

Diocesan Commission for Liturgy, Vasai

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

Monday 15th 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: Cause me to come (75)

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, strength of those who hope in you, graciously hear our pleas, and, since without you mortal frailty can do nothing, grant us always the help of your grace, that in following your commands we may please you by our resolve and our deeds. 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 21:1-16

Reader: A Reading from the first book of Kings

Ahab covets Naboth's vineyard and Jezebel has him killed

Naboth of Jezreel had a vineyard close by the palace of Ahab king of Samaria, and Ahab said to Naboth, 'Give me your vineyard to be my vegetable garden, since it adjoins my house; I will give you a better vineyard for it or, if you prefer, I will give you its worth in money.' But Naboth answered Ahab, 'The Lord forbid that I should give you the inheritance of my ancestors!'

Ahab went home gloomy and out of temper at the words of Naboth of Jezreel, 'I will not give you the inheritance of my fathers.' He lay down on his bed and turned his face away and refused to eat. His wife Jezebel came to him. 'Why are you so dispirited?' she said 'that you will not eat?' He said, 'I have been speaking to Naboth of Jezreel; I said: "Give me your vineyard either for money or, if you prefer, for another vineyard in exchange." But he said, "I will not give you my vineyard."' Then his wife Jezebel said, 'You make a fine king of Israel, and no mistake! Get up and eat; cheer up, and you will feel better; I will get you the vineyard of Naboth of Jezreel myself.'

So she wrote letters in Ahab's name and sealed them with his seal, sending them to the elders and nobles who lived where Naboth lived. In the letters she wrote, 'Proclaim a fast, and put Naboth in the forefront of the people. Confront him with a couple of scoundrels who will accuse him like this, "You have cursed God and the king." Then take him outside and stone him to death.'

The men of Naboth's town, the elders and nobles who lived in his town, did what Jezebel ordered, what was written in the letters she had sent them. They proclaimed a fast and put Naboth in the forefront of the people. Then the two scoundrels came and stood in front of him and made their accusation, 'Naboth has cursed God and the king.' They led him outside the town and stoned him to death. They then sent word to Jezebel, 'Naboth has been stoned to death.' When Jezebel heard that Naboth had been stoned to death, she said to Ahab, 'Get up! Take possession of the vineyard which Naboth of Jezreel would not give you for money, for Naboth is no longer alive, he is dead.' When Ahab heard that Naboth was dead, he got up to go down to the vineyard of Naboth of Jezreel and take possession of it.

The Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm:

Psalm 5:2-3,5-7

Response: Give heed to my groaning, O Lord.

1. To my words give ear, O Lord,
give heed to my groaning.
Attend to the sound of my cries,
my King and my God.

Response: Give heed to my groaning, O Lord.

2. You are no God who loves evil;
no sinner is your guest.
The boastful shall not stand their ground
before your face.

Response: Give heed to my groaning, O Lord.

3. You hate all who do evil;
you destroy all who lie.
The deceitful and bloodthirsty man
the Lord detests.

Response: Give heed to my groaning, O Lord.

Gospel Acclamation Jn14:23

Alleluia, alleluia!
If anyone loves me, he will keep my word,
and my Father will love him,
and we shall come to him.
Alleluia!

Or: **Ps118:105**

Alleluia, alleluia!
Your word is a lamp for my steps
and a light for my path.
Alleluia!

Gospel:**Matthew 5:38-42**

Reader : A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mathew

All : Glory to you, O Lord.

Offer the wicked man no resistance

Jesus said to his disciples: ‘You have learnt how it was said: Eye for eye and tooth for tooth. But I say this to you: offer the wicked man no resistance. On the contrary, if anyone hits you on the right cheek, offer him the other as well; if a man takes you to law and would have your tunic, let him have your cloak as well. And if anyone orders you to go one mile, go two miles with him. Give to anyone who asks, and if anyone wants to borrow, do not turn away.’

The Gospel of the Lord

All : Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Reflection: A Spanish proverb says: “To return evil for good is devilish. To return good for good is human. To return good for evil is godlike.” In our witness of the gospel, vengeance has no place. As Saint Paul tells us: “Do not repay evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all live peaceably with all. Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave room for the wrath of God, for it is written “Vengeance is Mine. I will repay”, says the Lord. No. if your enemies are hungry, feed them, if they are thirsty, give them something to drink for by doing this you will heap burning coals on their heads. Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good” (Rom 12: 17 -21)

Let us pray:

O God, who in the prayers presented here provide for the twofold needs of human nature, nourishing us with food and renewing us with your Sacrament, grant, we pray, that the sustenance they provide may not fail us in body or in spirit. 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:

As the Holy Communion, O Lord, foreshadows the union of the faithful in you, so may it bring about unity in your Church. 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: I now no longer live (190)