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May the Lord bless our youth and children to celebrate our liturgical mysteries with better understanding and fruitfulness.

+ *Jacob J. Angadiath*

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NATIVITY LITURGY

General Instructions

1. This liturgy is prepared for the midnight ceremony to be celebrated with the Holy Qurbana.
2. A statue of the Holy Infant should be kept veiled on the Altar or at a specially prepared place at the Sanctuary. If kept on the altar it is to be kept at the place where the book of Gospels is usually kept.
3. The warming ceremony is optional but highly recommended wherever it is possible to conduct. A fireplace of triangular shape is to be prepared as far as possible at the front yard facing the main door of the church. The fireplace should have logs at three corners to lit the fire. If this ceremony is not conducted the procession is to be conducted as specified in the text.
4. A Nativity scene (manger/crib) is most ideal and to be made inside or outside of the church.
5. An adapted version of the Indian aarathi with light, incense, and flowers could be done once the statue of the Holy Infant is placed in the manger.
6. The incense for the warming ceremony is to be prepared and kept. Its blessing is done before the blessing of the censer at Hymn of resurrection.
7. It would be ideal to sing the syriac hymn of St. Ephrem "Sagdeen an mar" as the celebrant incenses the Holy Infant.

C: Celebrant

S – Server

A - Assembly

ENTRANCE HYMN

Congregation stands

An appropriate entrance hymn with the themes of expectation and hope about the promised savior is sung

“Glory to God in the highest” is not sung/said here

C: Our Father (continues with community) who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Holy, Holy, thou art Holy.

Our Father who art in heaven, heaven and earth are full of thy glory. Angels and men sing out thy glory, “Holy, Holy, thou art Holy.”

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. Lead us not into temptation. But deliver us from the evil.

For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

S: Let us pray, Peace be with us.

C: Lord our God, we bless your infinite mercy. May we be filled with the joy and peace of our Messiah, who emptied himself to be a servant in spite of his divine nature. Let us adore the perfect divine and perfect human incarnate in the manger. May he help us to be worthy of the fruits of the salvation through the celebration of the holy mysteries. The Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, the Lord of all, forever.

A: Amen

PSALMODY
PS. 97

C: The LORD reigns; let the earth rejoice;
Let the many coastlands be glad!

A: Lord the savior of the world, blessed is your
coming to the world
You made us worthy to praise you in the
company of Angels.

C: The mountains melt like wax before the
LORD,
Before the LORD of all the earth.

A: The heavens proclaim his righteousness;
And all the peoples behold his glory.

- C:** Because of your judgments, O God.
You, O LORD, are most high over all the
earth;
You are exalted far above all gods.
- A:** The LORD loves those who hate evil;
He preserves the lives of his saints;
He delivers them from the hand of the
wicked.
- C:** Light dawns for the righteous,
And joy for the upright in heart.
- A:** Rejoice in the LORD, O you righteous,
And give thanks to his holy name!
- C:** Glory be to the Father, to the Son, and to the
Holy Spirit.
- A:** From the eternity and forever. Amen
- C:** Lord the savior of the world, blessed is your
coming to the world
You made us worthy to praise you in the
company of Angels.
- S:** Let us pray. Peace be with us.
- C:** Lord almighty God, the angels praise you
unceasingly before your majestic and awe
inspiring throne. We too join them to offer
you our praise, honor, thanksgiving and

adoration. The Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, the Lord of all, forever.

A: Amen

Hymn of the Sanctuary may be sung

INCENSE BLESSING FOR WARMING CEREMONY

The celebrant blesses the incense for the warming ceremony. The incense is kept separate in a vessel for later use in Warming ceremony

C: Lord our God, bless these incense that we offer to celebrate the birth of your only begotten son. May the fruits of his incarnation increase in us through your grace. The Lord of all, forever.

A: Amen

INCENSING

Servers bring the censer, celebrant blesses the incense, praying in a low voice

C: *May this incense, which we offer in your honor, be blessed in the name of your most holy Trinity. May it be pleasing to you and obtain the forgiveness of our sins. In the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, forever*

S: Amen

C: Lord our God, when the sweet fragrance of your love wafts over us, and when our souls are enlightened with the knowledge of your truth, may we be found worthy to receive your beloved Son as He appears from the heaven. May we also glorify you and praise you unceasingly in your Church, crowned like a spouse with every goodness and grace. For you are the Lord and Creator of all forever and ever.

A: Amen

HYMN OF RESURRECTION

A: Lord of all we bow and praise you.
Jesus Christ, we glorify you
For you give man glorious resurrection
And you are the one who saves his soul.

S: Let us pray, Peace be with us.

C: My Lord, you are truly the one who raises our bodies. You are the savior of our souls, and the preserver of our lives. We are bound always to thank, adore, and glorify you. The Lord of all, forever.

A: Amen

TRISAGION

S: Brothers and sisters, Raise your voices and glorify the living God.

A: Holy God,
Holy Mighty One,
Holy Immortal One,
Have mercy on us.

S: Let us pray, Peace be with us.

C: Glorious, Mighty, Immortal, and Holy God,
you are pleased to dwell in the holy ones.
We beseech you. Look upon us, pardon us,
and show us compassion according to your
nature. The Father, the Son, and the Holy
Spirit, the Lord of all, forever.

A: Amen

READINGS

First and second readings are done
from the podium kept on the left
side of the celebrant

FIRST READING

ISAIAH 7:10-16; 9:1-3, 6-7

S: Brothers and sisters, please be seated and
listen attentively.

Congregation sits

S: A reading from the book of Isaiah.

S: Bless me my Lord (bowing to the celebrant)

C: May God bless + you.

Again the LORD spoke to Ahaz, "Ask a sign of the LORD your God; let it be deep as Sheol or high as heaven." But Ahaz said, "I will not ask, and I will not put the LORD to the test." And he said, "Hear then, O house of David! Is it too little for you to weary men, that you weary my God also? Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Behold, a young woman shall conceive and bear a son, and shall call his name Imman'u-el. He shall eat curds and honey when he knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good. For before the child knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good, the land before whose two kings you are in dread will be deserted.

But there will be no gloom for her that was in anguish. In the former time he brought into contempt the land of Zeb'ulun and the land of Naph'tali, but in the latter time he will make glorious the way of the sea, the land beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the nations. The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness, on them has light shined. Thou hast multiplied the nation, thou hast increased its joy; they rejoice before thee as with joy at the harvest, as men rejoice when they divide the spoil.

For to us a child is born, to us a son is given; and the government will be upon his shoulder, and his name will be called "Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace." Of the increase of his government and of peace there will be no end, upon the throne of David, and over his kingdom, to establish it, and to uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time forth and for evermore. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will do this.

A: Praise be to the Lord, our God.

SECOND READING
MICAH 4:1-3, 5:2-5, 8-9

S: A reading from the book of Micah.

S: Bless me my Lord (bowing to the celebrant)

C: May God bless + you.

It shall come to pass in the latter days that the mountain of the house of the LORD shall be established as the highest of the mountains, and shall be raised up above the hills; and peoples shall flow to it, and many nations shall come, and say: "Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, to the house of the God of Jacob; that he may

teach us his ways and we may walk in his paths." For out of Zion shall go forth the law, and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem. He shall judge between many peoples, and shall decide for strong nations afar off; and they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more;

But you, O Bethlehem Eph'rathah, who are little to be among the clans of Judah, from you shall come forth for me one who is to be ruler in Israel, whose origin is from of old, from ancient days. Therefore he shall give them up until the time when she who is in travail has brought forth; then the rest of his brethren shall return to the people of Israel. And he shall stand and feed his flock in the strength of the LORD, in the majesty of the name of the LORD his God. And they shall dwell secure, for now he shall be great to the ends of the earth. And this shall be peace, when the Assyrian comes into our land and treads upon our soil, that we will raise against him seven shepherds and eight princes of men;

And the remnant of Jacob shall be among the nations, in the midst of many peoples, like a lion among the beasts of the forest, like a young lion among the flocks of sheep,

which, when it goes through, treads down and tears in pieces, and there is none to deliver.

A: Praise be to the Lord, our God

HYMN OF PRAISE

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S: Let us pray, Peace be with us.

C: Lord our God, illumine our hearts and minds to hear and understand the sweet voice of your life-giving and divine commandments. In your mercy and grace, grant that they bear in us the fruits of love, hope, and salvation beneficial to our body and soul and that we may constantly praise You. The Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, the Lord of all, forever

A: Amen

Epistle (third reading) is read from the podium kept on the right side of the celebrant

EPISTLE GALATIANS 3:15-4:6

S: A reading from the letter of St. Paul to the Galatians

S: Bless me my Lord (bowing to the celebrant)

C: May Christ bless + you.

To give a human example, brethren: no one annuls even a man's will, or adds to it, once it has been ratified. Now the promises were made to Abraham and to his offspring. It does not say, "And to offsprings," referring to many; but, referring to one, "And to your offspring," which is Christ. This is what I mean: the law, which came four hundred and thirty years afterward, does not annul a covenant previously ratified by God, so as to make the promise void. For if the inheritance is by the law, it is no longer by promise; but God gave it to Abraham by a promise.

Why then the law? It was added because of transgressions, till the offspring should come to whom the promise had been made; and it was ordained by angels through an intermediary. Now an intermediary implies more than one; but God is one. Is the law then against the promises of God? Certainly not; for if a law had been given which could make alive, then righteousness would indeed be by the law. But the scripture consigned all things to sin, that what was promised to faith in Jesus Christ might be given to those who believe. Now before faith came, we were confined under the law, kept under restraint

until faith should be revealed. So that the law was our custodian until Christ came, that we might be justified by faith. But now that faith has come, we are no longer under a custodian; for in Christ Jesus you are all sons of God, through faith. For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ. There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is neither male nor female; for you are all one in Christ Jesus. And if you are Christ's, then you are Abraham's offspring, heirs according to promise.

I mean that the heir, as long as he is a child, is no better than a slave, though he is the owner of all the estate; but he is under guardians and trustees until the date set by the father. So with us; when we were children, we were slaves to the elemental spirits of the universe. But when the time had fully come, God sent forth his Son, born of woman, born under the law, to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons. And because you are sons, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!"

A: Praise be to Christ, our Lord

Congregation stands

HYMN OF HALLELUIAH

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Celebrant goes to the altar and carries the Gospel to the bema in procession

GOSPEL
LUKE 2:1-10

S: Let us stand and listen attentively to the Holy Gospel

C: Peace be with you.

A: With you and with your spirit.

C: The holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ as announced by St. Luke.

A: Glory to you Christ, our Lord

In those days a decree went out from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be enrolled. This was the first enrollment, when Quirin'ius was governor of Syria. And all went to be enrolled, each to his own city. And Joseph also went up from Galilee, from the city of Nazareth, to Judea, to the city of David, which is called Bethlehem, because he was of the house and lineage of David, to be enrolled with Mary, his betrothed, who was with child. And while they were there, the time came for her to be delivered. And she

gave birth to her first-born son and wrapped him in swaddling cloths, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn. And in that region there were shepherds out in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. And an angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were filled with fear. And the angel said to them, "Be not afraid; for behold, I bring you good news of a great joy which will come to all the people."

A: Glory to you Christ, Our Lord.

HYMN OF JUBILATION

A Hymn is sung

WARMING CEREMONY AND PROCESSION

Warming Ceremony is optional. If not done continue with procession.

After the hymn of jubilation celebrant or server reads aloud the commentary

COMMENTARY: Messiah came into the world as the light for those who dwell in darkness. It is on the burning bush Moses was given the good news of the release of his people in the Old Testament. The purpose of the incarnation is to redeem the human

kind from all forms of bondage. Messiah mediates the reconciliation of the human kind with God and with each other. The warming ceremony reminds us that the Lord was born at Bethlehem as the light removing the darkness of sin and bondage. Let us rise in devotion and process in prayer for the warming ceremony.

After the commentary the celebrant carries the statue of Infant Jesus and processes with servers to the fireplace in triangular shape prepared outside the Church for the warming ceremony.

The congregation follows the procession

If warming ceremony is NOT done, “Glory to God in the Highest” and its response “Peace and hope to people on earth, always and forever” is sung three times before the procession begins.

An appropriate hymn could be sung as the community processes outside

WARMING CEREMONY

The celebrant prays at the fireplace set for warming ceremony

S: Let us pray, Peace be with you.

C: Lord, you appeared to Moses in the burning bush. Sanctify us from our sins and debts. Lord you came into this world through the blessed virgin to be the light of the world. Lead us in the path of divine light as we rejoice in your nativity. Help us to walk in your precepts and to become the salt of the earth and light of the world. The Lord of all, forever.

A: Amen.

The celebrant set fire at three corners of the fireplace

As fire is set at corner one

C: Glory to God in the highest

A: Peace and hope to people on earth always and forever

As fire is set at corner two

C: Glory to God in the highest

A: Peace and hope to people on earth always and forever

As fire is set at corner three

C: Glory to God in the highest

A: Peace and hope to people on earth always and forever

The celebrant adds some of the blessed incense to the fireplace

C: Lord our Messiah, may these incense we offer reach up to your holy abode. May this offering bring your grace and blessings in abundance to our lives. The Lord of all.

A: Amen.

The celebrant processes around the fireplace three times carrying the statue of the Holy Infant.

Thereafter the servers and congregation adds incense to the fireplace.

PROCESSION CONTINUES

The procession gets back to the Church.

Appropriate hymns could be sung as the community process back to church.

The celebrant places the statue of the Holy Infant in the manger and offers the incense.

Another optional service of offering with light, incense, and flowers after the Indian tradition of *aarathi* also is permitted.

The celebrant and servers go to the Bema.

HOMILY

Congregation sits

KARUZUTHA

Congregation stands

S: Let us contemplate on our Lord Jesus Christ with joy and reverence, and praise him saying, “Lord, we praise you.”

A: Lord, we praise you.

S: O God, you guided the humble shepherds and the wise magi to the divine Infant.

A: Lord, we praise you.

S: O God, you blessed the world with peace and hope, and shown us the example of humility and poverty through the incarnation of your beloved Son.

A: Lord, we praise you.

S: O God, you opened the closed doors of the paradise and offered sacrifice for the expiation of our sins by sending your only Son into the world.

A: Lord, we praise you.

S: O God you so loved the world that you gave your only begotten Son so that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.

A: Lord, we praise you.

S: O God you brought the poor and the oppressed to you through your Son who took the form of a servant and was born in a manger.

A: Lord, we praise you.

S: Jesus, you became the eternal high priest by assuming our human nature. We beseech you Lord, to bestow spiritual blessings on our Holy Father Pope Mar ———, the head and father of the universal Church, our Major Archbishop Mar ———, the father and head of our Church, Mar ———, the father and head of our diocese, and all other bishops.

A: Lord, we praise you.

S: Let us commend ourselves and one another to the Father, to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.

A: Lord our God, we commend ourselves to you.

C: Lord our God, we thank you for giving us your Son to make us partners in your divine life. We receive and adore the Holy Infant along with Mary ever virgin, Joseph the righteous, and the humble shepherds. Help us to lead a life proper to your children. Bless us who are enriched through your incarnation, to have Christ manifest himself in our thoughts and deeds. The Lord of all, forever.

A: Amen

The Qurbana continues with Prayers of Imposition of Hands

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HYMN OF MYSTERIES

“Sing a new song to the Lord”

The glory of the Lord is lit upon them. The whole world is filled with the joy in the birth of Messiah the King. The heavenly hosts and the ranks of angels sing with us, “Glory to God in the highest, Peace and hope on earth.” The only begotten Son is incarnate in human body for our sake. His power is proclaimed among all the people.

“Earth and all its inhabitants”

The glory of the Lord is lit upon them. The whole world is filled with the joy in the birth of Messiah the King. The heavenly hosts and the ranks of angels sing with us, “Glory to God in the highest, Peace and hope on earth.” The only begotten Son is incarnate in human body for our sake. His power is proclaimed among all the people.

“The earth is filled with joy”

The glory of the Lord is lit upon them. The whole world is filled with the joy in the birth of Messiah the King. The heavenly hosts

and the ranks of angels sing with us, “Glory to God in the highest, Peace and hope on earth.” The only begotten Son is incarnate in human body for our sake. His power is proclaimed among all the people.

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HYMN OF EUCHARISTIC PRAISE

A: Behold the holy mysteries given for the expiation of our sins. Let us come to these mysteries in the purity of our bodies and souls.

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COMMUNION INVITATION

S: Behold, “the virgin will conceive and give birth to a son. His name shall be Emmanuel.” The Messiah your savior is born today for you.

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THANKSGIVING PRAYERS

C: Lord our God, the messiah is born among us surpassing all human knowledge and understanding. You hid yourself in this sacrifice we offered you and came to us in the species of bread and wine. Grant us the

wisdom to seek and to discern your presence always and everywhere. The Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, the Lord of all, our forever.

A: Amen. Bless us, Lord.

C: Lord our God, we thank you for the joy of your incarnation. You blessed the humble shepherds to receive and to announce the good news of incarnation. Bless us to receive this Good News in our lives and to proclaim to the whole world. Make us worthy to sing with angels “Glory to God in the highest”. The Lord of all, forever.

A: Amen.

PRAYER OF SEALING

C: May the Lord who spoke of old in various ways through our fathers and prophets, and who sent his Son in the fullness of time, be blessed. Lord we adore you for granting us the interior joy and peace as we are delivered from the bondage of sin in this holy celebration. Lord, sustain forever in us your peace and tranquility. Brothers and sisters, may the grace and blessing of our Lord abound in you who participated in this holy ceremony and your dear and near who are not able to be here. May you and all who do not yet know the Lord, be granted the

great and joyous Good News for the human race. Now, always and forever.

A : Amen.

FAREWELL PRAYER

Praise to you, Altar of sanctification. Praise to you, the sepulcher of our Lord. May the holy qurbana that I have received from you, be for me unto the forgiveness of my debts and the remission of my sins. I know not, whether I shall come again to offer another sacrifice.

**ASH MONDAY
LITURGY**

General Instructions

1. This ceremony is to be conducted at the beginning of the Great Lent.
2. This ceremony shall be conducted with Qurbana or independent of Qurbana.
3. The ashes shall be prepared using the palms of the previous year.

C: Celebrant

S – Server

A - Assembly

ENTRANCE HYMN

Congregation stands

C: As our Lord commanded
On the feast of Passover
Let us gather in his holy name
In unity, let us offer this sacrifice

A: Let us be reconciled
And prepare a new altar
With the love of the Lord Jesus
Let us offer this Qurbana

C: Glory to God in the highest (3 times)

A: Amen

C: Peace and hope to people on earth always
and forever

A: Amen

C: Our Father (continues with community) who
art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy
kingdom come. Holy, Holy, thou art Holy.

