

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

(Prayer service for those who cannot attend Eucharist due to Corona Virus threat)

Monday, 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2020

### **The Angelus**

The Angel of the Lord declared unto Mary

And she conceived by the Holy Spirit

Hail Mary .....

Behold the handmaid of the Lord

Be it done unto me according to your word

Hail Mary .....

And the Word was made Flesh

And dwelt among us

Hail Mary .....

Pray for us, O Holy Mother of God

That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ

**Let us pray:** Pour forth, we beseech you, O Lord, Thy grace into our hearts; that we, to whom the incarnation of Christ, your Son, was made known by the message of an angel, may by His Passion and Cross be brought to the glory of His Resurrection, through the same Christ Our Lord. Amen.

### **Hymn: All I need is love (25)**

**Head of the family:** In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,

**All :** Amen

### **Penitential Act**

**Head:** My dear family members, let us acknowledge our sins, and so prepare ourselves for this prayer service:

**Head:** You were sent to heal the contrite of heart, Lord, have mercy

**All:** Lord, have mercy

**Head:** You came to call sinners, Christ have mercy

**All:** Christ, have mercy.

**Head:** You are seated at the right hand of the Father to intercede for us, Lord, have mercy

**All:** Lord, have mercy.

**Head:** May Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our sins, and bring us to everlasting life.

**All:** Amen.

**Let us pray:** O God, who renew the world through mysteries beyond all telling, grant, we pray, that your Church may be guided by your eternal design and not be deprived of your help in this present age. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

### **Liturgy of the Word**

**First Reading:** Isaiah 65: 17 - 21

**Reader:** A Reading from the book of Isaiah

Thus says the Lord: Now I create new heavens and a new earth, and the past will not be remembered, and will come no more to men's minds. Be glad and rejoice for ever and ever for what I am creating, because I now create Jerusalem 'Joy' and her people 'Gladness.' I shall rejoice over Jerusalem and exult in my people. No more will the sound of weeping or the sound of cries be heard in her; in her, no more will be found the infant living a few days only, or the old man not living to the end of his days. To die at the age of a hundred will be dying young; not to live to be a hundred will be the sign of a curse. They will build houses and inhabit them, plant vineyards and eat their fruit.

**Reader;** The Word of the Lord

**All:** Thanks be to God.

**Responsorial Psalm:** Psalm 29(30):2,4-6,11-13

**Response:** I will praise you, Lord, you have rescued me.

1. I will praise you, Lord, you have rescued me  
and have not let my enemies rejoice over me.  
O Lord, you have raised my soul from the dead  
restored me to life from those who sink into the grave. .. **Response**

2. Sing psalms to the Lord, you who love him  
give thanks to his holy name.  
His anger lasts a moment; his favour all through life  
At night there are tears, but joy comes with dawn. .. **Response**
  
3. The Lord listened and had pity  
The Lord came to my help  
For me you have changed my mourning into dancing:  
O Lord my God, I will thank you for ever. .. **Response**

**Gospel Acclamation**

cf. Ps129:5,7

**Glory and praise to you, O Christ! (2)**

‘My soul is waiting for the Lord, I count on his word, because with the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption.’

**Glory and praise to you, O Christ!**

**Gospel:** John 4: 43– 54

**Reader:** A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

**All:** Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus left Samaria for Galilee. He himself had declared that there is no respect for a prophet in his own country, but on his arrival the Galileans received him well, having seen all that he had done at Jerusalem during the festival which they too had attended.

He went again to Cana in Galilee, where he had changed the water into wine. Now there was a court official there whose son was ill at Capernaum and, hearing that Jesus had arrived in Galilee from Judaea, he went and asked him to come and cure his son as he was at the point of death. Jesus said, ‘So you will not believe unless you see signs and portents!’ ‘Sir,’ answered the official ‘come down before my child dies.’ ‘Go home,’ said Jesus ‘your son will live.’ The man believed what Jesus had said and started on his way; and while he was still on the journey back his servants met him with the news that his boy was alive. He asked them when the boy had begun to recover. ‘The fever left him yesterday’ they said ‘at the seventh hour.’ The father realised that this was exactly the time when Jesus had said, ‘Your son will live’; and he and all his household believed. This was the second sign given by Jesus, on his return from Judaea to Galilee.

**Reader :** The Gospel of the Lord

**All :** Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

**Reflection:** It must have been quite a humbling experience for the pagan royal official to desperately place his trust in Jesus. But Jesus made use of the situation to not only heal his son but to bring him and his family to faith. The miraculous healing was done only after Jesus had tested his faith. As soon as Jesus said to him, “Go, your son will live”, the man believed what Jesus said to him and left. Saint John concludes by saying, “He and his whole household came to believe.” He helped his family grow to faith that it was precisely Jesus’ healing word that worked the miracle. Jesus wants us to have similar responsiveness, and to trust in his word on our journey of faith, thus becoming his ambassadors or missionaries to others.

### **Prayers of the Faithful**

**Head :** Almighty Father, the heavens cannot hold your greatness: yet through your Son we have learned to say:

**Response: Father, may your kingdom come!**

1. We praise you as your children; may your name be kept holy in the hearts of all mankind. **Response**
2. Help us to live in the hope of heave today; make us ready to do your will on earth. **Response**
3. Give us this day the courage to forgive others; as you forgive us our trespasses. **Response .**
4. Father, be with us in all our trials; do not allow us to fall away from you. **Response**

Let us pause for a while and pray for our personal intentions

### **The Lord’s Prayer**

**Head:** At the Saviour’s command and formed by divine teaching, we dare to say:

**All:** Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name;  
thy kingdom come,  
thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread,  
and forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us;  
and lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.

**Head:** Deliver us, Lord, we pray, from every evil, graciously grant peace in our days, that, by the help of your mercy, we may be always free from sin and safe from all distress, as we await the blessed hope and the coming of our Saviour, Jesus Christ.

**All:** For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours now and forever.

**Head :** Lord Jesus Christ, who said to your Apostles; peace I leave to you, my peace I give you, look not on our sins, but on the faith of your Church, and graciously grant her peace and unity in accordance with your will, who live and reign forever and ever.

**All :** Amen.

**Head :** The peace of the Lord be with you always.

Let us offer each other the sign of peace.

### **The concluding rites**

**Let us pray:** May your holy gifts, O Lord, we pray, give us life by making us new, and, by sanctifying us, lead us to things eternal. Through Christ our Lord.

**All :** Amen

**Head :** May almighty God bless us, keep us from all evil and bring us to everlasting life.

**All :** Amen

**Head :** Let us go in the peace of the Lord,

**All :** Amen

**Hymn:** Into Your hands (210)

## **Prayer for those infected by the Corona Virus**

(To be said before the recessional hymn)

Almighty and ever merciful God,  
You show your love to the entire universe.

Hear our prayers as we lift up  
all the people infected by Corona virus

in different parts of the world.

We beg you to touch the victims and their families with your healing touch.

We thank you for the persistent efforts put in by the doctors to research an effective solution to this virus.

May you bring success to their tireless efforts in this field

We pray for the people working through the governmental and health organizations that they may be guided by you to take appropriate measures to overcome this difficult situation and work towards the safety of the people.

We make this prayer through Christ, our Lord. Amen.