



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

### **The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus - Solemnity**

### **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**

O gladsome light, O grace  
Of God the Father's face,  
The eternal splendour wearing;  
Celestial, holy, blest,  
Our Saviour Jesus Christ,  
Joyful in thine appearing.

Now, ere day fadeth quite,  
We see the evening light,  
Our wonted hymn outpouring;  
Father of might unknown,  
Thee, his incarnate Son,  
And Holy Ghost adoring.

To thee of right belongs  
All praise of holy songs,  
O Son of God, Life-giver:  
Thee therefore, O most High,  
The world doth glorify,  
And shall exalt for ever.

**Psalm 109 (110)**

**Antiphon 1 :** With your gentle yoke, Lord, rule in the midst of your foes.

**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,  
as it was in the beginning,  
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world without end. Amen.

**Antiphon 1 :** With your gentle yoke, Lord, rule in the midst of your foes.

**Psalm 110 (111)**

**Antiphon 2 :** The Lord is compassion and love: he gives food to those who fear him.

**Great are the works of the Lord**

I will thank the Lord with all my heart  
in the meeting of the just and their assembly.  
Great are the works of the Lord,  
to be pondered by all who love them.

Majestic and glorious his work,  
his justice stands firm for ever.  
He makes us remember his wonders.  
The Lord is compassion and love.

He gives food to those who fear him;  
keeps his covenant ever in mind.  
He has shown his might to his people  
by giving them the lands of the nations.

His works are justice and truth,  
his precepts are all of them sure,  
standing firm for ever and ever;  
they are made in uprightness and truth.

He has sent deliverance to his people  
and established his covenant for ever.  
Holy his name, to be feared.

To fear the Lord is the first stage of wisdom;  
all who do so prove themselves wise.  
His praise shall last for ever!

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and to the Holy Spirit,  
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## **Canticle**

## **Philippians 2**

**Antiphon 3 :** This is the Lamb of God; this is he who takes away the sins of the world.

### **Christ, God's servant**

Though he was in the form of God,  
Jesus did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped.

He emptied himself,  
taking the form of a servant,  
being born in the likeness of men.

And being found in human form,  
he humbled himself and became obedient unto death,  
even death on a cross.

Therefore God has highly exalted him  
and bestowed on him the name which is above every name,

That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow,  
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,

And every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord,  
to the glory of God the Father.

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and to the Holy Spirit,  
as it was in the beginning,  
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## **Short Reading**

## **Ephesians 2:4-7**

God loved us with so much love that he was generous with his mercy: when we were dead through our sins, he brought us to life with Christ – it is through grace that you have been saved – and raised us up with him and gave us a place with him in heaven, in Christ Jesus. This was to show for all ages to come, through his goodness towards us in Christ Jesus, how infinitely rich he is in grace.

### **Short Responsory**

Christ loved us and washed away our sins with his blood.

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He made us a kingdom and priests to serve his God and Father.

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### **Canticle**

### **Magnificat**

**Antiphon :** The Lord has received us into his own self, into his heart, remembering his mercy, alleluia.

### **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 :** Beloved Lord, have mercy on us.

We make our prayers to Jesus, in whom we find rest for our souls, and we say to him:

**Response :** Beloved Lord, have mercy on us.

Jesus, your heart was pierced by the lance and from it flowed blood and water so that your bride, the Church, might be born: keep her in holiness without spot or wrinkle.

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Jesus, holy temple of God, you were condemned by men and raised up by the Father: make the Church the tabernacle of the Most High.

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Jesus, king and centre of all hearts, in your loving mercy you never cease to draw us to yourself: keep alive your covenant with us all.

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Jesus, our peace and reconciliation, from the cross you forgave your enemies and you bring all men together in peace: show us how to reach the Father.

**Response :** Beloved Lord, have mercy on us.

Jesus, our life and resurrection, you lighten our burden and give rest to our souls. draw all sinners to yourself.

**Response :** Beloved Lord, have mercy on us.

Jesus, because of your infinite love you were obedient even unto death on a cross: bring to life all those who are sleeping in peace.

**Response :** Beloved Lord, have mercy on us.

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

**Concluding Prayer :**

Almighty God and Father,

we glory in the Sacred Heart of Jesus, your beloved Son,  
as we call to mind the great things his love has done for us.

Fill us with the grace that flows in abundance

from the Heart of Jesus, the source of heaven's gifts.

Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
(one) God, for ever and ever.

Amen.

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

Amen.