Our Father who art in heaven, heaven and
earth are full of thy glory. Angels and men
sing out thy glory, "Holy, Holy, thou art Holy."

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 trespasses as we forgive those who our trespass against us. Lead us not into temptation. But deliver us from the evil.

For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

S: Let us pray. Peace be with us.

C: God rich in love and mercy to the contrite, look kindly upon these sinners at your presence. We watch for your blessings as the humble tax-collector. May this Great Lent lead us to contrition, conversion, and renewal of our lives. Help we, your chosen people to wash away our sins with tears of contrition and to live a virtuous life. Make us worthy to offer this sacrifice with Messiah in humility and purity of heart. The Lord of all, forever.

A: Amen

PSALMODY
PS. 15

C: O LORD, who shall sojourn in thy tent?
Who shall dwell on thy holy hill?
(*canona*) Lord, shower your grace to seek your
ways
And to be led by your life-giving Words.
Teach us to seek and learn your holy will.

community prays in two groups

1. He who walks blamelessly, and does what is
right,
And speaks truth from his heart;
2. Who does not slander with his tongue,
And does no evil to his friend,
Nor takes up a reproach against his neighbor;
1. In whose eyes a reprobate is despised,
But who honors those who fear the LORD;
Who swears to his own hurt and does not
change;
2. Who does not put out his money at interest,
And does not take a bribe against the
innocent.
He who does these things shall never be
moved.

PS. 16

1. Preserve me, O God,
For in you I take refuge.
2. I say to the LORD, "You are my Lord;
Have no good apart from you."
1. As for the saints in the land, they are the
noble,
In whom is all my delight.

2. Those who choose another god multiply
their sorrows;
Their libations of blood I will not pour out
Or take their names upon my lips.
1. The LORD is my chosen portion and my cup;
You hold my lot.
2. The lines have fallen for me in pleasant
places;
Yea, I have a beautiful heritage.
1. I bless the LORD who gives me counsel;
In the night also my heart instructs me.
2. I keep the LORD always before me;
Because he is at my right hand,
I shall not be moved.
1. Therefore my heart is glad,
And my soul rejoices
My body also dwells secure.
2. For thou dost not give me up to Sheol,
Or let thy godly one see the pit.
1. Thou dost show me the path of life;
In thy presence there is fullness of joy,
In thy right hand are pleasures for evermore.

C: Glory be to the Father, to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.

A: From the eternity and forever. Amen

C: *(canona)* Lord is my cup and my share!
He ever remains in front of my eyes
My share is in his hands;
And he shows me the path of life.

S: Let us pray, Peace be with us.

INCENSING

Celebrant blesses the incense

C: *Lord our God, perfect our faith in your Holy Trinity. May we become worthy to offer you praise, homage, thanksgiving, and adoration. The Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, the Lord of all, forever.*

S: *Amen*

C: Lord our God, when the sweet fragrance of your love wafts over us, and when our souls are enlightened with the knowledge of your truth, may we be found worthy to receive your beloved Son as he appears from the heaven. May we also glorify you and praise you unceasingly in your Church, crowned like a spouse with every goodness and grace. For you are the Lord and Creator of all forever and ever.

A: Amen

HYMN OF RESURRECTION

A: Lord of all we bow and praise you
Jesus Christ, we glorify you
For you give man glorious resurrection
And you are the one who saves his soul.

S: Let us pray, Peace be with us.

C: My Lord, you are truly the one who raises our bodies. You are the savior of our souls, and the preserver of our lives. We are bound always to thank, adore, and glorify you. The Lord of all, forever.

A: Amen

TRISAGION

S: Brothers and sisters, raise your voices and glorify the living God.

A: Holy God,
Holy Mighty One,
Holy Immortal One,
Have mercy on us.

S: Let us pray, Peace be with us.

C: Glorious, mighty, immortal, and holy God,
You are pleased to dwell in the holy ones.
We beseech you. Look upon us, pardon us,
and show us compassion according to your

nature. The Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, the Lord of all, forever.

A: Amen

READINGS

First and second readings are read from the podium kept on the left side of the celebrant

S: Brothers and sisters, please be seated and listen attentively.

Congregation sits

FIRST READING GENESIS 03:01-19

S: A reading from the book of Genesis.

S: Bless me my Lord (bowing to the celebrant)

C: May God bless + you.

Now the serpent was subtler than any other wild creature that the LORD God had made. He said to the woman, "Did God say, 'You shall not eat of any tree of the garden'?" And the woman said to the serpent, "We may eat of the fruit of the trees of the garden; but God said, 'You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree which is in the midst of the garden, neither shall you touch it, lest you die.'" But

the serpent said to the woman, "You will not die. For God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil." So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate; and she also gave some to her husband, and he ate. Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together and made themselves aprons. And they heard the sound of the LORD God walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God among the trees of the garden. But the LORD God called to the man, and said to him, "Where are you?" And he said, "I heard the sound of thee in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked; and I hid myself." He said, "Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten of the tree of which I commanded you not to eat?" The man said, "The woman whom thou gavest to be with me, she gave me fruit of the tree, and I ate." Then the LORD God said to the woman, "What is this that you have done?" The woman said, "The serpent beguiled me, and I ate." The LORD God said to the serpent, "Because you have done this, cursed are you above

all cattle, and above all wild animals; upon your belly you shall go, and dust you shall eat all the days of your life. I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your seed and her seed; he shall bruise your head, and you shall bruise his heel." To the woman he said, "I will greatly multiply your pain in childbearing; in pain you shall bring forth children, yet your desire shall be for your husband, and he shall rule over you." And to Adam he said, "Because you have listened to the voice of your wife, and have eaten of the tree of which I commanded you, `You shall not eat of it, 'cursed is the ground because of you; in toil you shall eat of it all the days of your life; thorns and thistles it shall bring forth to you; and you shall eat the plants of the field. In the sweat of your face you shall eat bread till you return to the ground, for out of it you were taken; you are dust, and to dust you shall return."

A: Praise be to the Lord, our God

SECOND READING
JONAH 03:01-10

S: A reading from the book of Jonah.

S: Bless me my Lord (bowing to the celebrant)

C: May God bless + you.

Then the word of the LORD came to Jonah the second time, saying, "Arise, go to Nin'evah, that great city, and proclaim to it the message that I tell you." So Jonah arose and went to Nin'evah, according to the word of the LORD. Now Nin'evah was an exceedingly great city, three days' journey in breadth. Jonah began to go into the city, going a day's journey. And he cried, "Yet forty days, and Nin'evah shall be overthrown!" And the people of Nin'evah believed God; they proclaimed a fast, and put on sackcloth, from the greatest of them to the least of them. Then tidings reached the king of Nin'evah, and he arose from his throne, removed his robe, and covered himself with sackcloth, and sat in ashes. And he made proclamation and published through Nin'evah, "By the decree of the king and his nobles: Let neither man nor beast, herd nor flock, taste anything; let them not feed, or drink water, but let man and beast be covered with sackcloth, and let them cry mightily to God; yea, let every one turn from his evil way and from the violence which is in his hands. Who knows, God may yet repent and turn from his fierce anger, so that we perish not?" When God saw what they did, how they turned from their evil way, God repented of the evil which he had said he would do to them; and he did not do it.

A: Praise be to the Lord, our God

HYMN OF PRAISE

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C: Lord our God, illumine our hearts and minds to hear and understand the sweet voice of your life-giving and divine commandments. In your mercy and grace, grant that they bear in us the fruits of love, hope, and salvation beneficial to our body and soul and that we may constantly praise You. The Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, the Lord of all, forever

A: Amen

Epistle (third reading) is read from the podium kept on the right side of the celebrant

EPISTLE
ROMANS 12:01-15

S: A reading from the letter of St. Paul to the Romans

S: Bless me my Lord (bowing to the celebrant)

C: May Christ bless + you.

I appeal to you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. Do not be conformed to this world but be transformed

by the renewal of your mind, that you may prove what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect. For by the grace given to me I bid every one among you not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think, but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith which God has assigned him. For as in one body we have many members, and all the members do not have the same function, so we, though many, are one body in Christ, and individually members one of another. Having gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, let us use them: if prophecy, in proportion to our faith; if service, in our serving; he who teaches, in his teaching; he who exhorts, in his exhortation; he who contributes, in liberality; he who gives aid, with zeal; he who does acts of mercy, with cheerfulness. Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; love one another with brotherly affection; outdo one another in showing honor. Never flag in zeal, be aglow with the Spirit, serve the Lord. Rejoice in your hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer. Contribute to the needs of the saints, practice hospitality. Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep.

A: Praise be to Christ, our Lord

Congregation stands

HYMN OF HALLELUIAH

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Celebrant goes to the altar with servers and carries the Gospel to the bema in procession

GOSPEL

MATTHEW 05: 01-12

(OR MATTHEW 03:01-12)

S: Let us stand and listen attentively to the Holy Gospel

C: Peace be with you.

A: With you and with your spirit.

C: The holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ as announced by St. Matthew.

A: Glory to you Christ, our Lord.

Seeing the crowds, he went up on the mountain, and when he sat down his disciples came to him. And he opened his mouth and taught them, saying: "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. "Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted. "Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth. "Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied. "Blessed are the merciful, for they

shall obtain mercy. "Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God. "Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God. "Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. "Blessed are you when men revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for so men persecuted the prophets who were before you."

A: Glory to You Christ, Our Lord.

HOMILY

Congregation sits

The celebrant goes to table with Ashes after the homily

Congregation stands

HYMN OF CONTRITION

A Hymn may be sung

S: Let us pray, Peace be with us.

C: O merciful Lord, open the door of your abounding mercy to these penitents. We thank you for sanctifying us in the sacrament of Baptism. Help us to die to the world and to live our lives to your glory. O Lord who led the Ninevites in sackcloth and ashes,

kindly make this Great Lent an occasion of true conversion and renewal of our lives. We accept that we are dust and unto dust we go back. O Lord, bless us by forgiving our sins. Bless and sanctify these ashes that we receive as an external sign of our repentance. The Lord of all, forever.

A: Amen

The celebrant sprinkles the Holy Water on the ashes and incenses the ashes

Congregation sits

The celebrant puts ashes on his own forehead and then on the faithful. If concelebrants are present one of the concelebrants puts ashes on the forehead of the celebrant.

HYMN

The celebrant washes his hands

KAROSUTHA

Congregation stands

S: Let us pray with repentance and diligence
“Lord have mercy on us.”

A: Lord have mercy on us.

S: Lord, rich in mercy and our consolation, we pray to you.

A: Lord have mercy on us.

S: Lord, our savior, provider and giver of all gifts, we pray to you.

A: Lord have mercy on us.

S: Lord, we pray for peace, unity, and endurance of all Churches and the whole world.

A: Lord have mercy on us.

S: Lord, we pray for the wellbeing of our Holy Father Pope Mar _____, the head of the universal Church, our Major Archbishop Mar _____, the father and head of our Church, our Bishop Mar _____, the father and head of our diocese, all other bishops and their fellow ministers.

A: Lord have mercy on us.

S: Lord, who gave us the example of fast for forty days and nights, we pray to you.

A: Lord have mercy on us.

S: Lord, who came to this world to fulfill the will of the heavenly Father and to establish his kingdom, we pray to you.

A: Lord have mercy on us.

S: Lord, who said through the prophets that the real fast is to share the bread with the hungry, to clothe the naked, to provide

shelter to the homeless, and not to turn away from our community, we pray to you.

A: Lord have mercy on us.

S: Lord, who taught us through the prophet that the fast you desire is to untie the bonds of wickedness and to deliver the oppressed, we pray to you.

A: Lord have mercy on us.

S: Lord, who desire not the destruction of the sinners but guiding them in the righteous path, we pray to you.

A: Lord have mercy on us.

S: Lord, who pardoned with affection the repentant thief, we pray to you.

A: Lord have mercy on us.

S: Lord, who said that there will be greater joy in heaven on the repentant sinner, we pray to you.

A: Lord have mercy on us.

S: Lord, who taught us “whenever you served these little ones you serve me,” we pray to you.

A: Lord have mercy on us.

S: Lord, who taught that the man lives not by bread alone but by the Word of God, we pray to you.

A: Lord have mercy on us.

S: Lord, who created and sustained the nature and all its living and entrusted us to use them for common good, we pray to you.

A: Lord have mercy on us.

S: Lord, who exhorted us to seek first your kingdom and its righteousness so as to receive everything else we need, we pray to you.

A: Lord have mercy on us.

S: Let us commend ourselves and one another to the Father, to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.

A: Lord our God, we commend ourselves to you.

C: Lord, you who exhorted us to repent and believe in the gospel, help us to observe this lent of self-denial, conversion of heart, and reconciliation. May we join those who are hungry and thirsty for justice in their fight against the evil. Lord, strengthen us to lead an eschatological life by accepting our sufferings and by doing reparation for

our sins through prayer, fasting, and acts of mercy. The Lord of all, forever.

A: Amen

The Qurbana continues with prayers of Imposition of Hands

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HYMN OF MYSTERIES

Be vigilant not to sin

O disciples of the Messiah and partakers of his mysteries, be prudent not to loose your faith and thereby make the baptism you received futile through your fellowship with those who ruin the body and soul and do evil.

You all are the sons of the most high

O disciples of the Messiah and partakers of his mysteries, be prudent not to loose your faith and thereby make the baptism you received futile through your fellowship with those who ruin the body and soul and do evil.

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HYMN OF EUCHARISTIC PRAISE

A: Messiah our savior has prepared for us his spiritual banquet. Let us approach him with

devotion, love, and awe. Let us receive his body and blood. May he please in us. Let us adore the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.

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COMMUNION INVITATION

S: Come let us get strengthened by fasting and repentance that wash away our sins. Let us receive his most holy body and blood with devotion, love, and awe.

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THANKSGIVING PRAYERS

C: Lord God, you blessed us to grow in the sense of sin and the attitude of reparation through your word. You made us worthy of eternal life through your most holy body and blood. We are not worthy enough to thank you for this great gift. The Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, the Lord of all, forever.

A: Amen. Bless us, Lord.

C: Lord who pardons our sins and heals our ailments, you made us worthy to come to your presence with repentance and to participate in this propitiatory sacrifice. Strengthen us

to proclaim forever your mercies. The Lord of all, forever.

A: Amen.

PRAYER OF SEALING

C: Lord our God who desires the salvation and fullness of life for the entire human race, we bless your mercy that sent forth your only begotten son to our midst for the renewal and redemption of human race. He announced the gospel of your kingdom and gave us the message of repentance and conversion. Enable us to bear fruits of prayer, reparation, and love in this season of Lent and to see the justice of your Kingdom. Oh people of God, may the cross of our messiah strengthen you to conquer temptations and to abide by the Word of God. Now, always and forever.

A: Amen

FAREWELL PRAYER

Praise to you, Altar of sanctification. Praise to you, the sepulcher of our Lord. May the holy qurbana that I have received from you, be for me unto the forgiveness of my debts and the remission of my sins. I know not, whether I shall come again to offer another sacrifice.

**PALM SUNDAY
LITURGY**

General Instructions

1. This ceremony could be started inside the church, or at the cross at the narthex, or any other suitable place. There shall be a table prepared with candles. The palms and the holy water shall be kept at a side table.
2. The palms could either be distributed to the congregation after the blessing or the faithful may hold the palms during the blessing. However, it is recommended that the palms for celebrants and servers are blessed at the side table.
3. This ceremony is conducted with morning prayers. It shall be omitted if needed.

C: Celebrant

S – Server

A - Assembly

ENTRANCE HYMN

Congregation stands

C: As our Lord commanded
On the feast of Passover
Let us gather in his holy name
In unity, let us offer this sacrifice

A: Let us be reconciled
And prepare a new altar
With the love of the Lord Jesus
Let us offer this Qurbana

C: Glory to God in the highest (3 times)

A: Amen.

C: Peace and hope to people on earth always
and forever

A: Amen.

C: Our Father (continues with community) who
art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy
kingdom come. Holy, Holy, thou art Holy.

Our Father who art in heaven, heaven and
earth are full of thy glory. Angels and men
sing out thy glory, "Holy, Holy, thou art Holy."

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. Lead us not into temptation. But deliver us from the evil.

For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

S: Let us pray, Peace be with us.

C: King of glory, our Messiah, we worship you who entered the holy city of Jerusalem humbly riding on a lowly colt. Most majestic and righteous King, accept our prayers and hymns of praise along with the hosannas of the children of Zion. Make us worthy, O Lord, to welcome you with songs of praise as you were welcomed into Jerusalem with hosanna hymns. Grant us the grace to celebrate your paschal mystery by sharing in your passion, death, and resurrection. The Lord of all, forever.

A: Amen

PSALMODY
PS. 100

C: Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all you lands!
Serve the Lord with gladness!
(*canona*) At the Lord's coming, the righteous
ones, robed in glory,
And ready to greet, rise up amidst the clouds

community prays in two groups

1. Come into his holy presence singing praises;
Know that he is our God and our Lord
 2. It is he that made us, and we are his;
We are his people, and the sheep of his
pasture.
 1. Enter his gates with thanksgiving,
And his courts with praise!
 2. Give thanks to him, bless his name!
For the Lord is good;
 1. His steadfast love endures forever,
And his faithfulness to all generations.
- C:** Glory be to the Father, to the Son, and to the
Holy Spirit.
- A:** From the eternity and forever. Amen
- C:** Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all you lands!
Serve the Lord with gladness
- S:** Let us pray, Peace be with us.

MORNING PRAYER STARTS

These prayers are part of morning prayers and shall be omitted if not conducted with morning prayers.

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C: Lord God, all of your creations offer you praise and thanksgiving, for you alone are the true light that illumines all created things with your mercy and goodness. The Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, the Lord of all, forever.

A: Amen

Congregation sits

PS. 91

S: Blessed is he who dwells in the shelter of
the Most High,
Who abides in the shadow of the Almighty.
(*canona*) When God created the light the
angels were amazed.
United with them, we glorify God
At the rising of the light every new morning.

community prays in two groups

1. He who dwells in the shelter of the Most
High,
Who abides in the shadow of the Almighty,
2. Will say to the Lord, "My refuge and my
fortress;
My God, in whom I trust."

