

# Diocesan Commission for Liturgy, Vasai

## Palm Sunday

### Instruction

At an appropriate hour, a gathering takes place at a smaller Church or other suitable place other than inside the Church to which the procession will go. The faithful hold branches in their hands. Wearing the red sacred vestments as for mass, the priest approaches the place where the people are gathered instead of the chasuble the priest may wear a cope, which he leaves aside after the procession to the Church. While the priest approaches the appointed place the antiphon Hosanna or other appropriate chant is sung.

Then the blessing of branches and the proclamation of the Gospel of the Lord's entrance into Jerusalem take place. After this the priest and people sign themselves, **the priest says in the name of the father and of the son and of the Holy Spirit. Then he greets the people.**

### Mass Introduction and for the procession

Palm Sunday reminds us the solemn entry of Jesus to Jerusalem. Jesus in very many place in the Gospel has told his Disciples, let us go to Jerusalem. It was his vision and mission and he was clear of His mission which will be culminated at Mount Calvary. Man who is born to live embraces death in a miraculous way. The man one who said; "Give your burden and I will carry your burden" is now stepping towards death with happiness. As the waves of the sea touches the shore in the same way Christ's look touches hearts of the people. He teaches us today that there is no salvation without pain.

At the birth of Jesus the angels of the Lord enchanted the glory of His coming. Today, the Savior of the World is being handed over to the den of robbers. God the Father rescued the people of Israel who were slave in Egypt. God sent Moses, Prophets and Kings in order to lead them the right path. Yet their hearts were away from God because they sinned against God through their immoral life, discrimination and worshipped the pagan Gods and Goddess. These things led them to go away from God.

In this situation, God the father sends this Only Begotten Son Jesus who was obedient to His words and did the will of the Father that Pain is the victory of life. He is being welcomed by spreading their clothes on the floor and enchanting Hosanna, Hosanna to the Most High to have to come. Now let us also sing Hosanna and welcome Jesus.

**The priest says in the name of the father and of the son and of the Holy Spirit. Then he greets the people. And invite people to participate actively in the celebration.**

Dear brethren, since the beginning of Lent until now, we have prepared our hearts by penance and charitable works. Today we gather together to herald with the whole Church the beginning of the celebration of our Lord's Paschal Mystery that is to say of his Passion and Resurrection.

For it was to accomplish this mystery that he entered his own city of Jerusalem. Therefore with all faith and devotion following in his footsteps so that being made by his grace partakers of the cross we may have a share also in the resurrection and in his life .(after the address, the priest says the prayers with hands extended).

### **“Let us pray. (Hands extended)”**

Almighty ever living God sanctifies these branches with your blessing that we who follow Christ the king in exultation may reach the eternal Jerusalem through him who lives and reigns forever and ever.

He **sprinkles the branches with Holy Water** without saying anything.

**Gospel Reading:** (YEAR A)

A **brief Homily** may be given and begin the procession, an invitation may be given by a priest.

**Dear brothers and sisters, let us follow the order in the procession as follows the thurible will be the first, then acolyte or another minister, and cross between two ministers with lighted candles. Then follow the Deacon carrying the Book of the Gospel, the Priest with the ministers, and all the faithful carrying branches.**

**Chant in the procession** - Psalm 23, psalm 46 or Hymn to Christ the king

### **Introduction for the Readings:**

Dear brothers and sisters today's reading invites us to meditate on the meekness of Jesus Christ. Jesus humbled himself even unto death on the Cross. The first reading of today is taken from the Book of Prophet Isaiah, tells us about the painful agony of God. In the Responsorial Psalm, My God, My God why have you forsaken me? In the second reading, St. Paul tells us that Jesus humbled himself even death on the Cross but God raised him up.

A Priest proclaims in usual way the Gospel concerning the Lord's entrance. We will hear the long reading of Gospel narrating the passion and death of Jesus Christ. Let us with meditative mind, listen to the readings. (the narrative of the Lord's passion is read without candles and without incense, with no greeting or signing of the book.)

**First Reading** - Isaiah 50: 4-7      **Second Reading** – Philippians 2: 6-11

**Gospel** : Luke – 22: 14 - 23:56

**- After the Gospel, a brief homily will be given.**

**-The creed is said and the universal prayer takes place**

## **Prayer of the Faithful**

Let us pray together as a family, that during this Holy Week we may gather abundantly the fruits of Jesus' suffering and death, and thus get ready to share in the joy of his Resurrection:

**Our response is: Lord, hear our prayer and forgive our sins.**

1. For our Holy Father Pope Francis, Bishops, priests, religious and catechists that they may proclaim with courage and conviction the gospel of Christ, let us pray to the Lord:

**All:** Lord, hear our prayer and forgive our sins.

2. For all those who deny having known you as Peter did: help them and help us all to be faithful witnesses of your love to mankind, let us pray to the Lord.

**All:** Lord, hear our prayer and forgive our sins.

3. For those unjustly condemned that they may remember how unjustly you were condemned by Pilate and learn to bear false accusations, let us pray to the Lord.

**All:** Lord, hear our prayer and forgive our sins.

4. For those about to die, that they may put their soul into the hands of the Father, to trust in his mercy which knows no bounds, let us pray to the Lord.

**All:** Lord, hear our prayer and forgive our sins.

5. For all Christians, that they may embrace the joy of this Holy Week with a commitment to repent of past sins and strive for holiness, let us pray to the Lord.

**All:** Lord, hear our prayer and forgive our sins.

Father in heaven, your beloved Son Jesus suffered and died to save us. Help us to join him in his sufferings throughout our life, and to die with him when our moment comes. Thus we shall be sure of joining him in his resurrection and in his glory with you. We ask this through the same Christ, our Lord.

**All: Amen.**

**Liturgy of the Eucharist follows.....**