

Diocesan Commission for Liturgy, Vasai

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

Monday 06th April 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: We are climbing up (423)

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:

All: I confess to almighty God and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have greatly sinned, in my thoughts and in my words, in what I have done and in what I have failed to do. (And, striking their breast, they say) through my fault, through my fault, through my most grievous fault; therefore, I ask blessed Mary ever-Virgin, all the Angels and Saints, and you, my brothers and sisters, to pray for me to the Lord our God.

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

All : Amen.

Head: Lord, have mercy

All: Lord, have mercy

Head: Christ, have mercy

All: Christ, have mercy

Head: Lord, have mercy

All: Lord, have mercy

Let us pray: Grant, we pray, almighty God, that, though in our weakness we fail, we may be revived through the Passion of your Only Begotten Son. Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

All: Amen.

Liturgy of the Word

First Reading: **Isaiah 42:1-7**

Reader; A Reading from the book of Isaiah

Here is my servant whom I uphold,
my chosen one in whom my soul delights.
I have endowed him with my spirit
that he may bring true justice to the nations.

He does not cry out or shout aloud,
or make his voice heard in the streets.
He does not break the crushed reed,
nor quench the wavering flame.

Faithfully he brings true justice;
he will neither waver, nor be crushed
until true justice is established on earth,
for the islands are awaiting his law.

Thus says God, the Lord,
he who created the heavens and spread them out,
who gave shape to the earth and what comes from it,
who gave breath to its people
and life to the creatures that move in it:

‘I, the Lord, have called you to serve the cause of right;
I have taken you by the hand and formed you;
I have appointed you as covenant of the people and light of the nations,
‘to open the eyes of the blind,
to free captives from prison,
and those who live in darkness from the dungeon.’

The Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm:

Psalm 26(27):1-3,13-14

Response: The Lord is my light and my help.

1. The Lord is my light and my help;
whom shall I fear?
The Lord is the stronghold of my life;
before whom shall I shrink?

Response: The Lord is my light and my help.

2. When evil-doers draw near
to devour my flesh,
it is they, my enemies and foes,
who stumble and fall.

Response: The Lord is my light and my help.

3. Though an army encamp against me
my heart would not fear.
Though war break out against me
even then would I trust.

Response: The Lord is my light and my help.

4. I am sure I shall see the Lord's goodness
in the land of the living.
Hope in him, hold firm and take heart.
Hope in the Lord!

Response: The Lord is my light and my help.

Gospel Acclamation

Praise and honour to you, Lord Jesus!
Hail to you, our King!
You alone have had compassion on our sins.
Praise and honour to you, Lord Jesus!

Gospel : **John 12:1-11**

Reader : A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

All : Glory to you, O Lord.

Six days before the Passover, Jesus went to Bethany, where Lazarus was, whom he had raised from the dead. They gave a dinner for him there; Martha waited on them and Lazarus was among those at table. Mary brought in a pound of very costly ointment, pure nard, and with it anointed the feet of Jesus, wiping them with her hair; the house was full of the scent of the ointment. Then Judas Iscariot – one of his disciples, the man who was to betray him – said, ‘Why wasn’t this ointment sold for three hundred denarii, and the money given to the poor?’ He said this, not because he cared about the poor, but because he was a thief; he was in charge of the common fund and used to help himself to the contributions. So Jesus said, ‘Leave her alone; she had to keep this scent for the day of my burial. You have the poor with you always, you will not always have me.’

Meanwhile a large number of Jews heard that he was there and came not only on account of Jesus but also to see Lazarus whom he had raised from the dead. Then the chief priests decided to kill Lazarus as well, since it was on his account that many of the Jews were leaving them and believing in Jesus.

The Gospel of the Lord

All : Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Reflection: Notice the personal touch in the story of the anointing of Jesus' feet, just like that of Jesus washing the feet of his disciples. In the first instance Jesus says, "you will not always have me"; in the second, he tells Peter who is unwilling to allow Jesus to wash his feet, "you will have no part in me." In both instances it is a personal service that is being rendered, both are symbolic actions, both stand for a sense of co-belonging. Both point to something very significant about to happen; the proximate departure of Jesus. This has a powerful message for modern society where relationships are being reduced to self-interested contractual agreements. People long to belong. Again, the symbol of service to the foot level makes us 'servants' not 'rivals' to each other. (source: God's Word, St. Pauls India)

Let us pray: Look graciously, O Lord, upon this prayer service, and may what you have mercifully provided to cancel the judgement we incurred bear for us fruit in eternal life. Through Christ our Lord.

All : Amen

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 protection, O Lord, we pray, defend the humble and keep ever safe those who trust in your mercy, that they may celebrate the paschal festivities not only with bodily observance but above all with purity of mind. 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

Prayer for those infected by the Corona Virus

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.

Hymn: I have decided (188)