1. For he will deliver you from the snare of the
fowler
And from the deadly pestilence;
2. He will cover you with his pinions,
And under his wings you will find refuge;
His faithfulness is a shield and buckler.
1. You will not fear the terror of the night,
Nor the arrow that flies by day,
2. Nor the pestilence that stalks in darkness,
Nor the destruction that wastes at noonday.
1. A thousand may fall at your side,
Ten thousand at your right hand;
But it will not come near you.
2. You will only look with your eyes
And see the recompense of the wicked.
1. Because you have made the Lord your
refuge,
The Most High your habitation,
2. No evil shall befall you,
No scourge come near your tent.
1. For he will give his angels charge of you,
To guard you in all your ways.
2. Their hands they will bear you up,
Lest you dash your foot against a stone.

1. You will tread on the lion and the adder,
The young lion and the serpent you will
trample under foot.

2. Because he cleaves to me in love, I will
deliver him;
I will protect him, because he knows my
name.

1. When he calls to me, I will answer him;
I will be with him in trouble,
I will rescue him and honor him.

2. With long life I will satisfy him,
And show him my salvation.

C: Glory be to the Father, to the Son, and to the
Holy Spirit,

A: From the eternity and forever. Amen

S: When God created the light, the angels
praised Him.
They knew that the One who created the
light also created them.
Blessed is he who dwells in the shelter of
the Most High,
Who abides in the shadow of the Almighty.
The Angels glorify you; all people praise you.
Together they cry out: “Blessed is your entry
into Jerusalem ”

S: Let us pray, Peace be with us.

C: Lord our God, we believe in you and we praise your glorious and holy name. We take refuge in you whose mighty divine protection is praiseworthy. All who hope in you, and call on you will never be disheartened. The Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, The Lord of all, forever.

A: Amen

PS. 104: (OPTIONAL)

S: Bless the Lord, O my soul.
O Lord, my God, you are very great.
(*canona*) Praise is due to you, O God.

community prays in two groups

1. Bless the Lord, O my soul.
O Lord, my God, you are very great.
2. You are clothed with honor and majesty,
Wrapped in light as with a garment.
1. You stretch out the heavens like a tent,
You set the beams of your chambers on the
waters.
2. You make the clouds your chariot,
You ride on the wings of the wind.

1. You make the winds your messengers,
Fire and flame your ministers.
2. You set the earth on its foundations,
So that it shall never be shaken.
1. You cover it with the deep as with a garment;
The waters stood above the mountains.
2. At your rebuke they flee;
At the sound of your thunder they take to
flight.
1. They rose up to the mountains, ran down to
the valleys
To the place that you appointed for them.
2. You set a boundary that they may not pass,
So that they might not again cover the earth.
1. You make springs gush forth in the valleys;
They flow between the hills.
2. Giving drink to every wild animal;
The wild donkeys quench their thirst.
1. By the streams the birds of the air have their
habitation;
They sing among the branches.
2. From your lofty abode you water the
mountains;
The earth is satisfied with the fruit of your
work.

1. You cause the grass to grow for the cattle,
And plants for people to use,
To bring forth food from the earth,

C: Glory be to the Father, to the Son, and to the
Holy Spirit,

A: From the eternity and forever. Amen

S: Bless the Lord, O my soul.
O Lord, my God, are very great.
(*canona*) Praise is due to you, O God

PS. 113

S: Praise, O servants of the Lord,
Praise the name of the Lord!
(*canona*) Praise is due to you, O God,
For you are the creator of the light.

community prays in two groups

1. Praise, O servants of the Lord,
Praise the name of the Lord.

2. Blessed be the name of the Lord
From this time forth and forevermore!

1. From the rising of the sun to its setting
The name of the Lord is to be praised!

2. The Lord is high above all nations,
And his glory above the heavens!
1. Who is like the Lord our God,
Who is seated on high, who looks far down
Upon the heavens and the earth?
2. He raises the poor from the dust,
And lifts the needy from the ash heap,
1. To make them sit with princes,
With the princes of his people.
2. He gives the barren woman a home,
Making her the joyous mother of children.
- C:** Glory be to the Father, to the Son, and to the
Holy Spirit,
- A:** From the eternity and forever. Amen
- S:** Praise, O servants of the Lord,
Praise the name of the Lord!
(*canona*) Praise is due to you, O God,
For you are the creator of light
- S:** Let us pray, Peace be with you.
- C:** O Lord our God, in your eternal wisdom, you
alone created the day and the night and you
illumine all creation with sun and moon. The

celestial bodies that shine bright in the sky day and night are the works of your hands. Lord God, you alone are worthy of all praise and thanksgiving. The Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, the Lord of all, forever.

A: Amen

PS. 93

S: The Lord reigns; he is robed in majesty;
The Lord is robed, he is girded with strength
(*canona*) God, you are eternal and we adore
you

community prays in two groups

1. The Lord reigns; he is robed in majesty;
The Lord is robed, he is girded with strength.
2. Yes, the world is established;
It shall never be moved;
1. Thou throne is established from of old;
Thou art from everlasting.
2. The floods have lifted up, O Lord,
The floods have lifted up their voice,
The floods lift up their roaring.
1. Mightier than the thunders of many waters,
Mightier than the waves of the sea,

2. The Lord on high is mighty!
Thy decrees are very sure;

1. Holiness befits thy house,
O Lord, for evermore.

C: Glory be to the Father, to the Son, and to the
Holy Spirit,

A: From the eternity and forever. Amen

S: The Lord reigns; he is robed in majesty;
The Lord is robed, he is girded with strength.
(*canona*) God, you are eternal
And we adore you

PS. 148 (OPTIONAL)

S: Praise the Lord from the heavens,
Praise him in the heights!
(*canona*) The highest heavens praise you.
For you gave them existence.

community prays in two groups

1. Praise the Lord from the heavens,
Praise him in the heights!

2. Praise him, all his angels,
Praise him, all his host!

1. Praise him, sun and moon,
Praise him, all you shining stars!

2. Praise him, you highest heavens,
And you waters above the heavens!
Let them praise the name of the Lord!
1. For he commanded; they were created.
And he established them forever;
2. He fixed their bounds
Which cannot be passed.
1. Praise the Lord from the earth,
You sea monsters and all deeps,
2. Fire and hail, snow and frost,
Stormy wind fulfilling his command!
1. Mountains and all hills,
Fruit trees and all cedars!
2. Beasts and all cattle,
Creeping things and flying birds!
Kings of the earth and all peoples,
Princes and all rulers of the earth!
1. Young men and maidens together,
Old men and children!
Let them praise the name of the Lord,
2. For his name alone is exalted;
His glory is above earth and heaven.

C: Glory be to the Father, to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit,

A: From the eternity and forever. Amen

S: Praise the Lord from the heavens,
Praise him in the heights!
(*canona*) The highest heavens praise you,
For you gave them existence

S: Let us pray, Peace be with us.

PS. 150 (OPTIONAL)

S: Praise God in his sanctuary;
Praise him in his mighty firmament!
(*canona*) The Son of God has sanctified you;
He has invited you to his kingdom.

community prays in two groups

1. Praise God in his sanctuary;
Praise him in his mighty firmament!
2. Praise him for his mighty deeds;
Praise him according to his exceeding
greatness!
1. Praise him with trumpet sound;
Praise him with lute and harp!
2. Praise him with timbrel and dance;
Praise him with strings and pipe!

1. Praise him with sounding cymbals;
Praise him with loud clashing cymbals!
2. Let everything that breathes praise the Lord!
Praise the Lord!

C: Glory be to the Father, to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit,

A: From the eternity and forever. Amen

S: Praise God in his sanctuary;
Praise him in his mighty firmament!
(*canona*) The Son of God has sanctified you;
He has invited you to his kingdom.

S: Let us pray, Peace be with us.

PS. 117/116

S: Praise the Lord, all nations!
Extol him, all peoples!
(*canona*) O Lord, source and giver of light,
We offer you praise.

community prays in two groups

1. Praise the Lord, all nations!
Extol him, all peoples!
2. For great is his steadfast love toward us;
And the faithfulness of the Lord endures
forever.
Praise the Lord!

C: Glory be to the Father, to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit,

A: From the eternity and forever. Amen

S: Praise the Lord, all nations!
Extol him, all peoples!
(*canona*) O Lord, source and giver of light,
We offer you praise.

S: Let us pray, Peace be with us.

C: Christ our God, you are the firstborn of all creatures, light of the Father's glory, and his perfect image. You came into the world to renew and redeem us; you revealed the Father to humanity. We offer you glory, honor, thanks, and adoration. The Lord of all, forever.

A: Amen

MORNING HYMN

community prays in two groups

1. *The whole world praise the Lord*
All breaths and all creatures
Adore you; You are the light of salvation.
2. *Serve the Lord with joy*
All breaths and all creatures
Adore you; You are the light of salvation.

1. *Enter his presence singing praises*
The children sang “Hosanna” in loud voice
Blessed are you in the house of David.
2. *Know that he is our Lord and God*
May the Children bow before you
Singing ‘Hosanna’ with jubilation.
1. *Not we, but He created us*
The sons of Zion sings ‘Hosanna’
Even those who crucify you.
2. *We are his people and the sheep of his house*
O jubilant Children, here comes our Jesus
Bless him at the gates of Jerusalem.
1. *Enter his courts with thanksgiving*
Our Children sings with might and power
May the people be strengthened.
2. *Thank him and praise him*
O Lord, bless in your mercy the children
Who sang praises of Hosanna.
1. *The Lord is good and his mercy remains*
forever
Lord, you are majestic and glorious in
Jerusalem
Our hearts are humbled in your coming.
2. *His faith for all generations*
May the woods share their joy in flowers,

Let the earth sing praises with these
children.

S: The whole creation praise you,
Because you are the mighty light
That renews everything.

Let us pray, Peace be with us.

C: O Lord, may we witness your joyous second
coming, that the whole creation is eagerly
awaiting. Make us worthy for the profound
radiance of your revelation. Enable us to
share in the joy of your radiant presence and
to gladden with the righteous in the heavenly
Jerusalem. The Lord of all, forever.

A: Amen.

HYMN OF PRAISE

community prays in two groups

1. The divine Son rises from God the Father
To lead us from darkness to light.
2. The veil of darkness is removed
As the light rises among the humankind.
1. The divine Son revealed his glory
The gates of Sheol is broken in his light.
2. The Lord made radiant the creation in
darkness
The dead are risen to sing praises to him.

1. He brought salvation and ascended to
heaven
To come again upon the earth in splendor
and glory.
2. Our king will come in great glory
He will light the golden lamp to enlighten us.
1. Sing praises to the infinite glory of the Father
O Jesus, great is your mercy that brings
salvation.
2. The righteous will escort the dawn of that
day
The suffering will come to light the lamp.
1. The heavenly creatures will gather in joy
With crowns of jewels to sing praises to the
Lord.
2. Receive the savior coming in radiant glory
He will crown us in his heavenly kingdom.

HYMN OF THE THREE CHILDREN DANIEL 3

- S:** May the whole creation praise the Lord. O Messiah, descendent of the tribe of David and savior of the creation, the children bearing olive branches offered you praises singing 'Hosanna'. Hosanna to the hope of

the outcast and the one praised by the lips of children, youth and adults. Blessed be the one who revealed his might to the children who sang praises to him.

community prays in two groups

1. "Bless the Lord, all works of the Lord,
Sing praise to him and highly exalt him for ever.
2. Bless the Lord, you heavens,
Sing praise to him and highly exalt him for ever.
1. Bless the Lord, you angels of the Lord,
Sing praise to him and highly exalt him for ever.
2. Bless the Lord, all waters above the heaven,
Sing praise to him and highly exalt him for ever.
1. Bless the Lord, all powers,
Sing praise to him and highly exalt him for ever.
2. Bless the Lord, sun and moon,
Sing praise to him and highly exalt him for ever.
1. Bless the Lord, stars of heaven,
Sing praise to him and highly exalt him for ever.
2. Bless the Lord, all rain and dew,
Sing praise to him and highly exalt him for ever.
1. Bless the Lord, all winds,
Sing praise to him and highly exalt him for ever.

2. Bless the Lord, fire and heat,
Sing praise to him and highly exalt him for ever.
1. Bless the Lord, winter cold and summer heat,
Sing praise to him and highly exalt him for ever.
2. Bless the Lord, dews and snows,
Sing praise to him and highly exalt him for ever.
1. Bless the Lord, nights and days,
Sing praise to him and highly exalt him for ever.
2. Bless the Lord, light and darkness,
Sing praise to him and highly exalt him for ever.
1. Bless the Lord, ice and cold,
Sing praise to him and highly exalt him for ever.
2. Bless the Lord, frosts and snows,
Sing praise to him and highly exalt him for ever.
1. Bless the Lord, lightnings and clouds,
Sing praise to him and highly exalt him for ever.
2. Let the earth bless the Lord;
Sing praise to him and highly exalt him for ever.
1. Bless the Lord, mountains and hills,
Sing praise to him and highly exalt him for ever.
2. Bless the Lord, all things that grow on the
earth,
Sing praise to him and highly exalt him for ever.

1. Bless the Lord, you springs,
Sing praise to him and highly exalt him for ever.
2. Bless the Lord, seas and rivers,
Sing praise to him and highly exalt him for ever.
1. Bless the Lord, you whales and all creatures
that move in the waters,
Sing praise to him and highly exalt him for ever.
2. Bless the Lord, all birds of the air,
Sing praise to him and highly exalt him for ever.
1. Bless the Lord, all beasts and cattle,
Sing praise to him and highly exalt him for ever.
2. Bless the Lord, you sons of men,
Sing praise to him and highly exalt him for ever.
1. Bless the Lord, O Israel,
Sing praise to him and highly exalt him for ever.
2. Bless the Lord, you priests of the Lord,
Sing praise to him and highly exalt him for ever.
1. Bless the Lord, you servants of the Lord,
Sing praise to him and highly exalt him for ever.
2. Bless the Lord, spirits and souls of the
righteous,
Sing praise to him and highly exalt him for ever.

1. Bless the Lord, you who are holy and humble
in heart,
Sing praise to him and highly exalt him for ever.
 2. Bless the Lord, Hananiah, Azariah, and
Mishael,
Sing praise to him and highly exalt him for
ever.”
 1. Glory be to the Father, to the Son, and to the
Holy Spirit,
 2. From the eternity and forever. Amen
- S:** May the prophets rejoice singing loud ‘Hosanna.’ May Moses, son of Amran rejoice; because here comes the prophet he prophesied about. May Jacob rejoice; because here comes the king of his prophecy “Binding his foal to the vine and his colt to the choice vine.” May David son of Jesse rejoice; because his prophecy “Out of the mouth of babes and sucklings you have brought perfect praise” is fulfilled. Brothers and sisters, let us sing ‘Hosanna’ to the Son of God, the Lord of all. Let us pray, Peace be with us.
- C:** Lord of all, we praise your incomprehensible and invisible nature. We bless always your glorious Trinity. The Father, the Son. and the Holy Spirit, the Lord of all,
- A:** Amen.

HYMN OF PRAISE (OPTIONAL)

community prays in two groups

1. Glory to God in the highest
And hope to his people on earth.
2. Glory to the Son, the savior
Reverence to the Holy Spirit.
Adore him in humility
Bow down with songs of praise.
1. Father, you are Holy
Eternal, immortal and mighty.
All the creatures bow down,
Bless and praise you.
2. O beloved Son of the Father
Shower your grace on us sinners.
1. You gave us salvation
And ended the ages of sorrow.
O divine Lamb, the divine Son
Guide us in the perfect path.
2. You are the savior
King and provider
All eyes turn to you
Always and forever.

MORNING PRAYER ENDS

Congregation stands

S: Let us pray, Peace be with us.

C: Lord our God, we offer praise, honor, thanksgiving, and adoration to you, our eternal God, to your Holy Anointed One, and to the life-giving Holy Spirit. The Lord of all, forever.

A: Amen

A Hymn of Hosana may be sung

S: Let us pray, Peace be with us.

BLESSING OF THE PALMS

Blessing of the Palms and procession could be done also after the Gospel and Homily

C: O Christ our Messiah, our Redeemer and King of kings, we praise you. Look upon us, your children, who have gathered together this day to commemorate your solemn entrance to Jerusalem. O Christ our Messiah, kindly bless these palms as you blessed those who welcomed you with olive branches. Our hearts, our homes, and other places where we place these palms shall be filled with your divine grace. May we, who

welcome you today with hymns of Hosanna, be made worthy to welcome you when you come again in glory, and may we praise you joyfully in the heavenly Jerusalem. The Lord of all, forever.

A: Amen

The celebrant sprinkles Holy Water and incense over the palms. Palms are distributed and the procession begins with servers who bear Cross, incense, candle and Evangelion (Book of Gospels) at the front and celebrant (and concelebrants) at the end.

Hymns are sung during distribution of palms and during procession.

The celebrant prays in high tone as he reaches the main entrance of the church.

C: O gates, lift high your heads;
O eternal gates, open;
The glorious King is entering.

The celebrant taps at the closed door with the pedestal of the Cross.

From inside the Church

Who is this King of glory?

Those who stand outside

A: It is the majestic and mighty Lord!

3 Times

This is repeated three times upon which the door is opened and the celebrant with servers followed by the community process inside.

Hymns are sung during the procession.

INCENSING

Celebrant blesses the incense

C: *Lord our God, perfect our faith in your Holy Trinity. May we become worthy to offer you praise, homage, thanksgiving, and adoration. The Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, the Lord of all, forever.*

S: *Amen*

C: Lord our God, when the sweet fragrance of your love wafts over us, and when our souls are enlightened with the knowledge of your truth, may we be found worthy to receive your beloved Son as he appears from the heaven. May we also glorify you and praise you unceasingly in your Church, crowned like a spouse with every goodness and grace. For you are the Lord and Creator of all forever and ever.

A: Amen

HYMN OF RESURRECTION

A: Lord of all we bow and praise you.
Jesus Christ, we glorify you

For you give man glorious resurrection
And you are the one who saves his soul.

S: Let us pray, Peace be with us.

C: My Lord, you are truly the one who raises our bodies. You are the savior of our souls, and the preserver of our lives. We are bound always to thank, adore, and glorify you. The Lord of all, forever.

A: Amen

TRISAGION

S: Brothers and sisters, raise your voices and glorify the living God.

A: Holy God,
Holy Mighty One,
Holy Immortal One,
Have mercy on us.

S: Let us pray, Peace be with us.

C: Glorious, mighty, immortal, and holy God, You are pleased to dwell in the holy ones. We beseech you. Look upon us, pardon us, and show us compassion according to your nature. The Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, the Lord of all, forever.

