

Diocesan Commission for Liturgy, Vasai

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

Thursday 02nd 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: Come in pilgrim (89)

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: Be near, O Lord, to those who plead before you, and look kindly on those who place their hope in your mercy, that, cleansed from the stain of their sins, they may persevere in holy living and be made full heirs of your promise. 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.

Liturgy of the Word

First Reading: **Genesis 17:3-9**

Reader: A Reading from the book of Genesis

Abram bowed to the ground and God said this to him, ‘Here now is my covenant with you: you shall become the father of a multitude of nations. You shall no longer be called Abram; your name shall be Abraham, for I make you father of a multitude of nations. I will make you most fruitful. I will make you into nations, and your issue shall be kings. I will establish my Covenant between myself and you, and your descendants after you, generation after generation, a Covenant in perpetuity, to be your God and the God of your descendants after you. I will give to you and to your descendants after you the land you are living in, the whole land of Canaan, to own in perpetuity, and I will be your God.’

The Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm: **Psalm 104(105):4-9**

Response: The Lord remembers his covenant for ever.

1. Consider the Lord and his strength;
constantly seek his face.
Remember the wonders he has done,
his miracles, the judgements he spoke.

Response: The Lord remembers his covenant for ever.

2. O children of Abraham, his servant,
O sons of the Jacob he chose.
He, the Lord, is our God:
his judgements prevail in all the earth.

Response: The Lord remembers his covenant for ever.

3. He remembers his covenant for ever,
his promise for a thousand generations,
the covenant he made with Abraham,
the oath he swore to Isaac.

Gospel Acclamation cf.Jn6:63,68

Glory and praise to you, O Christ!
Your words are spirit, Lord, and they are life;
you have the message of eternal life.
Glory and praise to you, O Christ!

Gospel : **John 8:51-59**

Reader : A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

All : Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus said to the Jews: 'I tell you most solemnly, whoever keeps my word will never see death.'

The Jews said, 'Now we know for certain that you are possessed. Abraham is dead, and the prophets are dead, and yet you say, "Whoever keeps my word will never know the taste of death." Are you greater than our father Abraham, who is dead? The prophets are dead too. Who are you claiming to be?' Jesus answered: 'If I were to seek my own glory that would be no glory at all; my glory is conferred by the Father, by the one of whom you say, "He is our God" although you do not know him. But I know him, and if I were to say: I do not know him, I should be a liar, as you are liars yourselves. But I do know him, and I faithfully keep his word. Your father Abraham rejoiced to think that he would see my Day; he saw it and was glad.'

The Jews then said, 'You are not fifty yet, and you have seen Abraham!' Jesus replied: 'I tell you most solemnly, before Abraham ever was, I Am.'

At this they picked up stones to throw at him; but Jesus hid himself and left the Temple.

The Gospel of the Lord

All : Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Reflection: The call of Abraham is a defining moment in all human history. Through Abraham, God is entering into a permanent covenant with humanity. It is into this eternal heritage that all of us have been called; but we enter into it truly only when we obey Jesus' teaching, a life giving, "immortality conferring" teaching. The Jews laughed at Jesus for speaking about eternal life, reminding him of how Abraham and the prophets had died. The Athenians ridiculed Paul for claiming Jesus' resurrection. Modern society scoffs at believers who hold on to their faith that Jesus is a living force in their lives. Yet, the entire Christian Faith is built upon the Resurrection of Jesus and the confidence that we too shall arise. But the condition remains: we must obey his teaching. (source: God's Word, St. Pauls India)

Let us pray: Look with favour, Lord, on this prayer service that they may profit our conversion and the salvation of all the world. 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: Be gracious to your people, Lord, we pray, that, as from day to day they reject what does not please you, they may be filled instead with delight at your commands. 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: Into Your hands(210)