses to your word.

Response : With all the saints we praise and thank you, Lord.

Lord, be with those who have consecrated their lives to you in virginity:
may their hope and generosity be a sign to the world of the glorious life they await at the end of time.

Response : With all the saints we praise and thank you, Lord.

In the saints you reveal your presence and your care:
as we venerate them, may we be drawn closer to you.

Response : With all the saints we praise and thank you, Lord.

Welcome our departed brothers and sisters into the company of Mary, Joseph and all the saints:

through their intercession, grant us a place in your kingdom.

Response : With all the saints we praise and thank you, Lord.

Our Father, who art in heaven,

Concluding Prayer :

Almighty, ever-living God,

we are celebrating with joy

the triumph of your grace in all the saints.

With so vast a multitude praying for us,

may we receive from you

the fullness of mercy we have always desired.

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.