A: Amen

READINGS

First and second readings are read from the podium kept on the left side of the celebrant

S: Brothers and sisters, please be seated and listen attentively.

Congregation sits

FIRST READING
GENESIS 49:08-12, 22-26

S: A reading from the book of Genesis.

S: Bless me my Lord (bowing to the celebrant)

C: May God bless + you.

Judah, your brothers shall praise you; your hand shall be on the neck of your enemies; your father's sons shall bow down before you. Judah is a lion's whelp; from the prey, my son, you have gone up. He stooped down, he couched as a lion, and as a lioness; who dares rouse him up? The scepter shall not depart from Judah, nor the ruler's staff from between his feet, until he comes to whom it belongs; and to him shall be the obedience of the peoples. Binding his foal to the vine and his ass's colt to the choice vine, he washes his garments in wine and

his vesture in the blood of grapes; his eyes shall be red with wine, and his teeth white with milk. ... Joseph is a fruitful bough, a fruitful bough by a spring; his branches run over the wall. The archers fiercely attacked him, shot at him, and harassed him sorely; yet his bow remained unmoved, his arms were made agile by the hands of the Mighty One of Jacob (by the name of the Shepherd, the Rock of Israel), by the God of your father who will help you, by God Almighty who will bless you with blessings of heaven above, blessings of the deep that couches beneath, blessings of the breasts and of the womb. The blessings of your father are mighty beyond the blessings of the eternal mountains, the bounties of the everlasting hills; may they be on the head of Joseph, and on the brow of him who was separate from his brothers.

A: Praise be to Christ our Lord

SECOND READING
ZECHARIAH 09:09-12

S: A reading from the book of Zachariah.

S: Bless me my Lord (bowing to the celebrant)

C: May God bless + you.

Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion! Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem! Lo, your king comes to you; triumphant and victorious is he, humble and riding on an ass, on a colt the foal of an ass. I will cut off the chariot from E'phraim and the war horse from Jerusalem; and the battle bow shall be cut off, and he shall command peace to the nations; his dominion shall be from sea to sea, and from the River to the ends of the earth. As for you also, because of the blood of my covenant with you, I will set your captives free from the waterless pit. Return to your stronghold, O prisoners of hope; today I declare that I will restore to you double.

A: Praise be to Christ our Lord

HYMN OF PRAISE

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C: Lord our God, illumine our hearts and minds to hear and understand the sweet voice of your life-giving and divine commandments. In your mercy and grace, grant that they bear in us the fruits of love, hope, and salvation beneficial to our body and soul and that we may constantly praise You. The Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, the Lord of all, forever

A: Amen

Epistle (third reading) is read from the podium kept on the right side of the celebrant

EPISTLE
ROMANS 11:13-24

- S:** A reading from the letter of St. Paul to the Romans
- S:** Bless me my Lord (bowing to the celebrant)
- C:** May Christ bless + you.

Now I am speaking to you Gentiles. Inasmuch then as I am an apostle to the Gentiles, I magnify my ministry in order to make my fellow Jews jealous, and thus save some of them. For if their rejection means the reconciliation of the world, what will their acceptance mean but life from the dead? If the dough offered as first fruits is holy, so is the whole lump; and if the root is holy, so are the branches. But if some of the branches were broken off, and you, a wild olive shoot, were grafted in their place to share the richness of the olive tree, do not boast over the branches. If you do boast, remember it is not you that support the root, but the root that supports you. You will say, "Branches were broken off so that I might be grafted in." That is true. They were broken off because of their unbelief, but you stand fast only through faith. So do not become

proud, but stand in awe. For if God did not spare the natural branches, neither will he spare you. Note then the kindness and the severity of God: severity toward those who have fallen, but God's kindness to you, provided you continue in his kindness; otherwise you too will be cut off. And even the others, if they do not persist in their unbelief, will be grafted in, for God has the power to graft them in again. For if you have been cut from what is by nature a wild olive tree, and grafted, contrary to nature, into a cultivated olive tree, how much more will these natural branches be grafted back into their own olive tree.

A: Praise be to Christ our Lord

Congregation stands

HYMN OF HALLELUIAH

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Celebrant goes to the altar with servers and carries the Gospel to the bema in procession

GOSPEL

MATTHEW 21: 01-17

S: Let us stand and listen attentively to the Holy Gospel

C: Peace be with you.

A: With you and with your spirit.

C: The holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ as announced by St. Matthew.

A: Glory to you Christ, our Lord.

And when they drew near to Jerusalem and came to Beth'phage, to the Mount of Olives, then Jesus sent two disciples, saying to them, "Go into the village opposite you, and immediately you will find an ass tied, and a colt with her; untie them and bring them to me. If any one says anything to you, you shall say, `The Lord has need of them,' and he will send them immediately." This took place to fulfill what was spoken by the prophet, saying, "Tell the daughter of Zion, behold, your king is coming to you, humble, and mounted on an ass, and on a colt, the foal of an ass." The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them; they brought the ass and the colt, and put their garments on them, and he sat thereon. Most of the crowd spread their garments on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. And the crowds that went before him and that followed him shouted, "Hosanna to the Son of David!

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest!" And when he entered Jerusalem, all the city was stirred, saying, "Who is this?" And the crowds said, "This is the prophet Jesus from Nazareth of Galilee." And Jesus entered the temple of God and drove out all who sold and bought in the temple, and he overturned the tables of the money-changers and the seats of those who sold pigeons. He said to them, "It is written, `My house shall be called a house of prayer'; but you make it a den of robbers." And the blind and the lame came to him in the temple, and he healed them. But when the chief priests and the scribes saw the wonderful things that he did, and the children crying out in the temple, "Hosanna to the Son of David!" they were indignant; and they said to him, "Do you hear what these are saying?" And Jesus said to them, "Yes; have you never read, `Out of the mouth of babes and sucklings thou hast brought perfect praise'?" And leaving them, he went out of the city to Bethany and lodged there.

A: Praise be to Christ our Lord

HOMILY

Congregation sits

If not done already, the blessing of palms and procession are done now

KARUZUTHA

Congregation stands

S: Let us joyfully and devotedly meditate on Christ our Messiah who humbly entered Jerusalem, and pray saying: “We praise you singing Hosanna”.

A: We praise you singing Hosanna

S: Lord, you enable all people to accept you and acclaim you as our Lord and Savior.

A: We praise you singing Hosanna

S: Lord, we who sing to you hymns of praise, are blessed to glorify you in Heaven.

A: We praise you singing Hosanna

S: Lord, you teach us to be humble and live in humility like our Savior.

A: We praise you singing Hosanna

S: Lord, you accepted the prayers and hymns of the hebrew children and you blessed them.

A: We praise you singing Hosanna

S: Lord, you fulfilled your promises you made to our forefathers.

A: We praise you singing Hosanna

S: Lord, bless and protect our Holy Father Pope Mar —————, the head of the universal Church, our Major Archbishop Mar —————, the father and head of our Church, our Bishop —————, the father and head of our diocese, and all other bishops.

A: We praise you singing Hosanna

S: Lord, you are glorified in heaven and worshiped on earth.

A: We praise you singing Hosanna

S: Let us commend ourselves and one another to the Father, to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.

A: Lord our God, we commend ourselves to you.

C: Christ our Messiah, Lord and king of heaven and earth; we adore you. Make us worthy to share in the death and resurrection of your beloved Son, and enable us to yield fruits of sincere conversion. May we who welcome you singing Hosanna be welcomed into your glory. The Lord of all, forever.

A: Amen

The Qurbana continues with Prayers of Imposition of Hands

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HYMN OF MYSTERIES

*How great is your name, O Lord our God,
through all the earth*

Divinely inspired, the hebrew children received the Lord joyfully singing Hosanna. They acclaimed praises to the Lord who rode on a young colt like one being carried away in clouds. Let us also acclaim him with them: Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is our Savior who comes in the name of the Lord and who will come again in the fullness of glory.

Their tongues are like sharp swords.

Divinely inspired, the hebrew children received the Lord joyfully singing Hosanna. They acclaimed praises to the Lord who rode on a young colt like one being carried away in clouds. Let us also acclaim him with them: Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is our Savior who comes in the name of the Lord and who will come again in the fullness of glory.

The name of the Lord will be glorified in Zion.

Divinely inspired, the hebrew children received the Lord joyfully singing Hosanna. They acclaimed praises to the Lord who rode on a young colt like one being carried away in clouds. Let us also acclaim him with them: Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is our Savior who comes in the name of the Lord and who will come again in the fullness of glory.

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HYMN OF EUCHARISTIC PRAISE

A: With confidence and devoutness let us share the glorious sacred mysteries prepared before us. Let us receive the body broken for our salvation and the blood of the covenant shed for us. Here is the lifegiving burning coal that touched the prophet to sanctify him of all sins. Let us be attentive and approach the awesome mysteries with purified hearts.

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COMMUNION INVITATION

S: This is the day the children welcomed Christ our Lord with olive branches. They glorified

him with Hosanna songs. With hymns of praises they glorified the Father who sent him. Blessed be the Messiah who graciously came from the house of David, and who redeemed humanity. Brothers and sisters, let us receive the sacred body and blood of Christ, and give thanks to his holy name.

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THANKSGIVING PRAYERS

C: Lord God, we thank you for enabling us to participate in this Holy Sacrifice commemorating Christ's death and resurrection, and to receive from the divine mysteries. Grant us the grace to glorify you by committing our lives totally to you. The Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, the Lord of all, forever.

A: Amen. Bless us, Lord.

C: Lord Jesus, you entered Jerusalem amidst the cries of Hosanna; we thank you for making us worthy to laud you with Hosannas. May we who have shared in your paschal mystery, unite with you in the heavenly Jerusalem, and offer you never-ending praise. The Lord of all, forever.

A: Amen

PRAYER OF SEALING

C: Let us praise the Father who sent His Only Son as our Lord and Savior. Let us adore Christ who gave us an example of humility by riding on a simple colt. Let us glorify the Holy Spirit who strengthens us to sing praises to the Lord. May Lord Jesus who humbled himself and entered Jerusalem, to suffer and to die on the cross, help us to practice self-denial, and to do God's holy will. May all people accept and acclaim Christ as our Savior and King. May you, God's own people, who praise him with Hosanna songs here on earth, be made worthy to glorify him eternally in the heavenly Jerusalem. Now and forever.

A: Amen

FAREWELL PRAYER

Praise to you, Altar of sanctification. Praise to you, the sepulcher of our Lord. May the holy qurbana that I have received from you, be for me unto the forgiveness of my debts and the remission of my sins. I know not, whether I shall come again to offer another sacrifice.

**HOLY THURSDAY
LITURGY**

General Instructions

1. There will be only one Qurbana today.
2. The ceremony in ordinary situations is conducted with the evening prayers. However, if needed the ceremony could be conducted in the morning; if so the prayers pertaining to the evening prayers shall be omitted.
3. The Washing of the Feet is done after the homily.

C: Celebrant

S – Server

A - Assembly

ENTRANCE HYMN

Congregation stands

C: As our Lord commanded
 On the feast of Passover
 Let us gather in his holy name
 In unity, let us offer this sacrifice

A: Let us be reconciled
 And prepare a new altar
 With the love of the Lord Jesus
 Let us offer this Qurbana

C: Glory to God in the highest (3 times)

A: Amen

C: Peace and hope to people on earth always
 and forever

A: Amen

C: Our Father (continues with community) who
 art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy
 kingdom come. Holy, Holy, thou art Holy.

Our Father who art in heaven, heaven and
 earth are full of thy glory. Angels and men
 sing out thy glory, "Holy, Holy, thou art Holy."

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. Lead us not into temptation. But deliver us from the evil.

For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

S: Let us pray, Peace be with us.

C: Our Lord Jesus Christ, we praise and thank for the example of humble service you gave us by washing the feet of your disciples, and by instituting the sacrament of the Holy Eucharist, giving us your body and blood as our spiritual food and drink. Lord, give us the grace to offer with clean hearts and pure thoughts these holy mysteries you instituted as the sacrament of love. Lord of all, forever.

A: Amen

PSALMODY
PS. 135

C: O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good,
For his steadfast love endures for ever.

A: O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good,
For his steadfast love endures for ever.

- C:** O give thanks to the Lord of lords,
For his steadfast love endures for ever;
- A:** O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good,
For his steadfast love endures for ever.
- C:** O give thanks to the God of gods,
For his steadfast love endures for ever.
- A:** O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good,
For his steadfast love endures for ever.
- C:** To him who alone does great wonders,
For his steadfast love endures for ever;
- A:** O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good,
For his steadfast love endures for ever.
- C:** To him who smote the firstborn of Egypt,
For his steadfast love endures for ever;
- A:** O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good,
For his steadfast love endures for ever.
- C:** And brought Israel out from among them,
For his steadfast love endures for ever;
- A:** O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good,
For his steadfast love endures for ever.
- C:** To him who divided the Red Sea in sunder,
And made Israel pass through the midst of it,
For his steadfast love endures for ever;

- A: O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good,
For his steadfast love endures for ever.
- C: But overthrew Pharaoh and his host in the
Red Sea,
For his steadfast love endures for ever;
- A: O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good,
For his steadfast love endures for ever.
- C: To him who smote great kings,
And slew famous kings,
For his steadfast love endures for ever;
- A: O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good,
For his steadfast love endures for ever.
- C: And gave their land as a heritage,
A heritage to Israel his servant,
For his steadfast love endures for ever.
- A: O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good,
For his steadfast love endures for ever.
- C: And rescued us from our foes,
For his steadfast love endures for ever;
- A: O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good,
For his steadfast love endures for ever.
- C: Glory be to the Father, to the Son, and to the
Holy Spirit.

A: From the eternity and forever. Amen

C: Oh God our Savior, help us
 Forgive our sins according to your
 Holy Name.

S: Let us pray. Peace be with us.

C: Almighty God, the Holy Cherubim and
 Seraphim sings your unending praises and
 proclaims your Holiness before your pure
 and holy altar and heavenly throne. We give
 you glory, honor, praise, and thanksgiving, in
 union with them. The Father, the Son and
 the Holy Spirit, forever.

A: Amen

OPTIONAL - Hymns of praises are
 sung

Celebrant blesses the incense

C: *Lord our God, perfect our faith in your Holy
 Trinity. May we become worthy to offer
 you praise, homage, thanksgiving, and
 adoration. The Father, the Son, and the Holy
 Spirit, the Lord of all, forever.*

S: Amen

C: Lord our God, when the sweet fragrance of
 Your love wafts over us, and when our souls

are enlightened with the knowledge of Your truth, may we be found worthy to receive Your beloved Son as He appears from the heaven. May we also glorify you and praise you unceasingly in your Church, crowned like a spouse with every goodness and grace. For you are the Lord and Creator of all forever and ever.

A: Amen

HYMN OF RESURRECTION

A: Lord of all we bow and praise you.
Jesus Christ, we glorify you
For you give man glorious resurrection
And you are the one who saves his soul.

S: Let us pray, Peace be with us.

C: My Lord, you are truly the one who raises our bodies. You are the savior of our souls, and the preserver of our lives. We are bound always to thank, adore, and glorify you. The Lord of all, forever.

A: Amen

EVENING PRAYER STARTS

These prayers are part of evening prayers and shall be omitted if not conducted with evening prayers.

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Congregation sits

PSALM 140/141

C: I call upon thee, O LORD; make haste to me!
 Give ear to my voice, when I call to thee!
 (canona) Listen to my prayer O Lord
 And answer me.

community prays in two groups

1: I call upon thee, O LORD; make haste to me!
 Give ear to my voice, when I call to thee!

2: Let my prayer be counted as incense before
 thee,

1: And the lifting up of my hands as an evening
 sacrifice!

2: Set a guard over my mouth, O LORD,
 Keep watch over the door of my lips!

1: Incline not my heart to any evil,
 To busy myself with wicked deeds
 In company with men who work iniquity;
 And let me not eat of their dainties!

2: Let a good man strike or rebuke me in
 kindness,

1: But let the oil of the wicked never anoint my
 head;

2: For my prayer is continually against their
 wicked deeds.

1: When they are given over to those who shall
condemn them,
Then they shall learn that the word of the
LORD is true.

PSALM 141/142

2: I cry with my voice to the LORD,
With my voice I make supplication to the
LORD,

1: When my spirit is faint,
Thou knowest my way!

2: In the path where I walk
They have hidden a trap for me.

1: I look to the right and watch,
But there is none who takes notice of me;

2: No refuge remains to me,
No man cares for me.

1: I cry to thee, O LORD;
I say, Thou art my refuge,
My portion in the land of the living.

PSALM 118/119

2: Thy word is a lamp to my feet
And a light to my path.

- 1: I have sworn an oath and confirmed it,
To observe thy righteous ordinances.
- 2: I am sorely afflicted;
Give me life, O LORD, according to thy word!
- 1: Accept my offerings of praise, O LORD,
And teach me thy ordinances.
- 2: I hold my life in my hand continually,
but I do not forget thy law.
- 1: The wicked have laid a snare for me,
But I do not stray from thy precepts.

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- 2: Praise the LORD, all nations!
Extol him, all peoples!
- 1: For great is his steadfast love toward us;
And the faithfulness of the LORD endures
for ever.
Praise the LORD!
- 2: Glory be to the Father, to the Son and to the
Holy Spirit
Now, always and forever, Amen
- S:** I call upon thee, O LORD; make haste to me!
Give ear to my voice, when I call to thee!
(*canona*) Listen to my prayer O Lord
And answer me.

C: Lord, hear the prayers of your servants and bless us sinners. You provide health to our bodies and hope to our souls. The Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, forever.

A: Amen.

Another hymn may be sung instead of the following

1. *Hear, O Lord of Israel*

Lo, the good shepherd offer himself a
sacrifice
For the salvation of man, his sheep
The sheepfold saved by the Holy Cross
Remains at the altar of the Church.
Bow down in adoration at this altar
That the Lord offered the sacrifice on the
Cross
For the expiation of our sins and debts.

2. *Come, let us adore him*

Come, let us bow down and adore
The exalted cross our treasure,
The medicine that brings forth life.
The whole world becomes radiant
With the pure splendor of the cross.
The sins will be forgiven for all
Who seek and hope in the cross
The Lord saved us through his death
Sing 'Halleluiah' to him the almighty.

1. *Praise be to the Father, to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit*

The Lord offered his body and blood
 Today, on this day of Pesaha
 For the salvation of the human kind.
 Let us prepare our heart and hands
 And receive him in reverence.
 He offered his life in the holy sacrifice,
 He conquered death in his Holy death,
 He gave us life through his grace.
 Let us bless the Lord, the Messiah.

