

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

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

### **Sacred Heart of Jesus – Friday – 19<sup>th</sup> 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: I rejoiced .... (191)**

**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

**Glory to God in the highest,**

and on earth peace to people of good will.

We praise you,

we bless you,

we adore you,

we glorify you,

we give you thanks for your great glory,

Lord God, heavenly King,

O God, almighty Father.

Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son,

Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,

you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us;

you take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer;

you are seated at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us.

For you alone are the Holy One,

you alone are the Lord,

you alone are the Most High,

Jesus Christ,

with the Holy Spirit,  
in the glory of God, the Father.  
Amen.

**Let us pray:**

Grant, we pray, almighty God, that we, who glory in the Heart of your beloved Son and recall the wonders of his love for us, may be made worthy to receive an overflowing measure of grace from that fount of heavenly gifts. 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:**

**Deuteronomy 7:6-11**

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

*The Lord set his heart on you and chose you*

Moses said to the people: 'You are a people consecrated to the Lord your God; it is you that the Lord our God has chosen to be his very own people out of all the peoples on the earth.

'If the Lord set his heart on you and chose you, it was not because you outnumbered other peoples: you were the least of all peoples. It was for love of you and to keep the oath he swore to your fathers that the Lord brought you out with his mighty hand and redeemed you from the house of slavery, from the power of Pharaoh king of Egypt. Know then that the Lord your God is God indeed, the faithful God who is true to his covenant and his graciousness for a thousand generations towards those who love him and keep his commandments, but who punishes in their own persons those that hate him. He is not slow to destroy the man who hates him; he makes him work out his punishment in person. You are therefore to keep and observe the commandments and statutes and ordinances that I lay down for you today.'

The Word of the Lord

**All:** Thanks be to God.

**Responsorial Psalm:**

**Psalm 102(103):1-4,6-8,10**

**Response:** The love of the Lord is everlasting upon those who hold him in fear.

1. My soul, give thanks to the Lord  
all my being, bless his holy name.  
My soul, give thanks to the Lord  
and never forget all his blessings.

**Response:** The love of the Lord is everlasting upon those who hold him in fear.

2. It is he who forgives all your guilt,  
who heals every one of your ills,  
who redeems your life from the grave,  
who crowns you with love and compassion,

**Response:** The love of the Lord is everlasting upon those who hold him in fear.

3. The Lord does deeds of justice,  
gives judgement for all who are oppressed.  
He made known his ways to Moses  
and his deeds to Israel's sons.

**Response:** The love of the Lord is everlasting upon those who hold him in fear.

4. The Lord is compassion and love,  
slow to anger and rich in mercy.  
He does not treat us according to our sins  
nor repay us according to our faults.

**Response:** The love of the Lord is everlasting upon those who hold him in fear.

**Second Reading:**

**1 John 4:7-16**

**Reader:** A Reading from the first letter of John

*Let us love one another, since love comes from God*

My dear people,  
let us love one another  
since love comes from God  
and everyone who loves is begotten by God and knows God.  
Anyone who fails to love can never have known God,  
because God is love.  
God's love for us was revealed

when God sent into the world his only Son  
so that we could have life through him;  
this is the love I mean:  
not our love for God,  
but God's love for us when he sent his Son  
to be the sacrifice that takes our sins away.

My dear people,  
since God has loved us so much,  
we too should love one another.  
No one has ever seen God;  
but as long as we love one another  
God will live in us  
and his love will be complete in us.  
We can know that we are living in him  
and he is living in us  
because he lets us share his Spirit.  
We ourselves saw and we testify  
that the Father sent his Son  
as saviour of the world.  
If anyone acknowledges that Jesus is the Son of God,  
God lives in him, and he in God.  
We ourselves have known and put our faith in  
God's love towards ourselves.  
God is love  
and anyone who lives in love lives in God,  
and God lives in him.

The Word of the Lord

**All:** Thanks be to God.

**Gospel Acclamation            Mt11:29**

Alleluia, alleluia!  
Shoulder my yoke and learn from me,  
for I am gentle and humble in heart.  
Alleluia!

**Gospel :**

**Matthew 11:25-30**

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

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

*You have hidden these things from the wise and revealed them to little children*

Jesus exclaimed, 'I bless you, Father, Lord of heaven and of earth, for hiding these things from the learned and the clever and revealing them to mere children. Yes, Father, for that is what it pleased you to do. Everything has been entrusted to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, just as no one knows the Father except the Son and those to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.

'Come to me, all you who labour and are overburdened, and I will give you rest. Shoulder my yoke and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. Yes, my yoke is easy and my burden light.'

The Gospel of the Lord

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

**Reflection:** Jesus' heart, aflame with infinite love, lavished on us his self-sacrificing and unconditional love and forgiveness and regained for us the status of the children of God. The heart of Jesus, so full of love for us, shed its last drop of blood in total love for us in obedience to the will of his Father. A heart is a symbol of love but Jesus' heart was not merely a symbol pointing to some virtue or quality but to LOVE itself. It was his heart that was pierced, pouring out the incomparable, unequivocal and self-sacrificing love for us that we may be cleansed of all our sins and possess Eternal Life. May the heart of Jesus envelop us in his infinite love and wash us of all our sins so that we find in Jesus' heart the infinite Ocean of mercy and forgiveness.

**The Creed: (The Nicene Creed)**

I believe in one God,  
the Father almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all things visible and invisible.

I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ,  
the Only Begotten Son of God,  
born of the Father before all ages.  
God from God,  
Light from Light,

true God from true God,  
begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father;  
through him all things were made.  
For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven,  
At the words that follow, up to and including 'and became man', all bow.  
and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary,  
and became man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate,  
he suffered death and was buried,  
and rose again on the third day  
in accordance with the Scriptures.

He ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again in glory  
to judge the living and the dead  
and his kingdom will have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified,  
who has spoken through the prophets.

I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church.  
I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins  
and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

**Let us pray:**

Look, O Lord, we pray, on the surpassing charity in the Heart of your beloved Son, that  
what we pray may be acceptable to you and an expiation of our offences. 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.

**Head** : 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 this sacrament of charity, O Lord, make us fervent with the fire of holy love, so that, drawn always to your Son, we may learn to see him in our neighbour. 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: O give thanks to the Lord ....**