

Diocesan Commission for Liturgy, Vasai

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

Saturday 18th April 2020

The Queen of Heaven (The Regina Caeli)

Head : Queen of heaven, rejoice!

All : Alleluia

Head : For He whom you did merit to bear,

All : Alleluia

Head : He Has risen as He said,

All : Alleluia

Head : Pray for us to God,

All : Alleluia

Head: Rejoice and be glad, O Virgin Mary, Alleluia

All : for the Lord has risen indeed, Alleluia

Head : Let us pray:

All : O God, who gave joy to the world through the resurrection of Your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, grant that we may obtain through his virgin Mother Mary the joys of everlasting life, through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.

Hymn: The light of Christ (386)

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.

Let us pray:

O God, who by the abundance of your grace give increase to the peoples who believe in you, look with favour on those you have chosen and clothe with blessed immortality those reborn through the Sacrament of Baptism. 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: Acts 4:13-21

Reader; A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles

The rulers, elders and scribes were astonished at the assurance shown by Peter and John, considering they were uneducated laymen; and they recognised them as associates of Jesus; but when they saw the man who had been cured standing by their side, they could find no answer. So, they ordered them to stand outside while the Sanhedrin had a private discussion. ‘What are we going to do with these men?’ they asked. ‘It is obvious to everybody in Jerusalem that a miracle has been worked through them in public, and we cannot deny it. But to stop the whole thing spreading any further among the people, let us caution them never to speak to anyone in this name again.’

So, they called them in and gave them a warning on no account to make statements or to teach in the name of Jesus. But Peter and John retorted, ‘You must judge whether in God’s eyes it is right to listen to you and not to God. We cannot promise to stop proclaiming what we have seen and heard.’ The court repeated the warnings and then released them; they could not think of any way to punish them, since all the people were giving glory to God for what had happened.

The Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm: **Psalm 117(118):1,14-21**

Response: I will thank you, Lord, for you have given answer.
or Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

1. Give thanks to the Lord for he is good,
for his love has no end.
The Lord is my strength and my song;
he was my saviour.
There are shouts of joy and victory
in the tents of the just.

Response: I will thank you, Lord, for you have given answer.
or Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

2. The Lord's right hand has triumphed;
his right hand raised me up.
I shall not die, I shall live
and recount his deeds.
I was punished, I was punished by the Lord,
but not doomed to die.

Response: I will thank you, Lord, for you have given answer.
or Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

3. Open to me the gates of holiness:
I will enter and give thanks.
This is the Lord's own gate
where the just may enter.
I will thank you for you have answered
and you are my saviour.

Response: I will thank you, Lord, for you have given answer.
or Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Gospel Acclamation **Ps117:24**

Alleluia, alleluia!
This day was made by the Lord:
we rejoice and are glad.
Alleluia!

Gospel :

Mark 16:9-15

Reader : A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

All : Glory to you, O Lord.

Having risen in the morning on the first day of the week, Jesus appeared first to Mary of Magdala from whom he had cast out seven devils. She then went to those who had been his companions, and who were mourning and in tears, and told them. But they did not believe her when they heard her say that he was alive and that she had seen him.

After this, he showed himself under another form to two of them as they were on their way into the country. These went back and told the others, who did not believe them either.

Lastly, he showed himself to the Eleven themselves while they were at table. He reproached them for their incredulity and obstinacy, because they had refused to believe those who had seen him after he had risen. And he said to them, ‘Go out to the whole world; proclaim the Good News to all creation.’

The Gospel of the Lord

All : Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Reflection: The members of the Council were amazed at the effective preaching of the illiterate disciples of Jesus. The disciples could offer only one evidence for their arguments: their works. Even today, what constitute the sturdiest witness to the Christian Faith are the works of charity the believers perform – acts of healing, teaching, encouraging, and helping people. A prejudiced society, in these days as in earlier times, would like to deny this truth, or at least attribute negative motives to it. Thus, the bearers of Jesus’ Message are threatened, harassed and calumniated against, or even eliminated. And yet his disciples witness to Jesus’ love in every stressful situation in the world: in times of natural disasters like the tsunami or earthquake, street violence or ethnic conflict, in times of shortage of food or of generosity, respect or love.

Let us pray:

Grant, we pray, O Lord, that we may always find delight in these paschal mysteries, so that the renewal constantly at work within us may be the cause of our unending joy. 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:

Look with kindness upon your people, O Lord, and grant, we pray, that those you were
pleased to renew by eternal mysteries may attain in their flesh the incorruptible glory
of the resurrection. 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, Alleluia, Alleluia

All : Alleluia, Alleluia

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: No one can give (284)