S: Let us pray, Peace be with us.

C: Lord perfect our faith in your Holy Trinity.
 Make us worthy to offer you praise, honor,
 thanksgiving and adoration. The Father, the
 Son, and the Holy Spirit, forever.

A: Amen.

EVENING PRAYER ENDS

Congregation stands

TRISAGION

S: Brothers and sisters, raise your voices and
 glorify the living God.

A: Holy God,
Holy Mighty One,
Holy Immortal One,
Have mercy on us.

S: Let us pray, Peace be with us.

C: Glorious, mighty, immortal, and holy God,
you are pleased to dwell in the holy ones.
We beseech you. Look upon us, pardon us,
and show us compassion according to your
nature. The Father, the Son, and the Holy
Spirit, the Lord of all, forever.

A: Amen

READINGS

First and second readings are read
from the podium kept on the left
side of the celebrant

FIRST READING EXODUS 12: 01-20

S: Brothers and sisters, please be seated and
listen attentively.

Congregation sits

S: A reading from the book of Exodus.

S: Bless me my Lord (bowing to the celebrant)

C: May God bless + you

The Lord said to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt, “This month shall be for you the beginning of months; it shall be the first month of the year for you. Tell all the congregation of Israel that on the tenth day of this month they shall take every man a lamb according to their fathers’ houses, a lamb for a household; and if the household is too small for a lamb, then a man and his neighbor next to his house shall take according to the number of persons; according to what each can eat you shall make your count for the lamb. Your lamb shall be without blemish, a male a year old; you shall take it from the sheep or from the goats; and you shall keep it until the fourteenth day of this month, when the whole assembly of the congregation of Israel shall kill their lambs in the evening. Then they shall take some of the blood, and put it on the two doorposts and the lintel of the houses in which they eat them. They shall eat the flesh that night, roasted; with unleavened bread and bitter herbs they shall eat it. Do not eat any of it raw or boiled with water, but roasted, its head with its legs and its inner parts. And you shall let none of it remain until the morning, anything that remains until the morning you shall burn. In this manner you shall eat it: your loins girded, your sandals on your feet, and your staff in your hand; and you shall eat it in haste. It is the Lord’s Passover. For I will

pass through the land of Egypt that night, and I will smite all the first-born in the land of Egypt, both man and beast; and on all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgments: I am the Lord. The blood shall be a sign for you, upon the houses where you are; and when I see the blood, I will pass over you, and no plague shall fall upon you to destroy you, when I smite the land of Egypt.

“This day shall be for you a memorial day, and you shall keep it as a feast to the Lord; throughout your generations you shall observe it as an ordinance for ever. Seven days you shall eat unleavened bread; on the first day you shall put away leaven out of your houses, for if any one eats what is leavened, from the first day until the seventh day, that person shall be cut off from Israel. On the first day you shall hold a holy assembly, and on the seventh day a holy assembly; no work shall be done on those days; but what everyone must eat, that only may be prepared by you. And you shall observe the feast of unleavened bread, for on this very day I brought your hosts out of the land of Egypt: therefore you shall observe this day, throughout your generations, as an ordinance for ever. In the first month, on the fourteenth day of the month at evening, you shall eat unleavened bread, and so until the twenty-first day of the month at evening.

For seven days no leaven shall be found in your houses; for if any one eats what is leavened, that person shall be cut off from the congregation of Israel, whether he is a sojourner or a native of the land. You shall eat nothing leavened; in all your dwellings you shall eat unleavened bread.”

A: Praise be to the Lord, our God

SECOND READING

MALACHI 1: 10-14

S: A reading from the book of Malachi.

S: Bless me my Lord (bowing to the celebrant)

C: May God bless + you.

Oh, that there were one among you who would shut the doors, that you might not kindle fire upon my altar in vain! I have no pleasure in you, says the Lord of hosts, and I will not accept an offering from your hand. For from the rising of the sun to its setting my name is great among the nations, and in every place incense is offered to my name, and a pure offering; for my name is great among the nations, says the Lord of hosts. But you profane it when you say that the Lord's table is polluted, and the food for it may be despised. 'What a weariness this is,' you say, and you sniff at me, says

the Lord of hosts. You bring what has been taken by violence or is lame or sick, and this you bring as your offering! Shall I accept that from your hand? says the Lord. Cursed be the cheat who has a male in his flock, and vows it, and yet sacrifices to the Lord what is blemished; for I am a great King, says the Lord of hosts, and my name is feared among the nations.

A: Praise be to the Lord, our God

HYMN OF PRAISE

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C: Lord our God, illumine our hearts and minds to hear and understand the sweet voice of your life-giving and divine commandments. In your mercy and grace, grant that they bear in us the fruits of love, hope, and salvation beneficial to our body and soul and that we may constantly praise You. The Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, the Lord of all, forever

A: Amen

Epistle (third reading) is read from the podium kept on the right side of the celebrant

EPISTLE

1 CORINTHIANS 11: 23-29

S: A reading from the first letter of St. Paul to the Corinthians.

S: Bless me my Lord (bowing to the celebrant)

C: May Christ bless + you.

For I received from the Lord what I also delivered to you, that the Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it, and said, "This is my body which is for[a] you. Do this in remembrance of me." In the same way also the cup, after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me." For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

Whoever, therefore, eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty of profaning the body and blood of the Lord. Let a man examine himself, and so eat of the bread and drink of the cup. For anyone who eats and drinks without discerning the body eats and drinks judgment upon himself.

A: Praise be to Christ, our Lord.

Congregation stands

HYMN OF HALLELUIAH

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Celebrant goes to the altar and carries the Gospel to the bema in procession

GOSPEL

JOHN 13: 1-14, MATTHEW 26: 14-30

S: Let us stand and listen attentively to the Holy Gospel.

C: Peace be with you.

A: With you and with your spirit.

C: The holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ as announced by St. John and St. Matthew.

A: Glory to you Christ, our Lord.

Now before the feast of the Passover, when Jesus knew that his hour had come to depart out of this world to the Father, having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end. And during supper, when the devil had already put it into the heart of Judas Iscariot, Simon's son, to betray him, Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands, and that he had come from God and was going to God, rose from supper, laid aside his garments, and

girded himself with a towel. Then he poured water into a basin, and began to wash the disciples' feet, and to wipe them with the towel with which he was girded. He came to Simon Peter; and Peter said to him, "Lord, do you wash my feet?" Jesus answered him, "What I am doing you do not know now, but afterward you will understand." Peter said to him, "You shall never wash my feet." Jesus answered him, "If I do not wash you, you have no part in me." Simon Peter said to him, "Lord, not my feet only but also my hands and my head!" Jesus said to him, "He who has bathed does not need to wash, except for his feet, but he is clean all over; and you are clean, but not all of you." For he knew who was to betray him; that was why he said, "You are not all clean."

When he had washed their feet, and taken his garments, and resumed his place, he said to them, "Do you know what I have done to you? You call me Teacher and Lord; and you are right, for so I am. If I, then, your Lord and Teacher have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet.

Then one of the twelve, who was called Judas Iscariot, went to the chief priests and said, "What will you give me if I deliver him to you?" And they paid him thirty pieces of

silver. And from that moment he sought an opportunity to betray him.

Now on the first day of Unleavened Bread the disciples came to Jesus, saying, “Where will you have us prepare for you to eat the Passover?” He said, “Go into the city to such a one, and say to him, ‘The Teacher says, My time is at hand; I will keep the Passover at your house with my disciples.’” And the disciples did as Jesus had directed them, and they prepared the Passover.

When it was evening, he sat at table with the twelve disciples; and as they were eating, he said, “Truly, I say to you, one of you will betray me.” And they were very sorrowful, and began to say to him one after another, “Is it I, Lord?” He answered, “He who has dipped his hand in the dish with me, will betray me. The Son of man goes as it is written of him, but woe to that man by whom the Son of man is betrayed! It would have been better for that man if he had not been born.” Judas, who betrayed him, said, “Is it I, Master?” He said to him, “You have said so.”

Now as they were eating,[d] Jesus took bread, and blessed, and broke it, and gave it to the disciples and said, “Take, eat; this is

my body.” And he took a cup, and when he had given thanks he gave it to them, saying, “Drink of it, all of you; for this is my blood of the[e] covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins. I tell you I shall not drink again of this fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it new with you in my Father’s kingdom.”

And when they had sung a hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives.

A: Glory to You Christ, our Lord.

HOMILY

Congregation sits

WASHING OF THE FEET

Congregation stands

S: Let us pray, peace be with us.

C: Jesus, our Lord and teacher, you gave us the example of humility, service, and total surrender by washing the feet of your disciples at the Last Supper. You asked us to follow this command you have taught us. Lord Jesus, bless us to follow your life-giving command, in obedience and fraternal love, and to keep this spirit in our daily lives. Lord of all forever.

A: Amen

HYMN

A Hymn may be sung

Congregation sits

Celebrant removes his cape, and ties a white cloth around his waist and goes to wash the feet of the twelve. The altar servers assist. The celebrant washes the right foot and kisses it. Afterwards, he removes the white garment, and puts his cape back on. When the celebrant and servers reach the bema the singing stops.

KARUZUTHA

Congregation stands

S: Let us stand with repentance and reverence and implore “Lord have mercy on us.”

A: Lord, have mercy on us.

S: Jesus, you who was led to the desert by the Holy Spirit and fasted for forty days and forty nights, fill us with the spirit of repentance and penance. Let us pray.

A: Lord, have mercy on us.

S: Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world, give us the grace to do penance for our sins and the sins of the whole world. Let us pray.

A: Lord, have mercy on us

S: Jesus you have said, “I am the bread that came down from heaven, those who eat my flesh and drink my blood will live forever” enable us to attain eternal bliss from receiving your flesh and blood. Let us pray.

A: Lord, have mercy on us

S: Jesus you have shown us the path of humility and total surrender through washing the feet of the disciples. We humbly request you to give us the grace to serve our brothers and sisters with meekness. Let us pray.

A: Lord, have mercy on us

S: Lord, you said, “do this in memory of me;” give us the grace to partake in this holy qurbana and to experience your constant saving love throughout our lives. Let us pray.

A: Lord, have mercy on us

S: Lord, you commanded us to wash one another’s feet, give us the grace to live a life of humility and self denial. Let us pray.

A: Lord, have mercy on us

S: By partaking of the same bread and chalice, strengthen us Lord, to grow in love and unity. Let us pray.

A: Lord, have mercy on us

S: Lord, you have commanded us to love one another as you have loved us. Give us the grace to live like your loving disciples. Let us pray.

A: Lord, have mercy on us.

S: Jesus, bless abundantly our Holy Father Pope Mar ———, the head of the universal church; our Major Archbishop Mar ———, the father and head of our SyroMalabar Church; our Bishop Mar ———, the father and head of our diocese, and all other bishops, to lead us in the path of prayer and penance. Let us pray.

A: Lord, have mercy on us.

S: Let us commend one another and ourselves to the Father, to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.

A: Lord our God, we commend ourselves to you.

C: God our Father, we thank you for sending your only begotten son as our Paschal Lamb. Strengthen us to love one another through this ineffable gift. Help us to live a life of mutual love. Lord with your precious body and blood give us eternal life. Make us

worthy to join with you in eternal happiness.
Lord of all forever

A: Amen

The Qurbana continues with Prayers of Imposition of Hands

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HYMN OF MYSTERIES

Come, Let us bless the Lord

Let us meditate in our hearts the Lord who was led to the sufferings on the cross. On this holy altar the life giving sacrifice is being offered. Let us commemorate his love and along with all the angels; let us sing praise for this ineffable gift; their tongues are like sharp swords.

Let us hope in the Lord

Let us meditate in our hearts the Lord who was led to the sufferings on the cross. On this holy altar the life giving sacrifice is being offered. Let us commemorate his love and along with all the angels; let us sing praise for this ineffable gift; their tongues are like sharp swords.

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HYMN OF EUCHARISTIC PRAISE

A: Let us receive with contrition the holy body and blood of our Lord who endured passion for us.

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COMMUNION INVITATION

S: Blessed is this paschal day with the fulfillment of the redemptive work that begun in the twilight in Egypt. The Passover that Moses observed in Egypt, took its completion in the Son of God. Let us approach the body of Jesus the paschal lamb, whose body was broken for us.

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THANKSGIVING PRAYERS

C: Lord God, you have helped us to listen to your words and adore you with hymns of praises. Lord, enable us to embrace the heavenly bliss which you have prepared for us with unceasing hymns and praises. The Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, the Lord of all, forever.

A: Amen. Bless us, Lord.

C: Jesus the master and savior, by the suffering on the cross you have atoned for our sins and enriched us by your precious body and blood. Enable us to live in you eternally

through this Holy Eucharist. Jesus the Lord of all forever.

A: Amen

PRAYER OF SEALING

C: Almighty Father, you who willed to give your only begotten son as a ransom for us, we praise and thank you. Let us glorify Lord Jesus who instituted the Holy Eucharist, as the fulfillment of divine love by saying "those who eat of my flesh and drink from my blood will live in me and I in him." Let us thank the Holy Spirit who pours forth his grace upon us unceasingly. Lord, strengthen us to please you by rendering humble service to our brothers and sisters, through imitating you who washed the feet of your disciples. May we who received your precious body and blood be worthy to enjoy eternal life, which you have promised. May the almighty God bless all of you who partook in these holy mysteries, now and forever,

A: Amen

FAREWELL PRAYER

Praise to you, Altar of sanctification. Praise to you, the sepulcher of our Lord. May the holy qurbana that I have received from you, be for me unto the forgiveness of my debts and the remission of my sins. I know not, whether I shall come again to offer another sacrifice.

**GOOD FRIDAY
LITURGY**

General Instructions

1. The Good Friday ceremony is conducted with the evening prayers. Psalms, prayers and hymns proper to that of evening prayers are marked in the text. This ceremony shall, if needed, be conducted in the morning; and if so, the prayers proper to evening prayers are omitted.
2. Crucifix or cross shall be used in this service.
3. The veneration of the crucifix/cross shall be done before or after the procession.
4. A white cloth to cover the crucifix/cross shall be kept.
5. The communion service prior to the veneration of the crucifix/cross is optional.
6. The bitter juice is to be kept for distribution after veneration of the crucifix/cross.

C: Celebrant

S – Server

A - Assembly

ENTRANCE HYMN

Congregation stands

The celebrant, concelebrants and servers come to the bema in procession.

The crucifix/cross, candles, and book of Gospels are placed at proper places.

Celebrant kneels turning to the altar.

Congregation kneels

The wooden bell is rung for ten seconds.

The following prayer/hymn is sung/said.

"Father, if thou art willing,
Remove this cup from me."
The Son of the Almighty God
Fell on the ground in prayer.

His sweat became blood drops
In the terror of the weight of sin.
The Son of the Almighty God
Fell on the ground in prayer.

Celebrant and congregation stand

C: Glory to God in the highest (3 times)

A: Amen.

C: Peace and hope to people on earth always and forever,

A: Amen.

C: Our Father (continues with community) who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Holy, Holy, thou art Holy.

Our Father who art in heaven, heaven and earth are full of thy glory. Angels and men sing out thy glory, “Holy, Holy, thou art Holy.”

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. Lead us not into temptation. But deliver us from the evil.

For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

S: Let us pray, Peace be with us.

C: Almighty God, we bless you. We praise the glorious Trinity at all times. We commemorate the passion of our savior Jesus. Make us

partners in the victory of Messiah over sin and death. Bless us to receive the fruits of his passion and death. Lord of all, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, forever.

A: Amen

PSALMODY

PS. 22

If needed, a shorter version may be said

Congregation sits

S: My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?
(*canona*) Why so far from my call for help,
from my cries of anguish?

community prays in two groups

1: My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken
me?

2: O my God, I cry by day, but thou dost not
answer;

1: And by night, but find no rest.

2: Yet thou art holy,

1: Enthroned on the praises of Israel.

2: In thee our fathers trusted;
They trusted, and thou didst deliver them.

- 1: To thee they cried, and were saved;
- 2: In thee they trusted, and were not
disappointed.
- 1: But I am a worm, and no man;
scorned by men, and despised by the people.
- 2: All who see me mock at me,
They make mouths at me,
They wag their heads;
- 1: "He committed his cause to the LORD;
Let him deliver him,
Let him rescue him, for he delights in him!"
- 2: Be not far from me,
For trouble is near
And there is none to help.
- 1: Yea, dogs are round about me;
A company of evildoers encircle me;
- 2: They have pierced my hands and feet
I can count all my bones
They stare and gloat over me;
- 1: They divide my garments among them,
And for my raiment they cast lots.
- 2: But thou, O LORD, be not far off!
O thou my help, hasten to my aid!

- 1: Deliver my soul from the sword,
My life from the power of the dog!
- 2: Save me from the mouth of the lion,
My afflicted soul from the horns of the wild
oxen!
- 1: For he has not despised or abhorred
The affliction of the afflicted;
And he has not hid his face from him,
But has heard, when he cried to him.
- 2: From thee comes my praise in the great
congregation;
My vows I will pay before those who fear him.
- 1: The afflicted shall eat and be satisfied;
Those who seek him shall praise the LORD!
May your hearts live for ever!
- 2: All the ends of the earth shall remember
And turn to the LORD;
- 1: And all the families of the nations
Shall worship before him.
- 2: For dominion belongs to the LORD,
And he rules over the nations.
- PS. 44**
- 1: In God we have boasted continually,
And we will give thanks to thy name for ever.

- 2: Yet thou hast cast us off and abased us,
And hast not gone out with our armies.
- 1: Thou hast made us turn back from the foe;
And our enemies have gotten spoil.
- 2: Thou hast made us like sheep for slaughter,
And hast scattered us among the nations.
- 1: Thou hast sold thy people for a trifle,
Demanding no high price for them.
- 2: Thou hast made us the taunt of our
neighbors,
The derision and scorn of those about us.
- 1: Thou hast made us a byword among the
nations,
A laughingstock among the peoples.
- 2: All day long my disgrace is before me,
And shame has covered my face,
- 1: At the words of the taunters and revilers,
At the sight of the enemy and the avenger.
- 2: All this has come upon us,
Though we have not forgotten thee,

- 1: Nor been false to thy covenant.
Our heart has not turned back,
Nor have our steps departed from thy way,
- 2: Thou shouldst have broken us in the place
of jackals,
And covered us with deep darkness.
- 1: If we had forgotten the name of our God,
Or spread forth our hands to a strange god,
- 2: Would not God discover this?
For he knows the secrets of the heart.
- 1: For thy sake we are slain all the day long,
And accounted as sheep for the slaughter.
- 2: Rouse thyself! Why sleepest thou, O Lord?
Awake! Do not cast us off for ever!
- 1: Why dost thou hide thy face?
Why dost thou forget our affliction and
oppression?
- 2: For our soul is bowed down to the dust;
Our body cleaves to the ground.
- 1: Rise up, come to our help!
Deliver us for the sake of thy steadfast love!

