

Diocesan Commission for Liturgy, Vasai

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

Monday 08th June 2020

The Angelus

Head : The Angel of the Lord declared unto Mary

All : And she conceived by the Holy Spirit

Head : Hail Mary

Head : Behold the handmaid of the Lord

All : Be it done unto me according to your word

Head : Hail Mary

Head : And the Word was made Flesh

All : And dwelt among us

Head : Hail Mary

Head : Pray for us, O Holy Mother of God

All : 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: As we gather (44)

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:

O God, from whom all good things come, grant that we, who call on you in our need, may at your prompting discern what is right, and by your guidance do it. 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.

All: Amen.

Liturgy of the Word

First Reading:

1 Kings 17:1-6

Reader: A Reading from the first book of Kings

The Lord sends Elijah into the wilderness

Elijah the Tishbite, of Tishbe in Gilead, said to Ahab, ‘As the Lord lives, the God of Israel whom I serve, there shall be neither dew nor rain these years except at my order.’

The word of the Lord came to him, ‘Go away from here, go eastwards, and hide yourself in the wadi Cherith which lies east of Jordan. You can drink from the stream, and I have ordered the ravens to bring you food there.’ He did as the Lord had said; he went and stayed in the wadi Cherith which lies east of Jordan. The ravens brought him bread in the morning and meat in the evening, and he quenched his thirst at the stream.

The Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm:

Psalm 120(121)

Response: Our help is in the name of the Lord, who made heaven and earth.

1. I lift up my eyes to the mountains;
from where shall come my help?
My help shall come from the Lord
who made heaven and earth.

Response: Our help is in the name of the Lord, who made heaven and earth.

2. May he never allow you to stumble!
Let him sleep not, your guard.
No, he sleeps not nor slumbers,
Israel’s guard.

Response: Our help is in the name of the Lord, who made heaven and earth.

3. The Lord is your guard and your shade;
at your right side he stands.
By day the sun shall not smite you
nor the moon in the night.

Response: Our help is in the name of the Lord, who made heaven and earth.

4. The Lord will guard you from evil,
he will guard your soul.
The Lord will guard your going and coming
both now and for ever.

Response: Our help is in the name of the Lord, who made heaven and earth.

Gospel Acclamation

cf.2Th2:14

Alleluia, alleluia!

Through the Good News God called us
to share the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Alleluia!

Or:

Mt5:12a

Alleluia, alleluia!

Rejoice and be glad:
your reward will be great in heaven.

Alleluia!

Gospel:

Matthew 5:1-12

Reader : A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mathew

All : Glory to you, O Lord.

How happy are the poor in spirit

Seeing the crowds, Jesus went up the hill. There he sat down and was joined by his disciples. Then he began to speak. This is what he taught them:

‘How happy are the poor in spirit;
theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Happy the gentle:
they shall have the earth for their heritage.

Happy those who mourn:
they shall be comforted.

Happy those who hunger and thirst for what is right:
they shall be satisfied.

Happy the merciful:
they shall have mercy shown them.

Happy the pure in heart:
they shall see God.

Happy the peacemakers:
they shall be called sons of God.

Happy those who are persecuted in the cause of right:
theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

‘Happy are you when people abuse you and persecute you and speak all kinds of calumny against you on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven: this is how they persecuted the prophets before you.’

The Gospel of the Lord

All : Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Reflection: The beatitudes give every follower of Jesus a sure way to attain happiness. Mahatma Gandhi once observed, until one comes to live the beatitudes one has not begun to live Christianity. The beatitudes teach us of the great benefits of loving God and neighbour. Today people want to live a Christianity minus the beatitudes. Pope Saint John Paul II, during a sermon, warned young people of the need to understand why the message of the beatitudes is very important saying, “You are aware of another voice within you and all around you a contradictory voice. It is a voice which says, ‘Blessed are the proud and violent, those who prosper at any cost, who are unscrupulous, pitiless, devious, who make war not peace and persecute those who stand in their way’.”

Let us pray:

Look kindly upon our service, O Lord, that what we pray may be acceptable to you and lead us to grow in charity. 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.

All : And with your spirit.

Let us offer each other the sign of peace.

An Act of Spiritual Communion



My Jesus,
I believe that You are present in the
Most Holy Sacrament.
I love You above all things,

and I desire to receive you into my soul.
Since I cannot at this moment receive
You Sacramentally,
come at least spiritually into my heart.
I embrace You as if You were already
there
and unite myself wholly to You.
Never permit me to be separated from
You
Amen.

The concluding rites

Let us pray:

May your healing work, O Lord, free us, we pray, from doing evil and lead us to what is right. 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 : Thanks be to God.

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: You have everything (474)