

Diocesan Commission for Liturgy, Vasai

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

Wednesday 27th May 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: I will turn my steps (last verse) (199)

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:

Graciously grant to your Church, O merciful God, that, gathered by the Holy Spirit, she may be devoted to you with all her heart and united in purity of intent. 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 20:28-38

Reader; A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles

I commend you to God and to the word of his grace, and its power

Paul addressed these words to the elders of the church of Ephesus:

‘Be on your guard for yourselves and for all the flock of which the Holy Spirit has made you the overseers, to feed the Church of God which he bought with his own blood. I know quite well that when I have gone fierce wolves will invade you and will have no mercy on the flock. Even from your own ranks there will be men coming forward with a travesty of the truth on their lips to induce the disciples to follow them. So be on your

guard, remembering how night and day for three years I never failed to keep you right, shedding tears over each one of you. And now I commend you to God, and to the word of his grace that has power to build you up and to give you your inheritance among all the sanctified.

‘I have never asked anyone for money or clothes; you know for yourselves that the work I did earned enough to meet my needs and those of my companions. I did this to show you that this is how we must exert ourselves to support the weak, remembering the words of the Lord Jesus, who himself said, “There is more happiness in giving than in receiving.”’

When he had finished speaking, he knelt down with them all and prayed. By now they were all in tears; they put their arms round Paul’s neck and kissed him; what saddened them most was his saying they would never see his face again. Then they escorted him to the ship.

The Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm:

Psalm 67(68):29-30,33-36

Response: Kingdoms of the earth, sing to God. or Alleluia!

1. Show forth, O God, show forth your might,
your might, O God, which you have shown for us.
For the sake of your temple high in Jerusalem
may kings come to you bringing their tribute.

Response: Kingdoms of the earth, sing to God. or Alleluia!

2. Kingdoms of the earth, sing to God, praise the Lord
who rides on the heavens, the ancient heavens.
He thunders his voice, his mighty voice.
Come, acknowledge the power of God.

Response: Kingdoms of the earth, sing to God. or Alleluia!

3. His glory is on Israel; his might is in the skies.
God is to be feared in his holy place.
He is the Lord, Israel’s God.
He gives strength and power to his people.
Blessed be God!

Response: Kingdoms of the earth, sing to God. or Alleluia!

They do not belong to the world
any more than I belong to the world.
Consecrate them in the truth;
your word is truth.
As you sent me into the world,
I have sent them into the world,
and for their sake I consecrate myself
so that they too may be consecrated in truth.’

The Gospel of the Lord

All : Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Reflection: Today’s Gospel Reading is Jesus’ petition for his disciples. He appeals to his Father to keep his disciples in his name, lest they abort the mission. It is in his name that he has been keeping them, and the request now made is also to keep them in his name “Protect them by the power of your name – the name you gave me” (Jn 17:11). Interestingly the Lord does not ask for riches or honours or worldly influence for them, but he earnestly prays for their unity and safety from all sorts of evil. Jesus asks that they be sanctified, set apart, and consecrated for their special task because as he has been sent by the Father, so also they are sent by him. What is my petition to Jesus today?

Let us pray:

Accept, O Lord, our prayers and through the sacred mysteries, which we celebrate as our dutiful service, graciously complete the sanctifying work by which you are pleased to redeem us. 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 our partaking of this prayer service, O Lord, constantly increase your grace within us, and, by cleansing us with its power, make us always ready to receive so great a gift. 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: Colours of day (82)

Novena Prayer to the Holy Spirit



O Holy Spirit, O my God, we adore Thee, and acknowledge, here in Thy divine presence, that we are nothing and can do nothing without Thee. Come, great Paraclete, Thou father of the poor, Thou comforter the best, fulfil the promise of our blessed Savior, Who would not leave us orphans, and come into the mind and the heart of Thy poor, unworthy creatures, as Thou descended on the sacred day of Pentecost on the Holy Mother of Jesus and on His first disciples.

Grant that we may participate in those gifts which Thou communicated to them so wonderfully, and with so much mercy and generosity. Take from our heart whatever is not pleasing to Thee, and make of it a worthy dwelling-place for thyself. Illuminate our mind, that we may see and understand the things that are for our eternal good.

Aglow our hearts with pure love of Thee, that we may be cleansed from the dross of all inordinate attachments, and that our whole life may be hidden with Jesus in God. Strengthen our will that we may be made comfortable to Thy divine will, and be guided by Thy inspirations. Aid us by Thy grace to practice the divine lessons of humility, poverty, obedience and contempt of the world, which Jesus taught us in His mortal life. Amen.

Our Father & Hail Mary