PS. 56

- 2: Be gracious to me, O God, for men trample
upon me;
All day long foemen oppress me;
- 1: My enemies trample upon me all day long,
For many fight against me proudly.
- 2: When I am afraid,
I put my trust in thee.
In God, whose word I praise,
- 1: In God I trust without a fear.
What can flesh do to me?
- 2: All day long they seek to injure my cause;
All their thoughts are against me for evil.
- 1: They band themselves together,
They lurk, they watch my steps.
- 2: As they have waited for my life,
- 1: So recompense them for their crime;
In wrath cast down the peoples, O God!
- 2: Thou hast kept count of my tossings;
Put thou my tears in thy bottle!
Are they not in thy book?

- 1: Then my enemies will be turned back
In the day when I call.
This I know, that God is for me.
- 2: In God, whose word I praise,
In the LORD, whose word I praise,
1: In God I trust without a fear.
What can man do to me?
- 2: My vows to thee I must perform, O God;
I will render thank offerings to thee.
- 1: For thou hast delivered my soul from death,
Yea, my feet from falling,
That I may walk before God in the light of
life.
- 2: Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and
to the Holy Spirit, From the eternity and
forever. Amen.
- S: My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me?
(canona) My God, My God, Do not let me into
the hands of those who do not follow you.

Congregation stands

- S: Let us pray, Peace be with us.

C: Lord our God, we owe you praise, honor, thanksgiving, and adoration to your holy, blessed, and glorious Trinity for all the blessings to the humankind. The Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, forever

A: Amen.

Celebrant blesses the incense

C: *Lord you accepted the sacrifice of martyrs; we pray that you accept this incense from our unworthy hands, forever*

S: Amen.

The hymn of incense is sung as the server incenses the altar. The candles are lit.

HYMN OF INCENSE

1. *“How lovely is thy dwelling place, O Lord of hosts!”*

O Lord our Messiah, and Lord our saviour,
In your presence these, prayers we offer
As sweet fragrant frankincense
Answer our prayers.

2. *“My soul longs for the courts of the Lord!”*

O Lord our Messiah, and Lord our savior,
In your presence these, prayers we offer
As sweet fragrant frankincense
Answer our prayers.

1. *“Glory be to the Father, to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.”*

O Lord our Messiah, and Lord our savior,
 In your presence these, prayers we offer
 As sweet fragrant frankincense
 Answer our prayers.

S: Let us pray, Peace be with us

C: Lord our God, when the sweet fragrance of Your love wafts over us, and when our souls are enlightened with the knowledge of Your truth, may we be found worthy to receive Your beloved Son as He appears from the heaven. May we also glorify You and praise You unceasingly in Your Church, crowned like a spouse with every goodness and grace. For You are the Lord and Creator of all forever and ever

A: Amen

HYMN OF RESURRECTION

A: Lord of all we bow and praise you.
 Jesus Christ, we glorify You
 For you give man glorious resurrection
 And you are the one who saves his soul.

S: Let us pray, Peace be with us.

C: My Lord, you are truly the one who raises our bodies. You are the savior of our souls,

and the preserver of our lives. We are bound always to thank, adore, and glorify you. The Lord of all, forever.

A: Amen.

EVENING PRAYER STARTS

These hymns, prayers, psalms are part of the evening prayer.

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Congregation sits

1. *Lord save me, my life is in danger*
Heal O Lord, my heart is broken
There is no one to console me.
 2. *I will send him unto you*
They offered a bitter juice to quench
Their sight and might will fade away.
 1. *Glory be to the Father, to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit*
Lord, your wrath will fall on them,
Those sinners who tortured our savior.
- S: Let us pray, Peace be with us.
- C: My Lord, we praise and adore you for your infinite mercy and everlasting providence. The Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, the Lord of all, forever.
- A: Amen.

EVENING PSALMS
PSALM 140/141

S: I call upon thee, O Lord;
 Make haste to me!
 (canona) Give ear to my voice,
 when I call to thee!

Community prays in two groups

- 1: I call upon thee, O Lord;
 Make haste to me!
- 2: Let my prayer be counted as incense before
 thee,
- 1: The lifting up of my hands as an evening
 sacrifice!
- 2: Set a guard over my mouth, O Lord,
 Keep watch over the door of my lips!
- 1: Incline not my heart to any evil,
 To busy myself with wicked deeds
 In company with men who work iniquity;
 And let me not eat of their dainties!
- 2: Let a good man strike or rebuke me in
 kindness,
- 1: But let the oil of the wicked never anoint my
 head;
- 2: For my prayer is continually against their
 wicked deeds.

1: When they are given over to those who shall
condemn them,
Then they shall learn that the word of the
LORD is true.

PSALM 141/142

1: I cry with my voice to the Lord,
With my voice I make supplication to the
Lord,

2: When my spirit is faint,
Thou knowest my way!

1: In the path where I walk
They have hidden a trap for me.

2: I look to the right and watch,
But there is none who takes notice of me;

1: No refuge remains to me,
No man cares for me.

2: I cry to thee, O Lord;
I say, Thou art my refuge,
My portion in the land of the living.

PSALM 118/119

1: Thy word is a lamp to my feet
And a light to my path.

2: I have sworn an oath and confirmed it,
To observe thy righteous ordinances.

- 1: I am sorely afflicted;
Give me life, O Lord, according to thy word!
- 2: Accept my offerings of praise, O Lord,
And teach me thy ordinances.
- 1: I hold my life in my hand continually,
But I do not forget thy law.
- 2: The wicked have laid a snare for me,
But I do not stray from thy precepts.

PSALM 116/117

- 1: Praise the Lord, all nations!
Extol him, all peoples!
- 2: For great is his steadfast love toward us;
And the faithfulness of the Lord endures for
ever.
Praise the Lord!
- 1: Glory be to the Father, to the Son, and to the
Holy Spirit, From the eternity and forever.
Amen.
- S:** I call upon thee, O Lord;
Make haste to me!
(*canona*) Give ear to my voice, when I call to
thee!

S: Let us pray, Peace be with us.

C: Lord, Kindly listen to us your servants,
accept our prayers and bless us. You give
health to our bodies and hope to our souls.
The Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, the
Lord of all forever,

A: Amen.

PSALM 140

S: Deliver me, O Lord, from evil men;
Preserve me from violent men,
(*canona*) My God and my Lord,
Save me from the desires
And violence of the wicked.

Congregation prays in two groups

1. Deliver me, O Lord, from evil men;
Preserve me from violent men
2. Who plan evil things in their heart,
And stir up wars continually.
 1. They make their tongue sharp as a serpent's,
And under their lips is the poison of vipers.
 2. Guard me, O Lord, from the hands of the
wicked;
Preserve me from violent men,
Who have planned to trip up my feet.

1. Arrogant men have hidden a trap for me,
And with cords they have spread a net,
By the wayside they have set snares for me.
2. I say to the Lord, Thou art my God;
Give ear to the voice of my supplications, O
Lord!
1. O Lord, my Lord, my strong deliverer,
Thou hast covered my head in the day of
battle.
2. Grant not, O Lord, the desires of the wicked;
Do not further his evil plot!
1. Those who surround me lift up their head,
Let the mischief of their lips overwhelm
them!
2. Let burning coals fall upon them!
Let them be cast into pits, no more to rise!
1. Let not the slanderer be established in the
land;
Let evil hunt down the violent man speedily!
2. I know that the Lord maintains the cause of
the afflicted,
And executes justice for the needy.
1. Surely the righteous shall give thanks to thy
name;
The upright shall dwell in thy presence.

2: Glory be to the Father, to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, From the eternity and forever, Amen.

S: Deliver me, O Lord, from evil men;
Preserve me from violent men,
(*canona*) My God and my Lord,
Save me from the desires
And violence of the wicked.

S: Let us pray, Peace be with us.

C: Lord our God, perfect our faith in your Holy Trinity. Make us worthy to offer you praise, honor, thanksgiving, and adoration. The Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, the Lord of all, forever.

A: Amen.

HYMN

1. *"Our help is in the name of the Lord"*

The Son of God is crucified
The creatures mourn in the death of the
saviour
The sun faded, the earth lost radiance
To mark, a sign of this terror.

2. *"Heal our wounded heart"*

The veil in the temple is torn in the middle
And the earth announced its sorrow

A new generation sprung forth
In the new life of the Holy Spirit

1. *"Glory be to the Father, to the Son, and to
the Holy Spirit"*

The crucified Lord stretched his hands
To embrace everyone in his divine love
Come in reverence to his grace
That redeems us from sins and debts.

S: Let us pray, Peace be with us.

C: O Lord, wounded and sacrificed on the cross, heal our wounds. All the creatures lamented over your grievous death. As we commemorate your passion and death, grant us the grace to die to this world and live a new life in you. We repent of our sins. Lord have mercy on us. The Lord of all, forever.

A: Amen.

EVENING PRAYER ENDS

TRISAGION

Congregation stands

S: Brothers and sisters, raise your voices and glorify the living God.

A: Holy God,
Holy Mighty One,
Holy Immortal One,
Have mercy on us.

S: Let us pray, Peace be with us.

C: Glorious, mighty, immortal, and holy God, you are pleased to dwell in the holy ones. We beseech you. Look upon us, pardon us, and show us compassion according to your nature. The Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, the Lord of all, forever.

A: Amen.

READINGS

First and second readings are read from the podium kept on the left side of the celebrant

FIRST READING GENESIS 22:01-19

S: Brothers and sisters, please be seated and listen attentively.

Congregation sits

S: A reading from the book of Genesis.

S: Bless me my Lord (bowing to the celebrant)

C: May God bless + you.

Some time afterward, God put Abraham to the test and said to him: Abraham! “Here I am!” he replied. Then God said: Take your

son Isaac, your only one, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah. There offer him up as a burnt offering on one of the heights that I will point out to you. Early the next morning Abraham saddled his donkey, took with him two of his servants and his son Isaac, and after cutting the wood for the burnt offering, set out for the place of which God had told him.

On the third day Abraham caught sight of the place from a distance. Abraham said to his servants: “Stay here with the donkey, while the boy and I go on over there. We will worship and then come back to you.” So Abraham took the wood for the burnt offering and laid it on his son Isaac, while he himself carried the fire and the knife. As the two walked on together, Isaac spoke to his father Abraham. “Father!” he said. “Here I am,” he replied. Isaac continued, “Here are the fire and the wood, but where is the sheep for the burnt offering?” “My son,” Abraham answered, “God will provide the sheep for the burnt offering.” Then the two walked on together.

When they came to the place of which God had told him, Abraham built an altar there and arranged the wood on it. Next he bound his son Isaac, and put him on top of the wood on the altar. Then Abraham reached

out and took the knife to slaughter his son. But the angel of the LORD called to him from heaven, “Abraham, Abraham!” “Here I am,” he answered. “Do not lay your hand on the boy,” said the angel. “Do not do the least thing to him. For now I know that you fear God, since you did not withhold from me your son, your only one.” Abraham looked up and saw a single ram caught by its horns in the thicket. So Abraham went and took the ram and offered it up as a burnt offering in place of his son. Abraham named that place Yahweh-yireh; hence people today say, “On the mountain the LORD will provide.”

A second time the angel of the LORD called to Abraham from heaven and said: “I swear by my very self oracle that because you acted as you did in not withholding from me your son, your only one, I will bless you and make your descendants as countless as the stars of the sky and the sands of the seashore; your descendants will take possession of the gates of their enemies, and in your descendants all the nations of the earth will find blessing, because you obeyed my command.”

Abraham then returned to his servants, and they set out together for Beer-sheba, where Abraham lived.

A: Praise be to the Lord our God

PS. 27

S: The LORD is my light and my salvation;
Whom shall I fear?
(*canona*) God who knows secrets
Do not forsake me from your holy presence

community prays in two groups

- 1: The LORD is the stronghold of my life;
Of whom shall I be afraid?
- 2: When evildoers assail me,
Uttering slanders against me,
My adversaries and foes,
They shall stumble and fall.
- 1: One thing have I asked of the LORD,
That will I seek after;
- 2: That I may dwell in the house of the LORD
All the days of my life,
- 1: Hear, O LORD, when I cry aloud,
Be gracious to me and answer me!
- 2: My heart says to thee,
"Thy face, LORD, do I seek."
Hide not thy face from me.
- 1: Turn not thy servant away in anger,
Thou who hast been my help.
- 2: Teach me thy way, O LORD;
and lead me on a level path
because of my enemies.

- 1: Give me not up to the will of my adversaries;
For false witnesses have risen against me,
And they breathe out violence.
- 2: Glory be to the Father, to the Son, and to the
Holy Spirit,
From the eternity and forever. Amen
- S: The LORD is my light and my salvation;
Whom shall I fear?
(*canona*) God who knows secrets
Do not forsaken me from your holy presence

SECOND READING
ISAIAH 52:13-53:09

- S: A reading from the book of Isaiah.
- S: Bless me my Lord (*bowing to the celebrant*)
- C: May God bless + you.

See, my servant shall prosper, he shall be raised high and greatly exalted. Even as many were amazed at him—so marred were his features, beyond that of mortals his appearance, beyond that of human beings—So shall he startle many nations, kings shall stand speechless; For those who have not been told shall see, those who have not heard shall ponder it.

Who would believe what we have heard? To whom has the arm of the LORD been revealed? He grew up like a sapling before him, like a shoot from the parched earth; He had no majestic bearing to catch our eye, no beauty to draw us to him. He was spurned and avoided by men, a man of suffering, knowing pain, like one from whom you turn your face, spurned, and we held him in no esteem. Yet it was our pain that he bore, our sufferings he endured. We thought of him as stricken, struck down by God and afflicted, but he was pierced for our sins, crushed for our iniquity. He bore the punishment that makes us whole, by his wounds we were healed. We had all gone astray like sheep, all following our own way; but the LORD laid upon him the guilt of us all. Though harshly treated, he submitted and did not open his mouth; like a lamb led to slaughter or a sheep silent before shearers, he did not open his mouth. Seized and condemned, he was taken away. Who would have thought any more of his destiny? For he was cut off from the land of the living, struck for the sins of his people. He was given a grave among the wicked, a burial place with evildoers, though he had done no wrong, nor was deceit found in his mouth.

A: Praise be to the Lord our God

HYMN OF PRAISE

C: *“The heavens proclaim the glory of God”*

With the hymns of the Holy Spirit
And the hymns of Halleluiah
Let us commemorate the death of Lord Jesus
Let us now celebrate on this altar.

S: *“The firmament declares the work of His hands”*

A: With the hymns of the Holy Spirit
And the hymns of Halleluiah
Let us commemorate the death of Lord Jesus
Let us now celebrate on this altar.

S: *“The peoples proclaim your glory and bow before
you.”*

A: With the hymns of the Holy Spirit
And the hymns of Halleluiah
Let us commemorate the death of Lord Jesus
Let us now celebrate on this altar.

C: *“Glory be to the Father, to the Son, and to the
Holy Spirit”*

A: With the hymns of the Holy Spirit
And the hymns of Halleluiah
Let us commemorate the death of Lord Jesus
Let us now celebrate on this altar.

S: “From the eternity and forever, Amen”

A: With the hymns of the Holy Spirit
And the hymns of Halleluiah
Let us commemorate the death of Lord Jesus
Let us now celebrate on this altar.

S: Let us pray, peace be with us.

C: Lord our God, illumine our hearts and minds to hear and understand the sweet voice of your life-giving and divine commandments. In your mercy and grace, grant that they bear in us the fruits of love, hope, and salvation beneficial to our body and soul and that we may constantly praise You. The Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, the Lord of all, forever

A: Amen.

Epistle (third reading) is read from the podium kept on the right side of the celebrant

**THIRD READING
ROMANS 05:06-16**

S: A reading from the letter of St. Paul to the Romans

S: Bless me my Lord (bowing to the celebrant)

C: May Christ bless + you.

For Christ, while we were still helpless, yet died at the appointed time for the ungodly. Indeed, only with difficulty does one die for a just person, though perhaps for a good person one might even find courage to die. But God proves his love for us in that while we were still sinners Christ died for us. How much more then, since we are now justified by his blood, will we be saved through him from the wrath. Indeed, if, while we were enemies, we were reconciled to God through the death of his Son, how much more, once reconciled, will we be saved by his life. Not only that, but we also boast of God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

Therefore, just as through one person sin entered the world, and through sin, death, and thus death came to all, inasmuch as all sinned—for up to the time of the law, sin was in the world, though sin is not accounted when there is no law. But death reigned from Adam to Moses, even over those who did not sin after the pattern of the trespass of Adam, who is the type of the one who was to come.

But the gift is not like the transgression. For if by that one person's transgression the many died, how much more did the grace of God and the gracious gift of the one person Jesus Christ overflow for the many. And the

gift is not like the result of the one person's sinning. For after one sin there was the judgment that brought condemnation; but the gift, after many transgressions, brought acquittal.

A: Praise be to Christ our Lord

HYMN

A Hymn may be sung

GOSPEL

THE PASSION NARRATIVE

Passion narrative is a meditation on the suffering, crucifixion, and death of our Lord. Let us participate in deep prayer and meditation.

Congregation sits

NARRATOR: When he had said this, Jesus went out with his disciples across the Kidron valley to where there was a garden, into which he and his disciples entered.

There was a garden by the name Gethsemane and they entered the garden. There, he told them;

JESUS: Sit here while I go over there and pray. Pray that you may not undergo the test.

NARRATOR: He took along Peter and the two sons of Zebedee, and began to feel sorrow and distress. Then he said to them,

JESUS: My soul is sorrowful even to death. Remain here and keep watch with me.

NARRATOR: Then Jesus walked a small distance, knelt down and prayed;

JESUS: Father, if you are willing, take this cup away from me; still, not my will but yours be done.

NARRATOR: When he returned he found them asleep. He said to Peter,

JESUS: Simon, are you asleep? Could you not keep watch for one hour? Watch and pray that you may not undergo the test. The spirit is willing but the flesh is weak.

NARRATOR: Withdrawing again, he prayed, saying the same thing.

JESUS: My Father, if it is not possible that this cup pass without me drinking it, your will be done!

NARRATOR: When Jesus came back again, he found them sleeping. Their eyes were

too heavy for want of sleep. They were very sad they had no reason to tell Jesus. Jesus left them and went to pray for the third time. He kept on repeating the same prayer. Suddenly, an angel appeared from heaven to assure and strengthen Jesus. As time passed and when the pain became unbearable, his prayers became more intense. His sweat came out and fell down as drops of blood. After his prayers, Jesus came back to his disciples for the third time. They were sad, tired and sleeping. Jesus said;

JESUS: Are you still sleeping and taking rest? Here it is time for the Son of Man to be handed over to the sinners. Get up, let us go. Look, my betrayer is at hand.

NARRATOR: Judas the betrayer also knew this place where Jesus met his disciples quite often. Judas came along with a group of soldiers and guards from the chief priests and the pharisees. They carried torches and lanterns along with arms. They reached when Jesus was talking to his disciples. Judas the betrayer had told them,

RESPONSE: The man I shall kiss is the one; arrest him.

NARRATOR: Judas, when he reached close to Jesus, kissed him and said,

RESPONSE: Hail, Rabbi!

NARRATOR: Then Jesus asked him,

JESUS: My friend, did you come for this? Are you betraying the Son of Man with a kiss?

NARRATOR: Jesus, who knew everything that was about to happen to him, went out and said to them,

JESUS: Whom are you looking for?

NARRATOR: They answered him,

CROWD: Jesus the Nazarene.

NARRATOR : He said to them,

JESUS : I AM he

NARRATOR: Judas his betrayer was also with them. When he said to them, "I AM," they turned away and fell to the ground. So he again asked them,

JESUS: Whom are you looking for?

NARRATOR: They said,

CROWD: Jesus the Nazarene.

NARRATOR: Jesus answered,

JESUS: I told you that I AM. So, if you are looking for me, let these men go.

NARRATOR: This was to fulfill what he had said, “I have not lost any of those you gave me.” His disciples realized what was about to happen, and they asked,

RESPONSE: Lord, shall we strike with a sword?

NARRATOR: Then Simon Peter, who had a sword, drew it, struck the high priest’s slave, and cut off his right ear. The slave’s name was Malchus. Jesus said to Peter,

JESUS: Put your sword back into its sheath, for all who take the sword will perish by the sword. Do you think that I cannot call upon my Father and he will not provide me at this moment with more than twelve legions of angels? But then how would the scriptures be fulfilled which say that it must come to pass in this way? Shall I not drink the cup that my Father gave me?

NARRATOR: Then Jesus told the crowd,

JESUS: Have you come out as against a robber, with swords and clubs? Day after day I was with you in the temple area, and you did not seize me. But this is your hour, the time for the power of darkness. These things have to happen for the Holy Scriptures to come true.

NARRATOR: So the group of soldiers, the tribune, and the Jewish guards seized Jesus, and bound him. Seeing this all other disciples of Jesus ran away. A young man escorted Jesus, but the soldiers caught him. He left his clothes there and ran away to safety. Jesus was taken to Annas first. He was the father-in-law of Caiaphas, who was the high priest that year. It was Caiaphas who had counselled the Jews that it was better that one man should die rather than the people. Then Annas, the chief priest asked Jesus about his disciples and his teachings. Jesus replied,

JESUS: I have spoken publicly to the world. I have always taught in a synagogue or in the temple area where all the Jews gather, and in secret I have said nothing. Why ask me? Ask those who heard me what I said to them. They know what I said.

NARRATOR: When he had said this, one of the temple guards standing there struck Jesus and said,

RESPONSE: Is this the way you answer the high priest?

NARRATOR: Jesus answered him,

JESUS: If I have spoken wrongly, testify to the wrong; but if I have spoken rightly, why do you strike me?

NARRATOR: Annas sent Jesus to Caiaphas, the high priest, bound. The chief priests and the entire Sanhedrin kept trying to obtain testimony against Jesus in order to put him to death, but they found none. Many gave false witness against him, but their testimony did not agree. Some took the stand and testified falsely against him, alleging,

CROWD: We heard him say, 'I will destroy this temple made with hands and within three days I will build another not made with hands.'

NARRATOR: Even so their testimony did not agree. The high priest rose before the assembly and questioned Jesus, saying,

RESPONSE: Have you no answer? What are these men testifying against you?

NARRATOR: But Jesus was silent. Then the high priest said to him,

RESPONSE: I order you to tell us under oath before the living God whether you are the Messiah, the Son of God.

NARRATOR: Jesus said to him in reply,

JESUS: You have said so. But I tell you; from now on you will see the Son of Man seated at the right hand of the Almighty and coming on the clouds of heaven.

NARRATOR: Then the high priest tore his robes and said,

RESPONSE: He has blasphemed! What further need have we of witnesses? You have now heard the blasphemy; what is your opinion?

NARRATOR: They replied,

CROWD: He deserves to die.

NARRATOR: Then they spat on his face and struck him, while some slapped him, saying,

CROWD: Prophecy for us, Messiah, who is it that struck you?

NARRATOR: Simon Peter and another disciple followed Jesus. Now the other disciple was known to the high priest and he entered the courtyard of the high priest with Jesus. But, Peter stood at the gate outside. So the other disciple, the acquaintance of the high priest, went out and spoke to the gate-keeper and brought Peter in. One of the maids came over to him and said,

RESPONSE : Are you not a disciple of that man?
(Female)

NARRATOR : He replied in haste

RESPONSE: No I am not.

NARRATOR: Now the slaves and the guards were standing around a charcoal fire that they had made, because it was cold and they were warming themselves. Peter was also standing there, keeping warm. A maid saw him seated in the light, looked intently at him and said,

RESPONSE: Are you not one with Jesus the Nazarene?
(Female)

NARRATOR: But he denied it in front of everyone, saying,

RESPONSE: I do not know what you are talking about. I do not know him.

NARRATOR: He went to the gate and cock crowed. A while after those who were there told Peter.

RESPONSE: You too are with them. No doubt, your style of conversation attest to that.

NARRATOR: Peter swore before them.

RESPONSE: I do not know him.

NARRATOR: One of the slaves of the high priest, a relative of the one whose ear Peter had cut off, said,

RESPONSE : Did I not see you in the garden with him?

NARRATOR: Again Peter denied it. Immediately, the cock crowed. Jesus looked at Peter. Then Peter remembered the words that Jesus had spoken: “Before the cock crows you will deny me three times.” He went out and wept bitterly.

When it was morning, all the chief priests and the elders took counsel against Jesus to put him to death. They brought him before the court and said.

CROWD: If you are the Messiah, tell us.

NARRATOR: But he said to them.

JESUS: If I tell you, you will not believe; and if I ask you, you will not answer. But from now on the Son of Man shall be seated at the right hand of the Almighty.

NARRATOR: They asked him again.

CROWD: Are you the Son of God, then?

NARRATOR: He said to them.

JESUS: You say that I AM.

NARRATOR: They said,

CROWD: What further testimony do we need? We have heard it ourselves from his own lips.

NARRATOR: They bound him and led him away and delivered him to Pilate the governor.

When Judas, his betrayer, saw that he was condemned, he repented and brought back the thirty pieces of silver to the chief priests and the elders, saying,

RESPONSE: I have sinned in betraying innocent blood.

NARRATOR: They said,

CROWD: What is that to us? See to it yourself.

NARRATOR: Flinging the money into the temple, he departed and went off and hanged himself. The chief priests gathered up the money, but said,

CROWD: It is not lawful to deposit this in the temple treasury, for it is the price of blood.

NARRATOR: After consultation, they used it to buy the potter's field as a burial place for foreigners. That is why that field even today is called the Field of Blood. Then was fulfilled what had been said through Jeremiah the prophet, "And they took the thirty pieces of silver, the value of a man with a price on his head, a price set by some of the Israelites, and they paid it out for the potter's field just as the Lord had commanded me."

Then they brought Jesus from Caiaphas to the praetorium. It was morning. And they themselves did not enter the praetorium, in order not to be defiled so that they could eat the

Passover. So Pilate came out to them and said,

RESPONSE : What charge do you bring against this man?

NARRATOR: They answered and said to him,

CROWD: If he were not a criminal, we would not have handed him over to you.

NARRATOR: At this, Pilate said to them,

RESPONSE: Take him yourselves and judge him according to your law.

NARRATOR: The Jews answered him,

CROWD: We do not have the right to execute anyone!

NARRATOR: Thus fulfilled the words of Jesus indicating the kind of death he would die. And they began to accuse him, saying,

CROWD: We found this man perverting our people, and forbidding us to give tribute to Caesar, and saying that he himself is a King, the Messiah.

NARRATOR: So Pilate went back into the praetorium and summoned Jesus and asked him,

RESPONSE: Are you the king of Jews?

NARRATOR: Jesus answered,

JESUS: Do you say this on your own or have others told you about me?

NARRATOR: Pilate answered,

RESPONSE: I am not a Jew, am I? Your own people and the chief priests handed you over to me. What have you done?

NARRATOR: Jesus answered,

JESUS: My kingdom does not belong to this world. If my kingdom did belong to this world, my attendants would be fighting to keep me from being handed over to the Jews. But as it is, my kingdom is not here.

NARRATOR: So Pilate said to him,

RESPONSE: Then are you a King?

NARRATOR: Jesus answered,

JESUS: You say I am a King. For this I was born and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice

NARRATOR: Pilate said to him,

RESPONSE: What is the truth?

NARRATOR: When Pilate had said this, he again went out to the Jews and said to them,

RESPONSE: I find no guilt in him.

NARRATOR: But they were adamant and said,

CROWD: He stirs up the people, teaching throughout all Judea, from Galilee even to this place.

NARRATOR: On hearing Galilee, Pilate asked,

RESPONSE: Is this man a Galilean?

NARRATOR: Upon learning that he was under Herod's jurisdiction, he sent him to Herod who was in Jerusalem at that time. Herod was very glad to see Jesus; he had been wanting to see him for a long time, for he had heard about him and had been hoping to see him perform some sign. He questioned him at length, but he gave him no answer. The chief priests and scribes, meanwhile, stood by accusing him harshly. Herod and his soldiers treated him contemptuously

and mocked him, and after clothing him in resplendent garb, he sent him back to Pilate. Herod and Pilate became friends that very day, even though they had been enemies before. Pilate then summoned the chief priests, the rulers, and the people and said to them,

RESPONSE: You brought this man to me and accused him of inciting the people to revolt. I have conducted my investigation in your presence and have not found this man guilty of the charges you have brought against him, nor did Herod, for he sent him back to us. So no capital crime has been committed by him. Therefore I shall have him flogged and then release him.

NARRATOR: Now on the occasion of the feast he used to release to them one prisoner whom they requested. A man called Barabbas was then in prison along with the rebels who had committed murder in a rebellion. The crowd came forward and began to ask him to do for them as he was accustomed. Pilate asked the crowd,

RESPONSE: You have a custom that I release one prisoner to you at Passover. Do you

want me to release to you the King of Jews?

NARRATOR: For he knew that it was out of envy that they had handed him over. While he was still seated on the bench, his wife sent him a message,

RESPONSE : Have nothing to do with that righteous (Female) man. I suffered much in a dream today because of him.

NARRATOR: The chief priests and the elders persuaded the crowds to ask for Barabbas but to kill Jesus. The governor said to them in reply,

RESPONSE: Which of the two do you want me to release to you?

NARRATOR: They answered,

CROWD: Away with this man, and release to us Barabbas

NARRATOR: With the intent of freeing Jesus, Pilate again asked,

RESPONSE: What shall I do with Jesus known as the King of Jews?

NARRATOR: Then the crowd said loud,

CROWD: CRUCIFY HIM! CRUCIFY HIM!

NARRATOR: Pilate asked the crowd for the third time,

RESPONSE: Why, what evil has he done? I have found in him no crime deserving death.

NARRATOR: But they were adamant, demanding with loud cries that he should be crucified. And their voices prevailed. So Pilate, wishing to satisfy the crowd, released Barabbas to them and, after he had Jesus scourged, handed him over to be crucified.

Then the soldiers of the governor took Jesus into the praetorium, and they gathered the whole battalion before him. And they stripped him and put a scarlet robe upon him, and plaiting a crown of thorns they put it on his head, and put a reed in his right hand. And kneeling before him they mocked him, saying, "Hail, King of Jews!" And they spat upon him, and took the reed and struck him on the head. And when they had mocked him, they stripped him of the robe, and put his own clothes on him, and led him away to crucify him.

Once more Pilate went out and said to them,

RESPONSE: Look, I am bringing him out to you, so that you may know that I find no guilt in him.

NARRATOR: So Jesus came out, wearing the crown of thorns and the purple cloak. And Pilate said to them,

RESPONSE: Behold, the man!

NARRATOR: When the chief priests and the guards saw him, they cried aloud.

CROWD: CRUCIFY HIM! CRUCIFY HIM!

NARRATOR: Pilate said to them,

RESPONSE: Take him yourselves and crucify him. I find no guilt in him.

NARRATOR: The Jews answered,

CROWD: We have a law, and according to that law, he ought to die, because he made himself the Son of God.

NARRATOR: Now when Pilate heard this statement, he became even more afraid, and went back into the praetorium and asked Jesus,

RESPONSE : Where are you from?

NARRATOR: Jesus did not answer him. So Pilate said to him,

RESPONSE : Do you not speak to me? Do you not know that I have the power to release you and I have the power to crucify you?

NARRATOR: Jesus answered him,

JESUS: You would have no power over me if it had not been given to you from above. For this reason the one who handed me over to you has the greater sin.

NARRATOR: Consequently, Pilate tried to release him, but the Jews cried out,

CROWD: If you release him, you are not a friend of Caesar. Everyone who makes himself a king is an enemy of Caesar.

NARRATOR: When Pilate heard these words he brought Jesus out and seated him on the judge's bench in the place called Stone Pavement, in Hebrew, Gabbatha. It was preparation day for Passover, and it was about noon. And he said to the Jews,

RESPONSE : Behold, your King!

NARRATOR : They cried out,

CROWD: Take him away, Take him away! Crucify him!

NARRATOR: Pilate said to them,

RESPONSE: Shall I crucify your king?

NARRATOR: The chief priests answered,

CROWD: We have no king but Caesar

NARRATOR: Assuming that his efforts were in vain and seeing that the situation was getting worse, Pilate took some water and washed his hands in front of the crowd and said,

RESPONSE: I am not responsible for this man's blood

NARRATOR: Hearing this the crowd shouted

CROWD: Let his blood be on us and upon our children.

NARRATOR: Then he handed Jesus over to them to be crucified. So they took Jesus, removed his purple cloak and put

on him his own clothes. Carrying the cross himself, Jesus went out to what is called the Place of the Skull, in Hebrew, Golgotha. On the way, they met Simon from Cyrene who was the father of Alexander and Rufus. He was coming from his fields. They persuaded him to carry Jesus' cross and kept it on his shoulders for him to carry.

A large crowd followed Jesus on his way to the cross. The crowd included a lot of women from Jerusalem, who were weeping and crying for him. Seeing this, Jesus turned to them and said,

JESUS: Oh, daughters of Jerusalem, do not weep for me; weep instead for yourselves and for your children, for indeed, the days are coming when people will say, 'Blessed are the barren, the wombs that never bore and the breasts that never nursed.' At that time people will say to the mountains, 'fall upon us!' and to the hills, 'cover us!' For if these things are done when the wood is green what will happen when it is dry?

NARRATOR: Two others also, who were criminals, were led away to be put to death with

him. They offered him wine to drink, mingled with gall; he tasted it, but he did not drink it.

There, they crucified him along with two thieves, one on either side with Jesus in the middle. Thus the writing in the scriptures, 'He will be counted amongst the wicked', came true.

Congregation kneels

The crucifix is unveiled. Everyone kneels, wooden bells are rung.

After a moment of deep silence the following psalm is prayed in two groups

PSALM: 22

- 1: But I am a worm, and no man;
Scorned by men,
And despised by the people.
- 2: All who see me mock at me,
They make mouths at me,
They wag their heads;
- 1: "He committed his cause to the LORD;
Let him deliver him,
- 2: Let him rescue him
For he delights in him!"

- 1: Upon thee was I cast from my birth,
And since my mother bore me,
Thou hast been my God.
- 2: Be not far from me,
For trouble is near
And there is none to help.
- 1: Many bulls encompass me,
Strong bulls of Bashan surround me;
They open wide their mouths at me,
Like a ravening and roaring lion.
- 2: I am poured out like water,
And all my bones are out of joint;
- 1: My heart is like wax,
It is melted within my breast;
- 2: My strength is dried up like a potsherd,
And my tongue cleaves to my jaws;
Thou dost lay me in the dust of death.
- 1: Yea, dogs are round about me;
A company of evildoers encircle me;
- 2: They have pierced my hands and feet
I can count all my bones
They stare and gloat over me;
- 1: They divide my garments among them,
And for my raiment they cast lots.

Congregation sits

PASSION NARRATIVE CONTINUES

NARRATOR: Around three in the afternoon, Jesus was crucified. Lying on the cross, Jesus said,

JESUS: Father, forgive them, they know not what they do.

NARRATOR: Pilate also had an inscription written and put on the cross. It read, "Jesus the Nazarene, the King of the Jews." Now many of the Jews read this inscription, because the place where Jesus was crucified was near the city; and it was written in Hebrew, Latin, and Greek. So the chief priests said to Pilate,

CROWD: Do not write 'The King of the Jews,' but that "he said, 'I am the King of the Jews'."

NARRATOR: Pilate answered,

RESPONSE: What I have written, I have written

NARRATOR: When the soldiers had crucified Jesus, they took his clothes and divided them into four shares, a share for each soldier. They also took his tunic,

but the tunic was seamless, woven in one piece from the top down. So they said to one another,

CROWD: Let's not tear it, but cast lots for it to see whose it will be,

NARRATOR: The soldiers did so to fulfill the scriptures: "They divided my garments among them, and for my vesture they cast lots." Those passing by reviled him, shaking their heads and saying,

CROWD: Aha! You who would destroy the temple and rebuild it in three days, save yourself by coming down from the cross.

NARRATOR: Likewise the chief priests, with the scribes, mocked him and said,

CROWD: He saved others; he cannot save himself. So he is the king of Israel! Let him come down from the cross now, and we will believe in him. He trusted in God; let him deliver him now if he wants him. For he said, 'I am the Son of God.'

NARRATOR: Even the soldiers jeered at him. As they approached to offer him wine they called out,

CROWD: If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself.

NARRATOR: Now one of the criminals hanging there reviled Jesus, saying,

RESPONSE: Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us.

NARRATOR: The other, however, rebuking him, said in reply,

RESPONSE: Have you no fear of God, for you are subject to the same condemnation? And indeed, we have been condemned justly, for the sentence we received corresponds to our crimes, but this man has done nothing criminal.

NARRATOR: Then he said,

RESPONSE: Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.

NARRATOR: He replied to him,

JESUS: Amen, I say to you, today you will be with me in Paradise.

NARRATOR: Standing by the cross of Jesus were his mother and his mother's sister,

Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary of Magdala. When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple there whom he loved, he said to his mother,

JESUS: Woman, behold, your son.

NARRATOR: Then he said to his disciple,

JESUS: Behold, your mother.

NARRATOR: And from that hour, the disciple took her into his home.

At noon darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon. And at three o'clock Jesus cried out in a loud voice,

JESUS: *Ei Ei, L'ma shabkthaani?* - My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?

NARRATOR: Some of the bystanders who heard it said,

CROWD: Look, he is calling Elijah.

NARRATOR: After this, aware that everything was now finished, in order that the scripture might be fulfilled, Jesus said,

JESUS: I thirst.

NARRATOR: There was a vessel filled with common wine. So they put a sponge soaked in wine on a sprig of Hyssop and put it up to his mouth. Seeing this, people said,

CROWD: Wait, let us see if Elijah comes to take him down.

NARRATOR: When Jesus had taken the wine, he said,

JESUS: It is finished.

NARRATOR: Jesus cried loudly and said,

JESUS: Father, into your hands I commend my spirit

To be read **LOUD**

NARRATOR: **He bowed his head, and breathed his last.**

Congregation kneels

Wooden bells are rung.

The following hymn/prayers is sung/said

We adore You, O Lord Jesus Christ,
And we bless You.
Because by Your Holy Cross
You have redeemed us and the whole world.

celebrant incenses the crucifix

HOMILY

Congregation sits

KARUZUTHA

Congregation kneels

FIRST KARUZUTHA

S : Let us kneel down in repentance and reverence, let us pray 'Have mercy on us.'

A: Have mercy on us

S: Jesus who came to call sinners to repentance,

A: Have mercy on us

S: Jesus who healed our wounds with your wounds and who won over death with your death,

A: Have mercy on us

S: Jesus who made the sun and the moon dark during the hours of pain on the cross,

A: Have mercy on us

S: Jesus who consoled the heavenly and saved those who crucified him through his death on the cross,

A: Have mercy on us

S: Jesus who went to sheol and proclaimed the Gospel of hope to them,

A: Have mercy on us

S: Jesus, who opened the tombs and made the saints risen and thus humbled those who crucified him,

A: Have mercy on us

S: Jesus who paid for our sins with his sacrifice on Golgotha,

A: Have mercy on us

S: Jesus who drank the bitter during his crucifixion for the renewal and redemption of mankind,

A: Have mercy on us

S: Jesus who sacrificed himself and redeemed his lambs with his blood to save them from the evil one,

A: Have mercy on us

S: Lord who rules over everything with infinite kindness

A: Have mercy on us

S: God who is hailed by the whole of heaven and revered by all on earth in truth and in spirit

A: Have mercy on us

S: Jesus our saviour, save the church from all evils. Remove our sins and restore peace and happiness in your church. Grant mercy to the whole mankind,

A: Amen.

SECOND KAROZUTHA

S: Let us humbly pray to our Lord that he would answer our prayers and petitions,

A: Amen

S: Let us pray to God to make the Holy Catholic Church perfect and joyous,

A: Amen

S: Let us pray to God that he would preserve her and make her radiant in the light of the divine word,

A: Amen

S: Let us pray for our Holy Father Pope Mar ———, the head of the universal church, our Major Archbishop Mar ———, the father and head of our church, our bishop Mar ———, the father and head of our diocese, all other bishops and their fellow ministers, that they would guide us like Moses and administer the priestly ministry like Aaron,

A: Amen.

S: Let us pray that God bless our bishops that they lead us with their words and deeds and that they are protected from evil forces,

A: Amen

S: Let us pray for the priests at the service of the church and for the sanctification of the world, that they lead the people of God in truth and thus making them the light of the world and salt of the earth,

A: Amen

S: Let us pray for the deacons anointed as the servers in the church that they serve at the altar like angels and fulfill their duties to the demands of the Gospel,

A: Amen.

S: Let us pray for the subdeacons and lectors who are appointed for the growth of the Church that they grow in love and wisdom to fulfill their duties efficient,

A: Amen.

S: Let us pray for the consecrated and religious who are the light of the people of God and sign of holiness, that they live their lives in divine love,

A: Amen.

S: Let us pray for the lay people that they lead a life after Holy Family, that our families become the source of peace and joy, and that holy vocations are fostered in our families,

A: Amen.

S: Let us pray that the power of the Holy Spirit who came upon Blessed Mary, eternal virgin and mother of God, may sanctify us and make us worthy of eternal life in heaven,

A: Amen

S: Let us pray that we have the mediation of saints, prophets, apostles, martyrs and blessed to be glorified in heaven in their communion,

A: Amen.

S: Let us commemorate our fathers of the church, doctors of the church, priests, and all the saints and pray that the authentic faith they proclaimed may flourish in the whole world,

A: Amen.

S: Let us pray that all the ministers of justice on earth, may fulfil their responsibilities and administer true and fair justice,

A: Amen

S: Let us pray that the rich shall have a kind heart to share with the poor in mercy and charity, as true stewards of wealth,

A: Amen

S: Let us pray to the Lord to provide food for the hungry, consolation for the oppressed, healing for the sick, and refuge for the afflicted,

A: Amen

S: Let us pray that all the captives may be released to live the freedom of the children of God,

A: Amen

S: Let us pray that the sons of the Holy Spirit, specially this community shall be protected from all evil,

A: Amen

S: Let us pray for a gentle weather, an abundance of water, and fruitfulness of plants and trees,

A: Amen

S: It is proper for us to confess and adore the almighty Father, his only begotten Son, and his everliving Holy Spirit. Let us pray that the

Lord of our salvation may bless us and that we enter into his heavenly kingdom,

A: Amen

S: Let's all rise and pray.

THIRD KAROZUTHA

Congregation stands

S: We pray almighty God, that you send the angel of peace and blessings to us.

A: Lord, we pray to you.

S: We seek to have sinless days and nights throughout our lives and perpetual peace for the Church.

A: Lord, we pray to you.

S: We pray for the communion in love, the gift of the Holy Spirit,

A: Lord, we pray to you.

S: We pray for the forgiveness of our sins and the divine gifts for our lives,

A: Lord, we pray to you.

S: We pray for wisdom to our leaders, sense of justice to our judges, sincerity to our ministers, and peace to the whole world,

A: Lord, we pray to you.

- S:** We pray for your everlasting blessings and grace to your Church,
- A:** Lord, we pray to you.
- S:** Let us commend ourselves and one another to the Father, to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit,
- A:** Lord our God, we commend ourselves to you.
- S:** Let us pray, Peace be with us.
- C:** O Lord, we humbly pray to you. Fill us with your grace. Strengthen us to bear sufferings and afflictions in joy together with the sufferings of Christ our Lord. Help us to make our lives fruitful through a life of genuine prayer, fraternal love, and sincere self denial. The Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, the Lord of all, for ever,
- A:** Amen
- S:** Bless us O Lord, Brothers and sisters, bow your heads for the imposition of hands and receive the blessing.
- C:** May the blessing of the one who blesses, consolation of the one who consoles, and the mercy of the one who is merciful be with us, with our community and with the whole world. Now, always, and forever,
- A:** Amen.

COMMUNION SERVICE (OPTIONAL)

The consecrated mysteries (bread & wine) are brought to the altar. Celebrant prays at the altar.

C: May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God the Father, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with us all, now, always, and forever,

A: Amen.

S: Let us approach the mysteries of the precious Body and Blood of our Savior with reverence and respect. With the hope arising from repentance, let us turn away from wrongdoing, repent of our sins, and forgive the trespasses of our brothers and sisters. Let us pray to God, the Lord of all, for mercy and forgiveness.

A: Lord, forgive the sins and offences of your servants.

S: Let us cleanse our hearts, turning away from dissensions and conflicts.

A: Lord, forgive the sins and offences of your servants.

S: Let us free our souls from enmity and hatred.

A: Lord, forgive the sins and offences of your servants.

S: Let us receive the Holy Qurbana and be sanctified by the Holy Spirit.

- A: Lord, forgive the sins and offences of your servants.
- S: Let us receive these sacred mysteries in peace and unity with one another.
- A: Lord, forgive the sins and offences of your servants.
- S: O Lord! May these sacred mysteries be for the resurrection of our bodies and the salvation of our souls.
- A: May they be the source of life everlasting, Amen.
- S: Let us pray, Peace be with us.
- C: Lord our God, in your mercy forgive the sins and offences of your servants. Sanctify our lips to praise you, O Most High, together with all the saints in the kingdom of heaven.
- C: Lord, our God, make us worthy to be in your presence with the confidence you have mercifully bestowed on us. Enable us to stand in your presence with cheerful face and pure hearts. Calling upon you together, we pray,
- C: Our Father, *(the congregation joins)* 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. Lead us not into temptation. But deliver us from the evil.

For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory, forever and ever, Amen.

C: Lord, God Almighty! Fullness of all Goodness! Our Merciful Father! We entreat you for your mercy. Do not lead us to temptation. Deliver us from the evil one and his hosts. For, thine is the kingdom, the might, the power and the dominion in heaven and on earth. Now, always, and forever,

A: Amen.

C: Peace ✝ be with you.

celebrant blesses the congregation

A: With you and with your spirit.

C: The Holy Qurbana is for the holy people.

A: God, the Father alone is Holy. God, the Son alone is Holy. God, the Spirit alone is Holy. Glory be to the Father, to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit forever. Amen.

S: Let us praise the Living God.

A: Let there be eternal praise to Him in the Church. Let His blessings and mercy be on us at all times.

Raising the Holy Host

C: Lord Jesus, behold, the treasure of your grace is in my hands in spite of my unworthiness. Help me with the grace of this awe inspiring mysteries that I receive as a gift of your mercy.

celebrant receives body and blood of Christ

celebrant blesses the congregation

C: May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ who gives us life, be made perfect in us through his mercy.

A: Always and forever, Amen.

S: Brothers and sisters, the holy Church invites you to receive the Body and Blood of the Son of God, with faith and hope in the heavenly kingdom. May these be for the expiation of our sins and for our everlasting life.

COMMUNION

COMMUNION HYMN

after the communion the following is said/sung

Congregation stands

1. O divine Son, the Lord of this world
You redeemed us through your cross.
2. Remember us in your mercy
In the dawn of your heavenly kingdom.
1. We shall follow your divine path
Seeking your grace and blessings.
2. We come with a joyous and desirous heart
Seeking only your benevolence.
1. We come to be your disciples
To proclaim your Holy Gospel.
2. We shall follow your divine path
Seeking your grace and blessings.

celebrant reads the following

GOSPEL READING
JOHN 19:31-42

C: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ as announced by St. John.

Now since it was preparation day, in order that the bodies might not remain on the cross on the sabbath, for the sabbath day of that week was a solemn one, the Jews asked Pilate that their legs be broken and they be taken down. So the soldiers came

and broke the legs of the first and then of the other one who was crucified with Jesus. But when they came to Jesus and saw that he was already dead, they did not break his legs, but one soldier thrust his lance into his side, and immediately blood and water flowed out. An eyewitness has testified, and his testimony is true; he knows that he is speaking the truth, so that you also may [come to] believe. For this happened so that the scripture passage might be fulfilled: “Not a bone of it will be broken.” And again another passage says: “They will look upon him whom they have pierced.”

After this, Joseph of Arimathea, secretly a disciple of Jesus for fear of the Jews, asked Pilate if he could remove the body of Jesus. And Pilate permitted it. So he came and took his body. Nicodemus, the one who had first come to him at night, also came bringing a mixture of myrrh and aloes weighing about one hundred pounds. They took the body of Jesus and bound it with burial cloths along with the spices, according to the Jewish burial custom. Now in the place where he had been crucified there was a garden, and in the garden a new tomb, in which no one had yet been buried. So they laid Jesus there because of the Jewish preparation day; for the tomb was close by.

A: Glory to You, Christ our Lord

PROCESSION AND VENERATION OF THE CROSS

As the congregation sings, the crucifix is taken to the bema. The procession shall be done with crucifix covered in white linen or uncovered.

Procession shall be done around the church or around the cross at the front of the church. The procession is led by the server carrying the book of Gospels/ Bible in the front with two servers on sides with lighted candles. The celebrant carries the crucifix at the back of the procession with servers bearing lighted candles and incense.

Hymns are sung during procession.

After the procession the Crucifix is placed on the Bema or Altar.

CONCLUDING PRAYERS

at the Bema/table of the Word

Congregation stands

- S:** Let us pray, Peace be with us.
- C:** Lord our God, may your peace flourish all over the world. Strengthen the holy Church in your cross and protect all her children.

Grant us the grace to offer you unending praise, homage, and adoration. The Lord of all, forever,

A: Amen.

Congregation prays in two groups

1: They have pierced my hands and feet
I can count all my bones,
They stare and gloat over me.

2: They divide my garments among them,
And for my raiment they cast lots.

1: But thou, O Lord, be not far off!
O thou my help, hasten to my aid!

2: Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to
the Holy Spirit, From the eternity and forever.
Amen.

S: Let us pray, Peace be with us.

FINAL BLESSING

C: Lord Jesus, we adore you. You are the glory of God the Father, the firstborn before all ages, before all creatures and before all times. You began the public ministry with baptism of John at Jordan. You proclaimed your divinity through signs and miracles. You triumphantly entered into Jerusalem temple. You endured the passion and

offered your life on the cross. You blessed us with the hope in our resurrection through your resurrection. We trust in you the Lord and protector of all. Make these repentant sinners worthy of your kingdom, as for the good thief, by forgiving our sins and debts. Save us from all evil visible and invisible through the power of your holy Cross. Now, always, and forever.

A: Amen.

VENERATION OF CROSS / CRUCIFIX

Cross / crucifix is placed on a special table for veneration by the congregation.

Appropriate hymns are sung during veneration.

The bitter juice is distributed as a sign of Lord's passion.

After the veneration, the cross / crucifix is placed on the altar and is incensed.

**HOLY SATURDAY
LITURGY**

General Instructions

1. The baptismal qurbana may be conducted either in the morning or in the evening of Holy Saturday. The prayers, psalms, and hymns proper to evening prayers will be omitted if the ceremony is done in the morning.
2. It is highly recommended as most proper to administer the Sacrament of Baptism along with this ceremony of the Holy Saturday.
3. The preparation for Baptism shall be made, if needed.
4. Preparations shall be made to sprinkle the newly blessed Holy Water.
5. It is recommended that the congregation holds lighted candles during the renewal of the baptismal promises.

C: Celebrant

S – Server

A - Assembly

ENTRANCE HYMN

Congregation stands

The ceremony starts at the bema as it is with the Qurbana.

If Baptism is administered the ceremony starts at the main entrance of the church

C: As our Lord commanded
On the feast of Passover
Let us gather in his holy name
In unity, let us offer this sacrifice

A: Let us be reconciled
And prepare a new altar
With the love of the Lord Jesus
Let us offer this Qurbana

C: Glory to God in the highest, (3 times)

A: Amen.

C: Peace and hope to people on earth always
and forever.

A: Amen.

C: Our Father (continues with community) who
art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy
kingdom come. Holy, Holy, thou art Holy.

Our Father who art in heaven, heaven and earth are full of thy glory. Angels and men sing out thy glory, “Holy, Holy, thou art Holy.”

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. Lead us not into temptation. But deliver us from the evil.

For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

S: Let us pray, Peace be with us.

C: Merciful God, we praise you for bringing joy into this world through your miraculous resurrection. We thank you for your unending love, which gave us a new life through Baptism and reconciled us through the forgiveness of our sins. Bless us to grow in faith, hope and love. As we commemorate your death, burial and resurrection, gratify us through your glorious resurrection. The Lord of all forever.

A: Amen

PSALMODY

C: In you our ancestors trusted;
 They trusted and you rescued them.
 (canona) Let us put our hope in the Lord
 Our protector in whose house we dwell

A: In you our ancestors trusted;
 They trusted and you rescued them.

C: To you they cried out
 And they escaped

A: In you they trusted;
 And were not disappointed.

C: The LORD is my shepherd;
 There is nothing I lack.

A: In green pastures he makes me lie down;
 To still waters he leads me;

C: He restores my soul.
 He guides me along right paths
 For the sake of his name.

A: Even though I walk through the valley of the
 shadow of death,
 I will fear no evil, for you are with me;
 Your rod and your staff comfort me.

- C:** The earth is the LORD's and all it holds,
The world and those who dwell in it.
- A:** To you, O LORD, I lift up my soul,
- C:** Make known to me your ways, LORD;
Teach me your paths.
- A:** Guide me by your fidelity and teach me,
For you are God my savior,
For you I wait all the day long.
- C:** Good and upright is the LORD,
Therefore he shows sinners the way,
- A:** I will offer sacrifices of praises in your tent
And I will sing praises to the Lord.
- C:** Glory be to the Father, to the Son and to the
Holy Spirit
- A:** From the eternity and forever, Amen
- C:** In you our ancestors trusted;
They trusted and you rescued them.
(*canona*) Let us put our hope in the Lord,
Our protector in whose house we dwell
- S:** Let us pray, Peace be with us.
- C:** Lord almighty God, the angels praise you
unceasingly before your majestic and awe

inspiring throne. We too join them to offer you our praise, honor, thanksgiving and adoration. The Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, the Lord of all, forever.

A: Amen

HYMN OF THE SANCTUARY (OPTIONAL)

1. *"Praise the Lord, Oh peoples"*

Those who are baptized in waters of life
 Wear Christ, the Messiah.
 God abides in those holy ones
 Whose sins are washed away in baptism.
 They shall enter into heaven with Messiah
 Let us sing and praise the Lord.

2. *"Hear, Oh servants of our Lord"*

Those who are baptized in waters of life
 Wear Christ, the Messiah.
 God abides in those holy ones
 Whose sins are washed away in baptism.
 They shall enter into heaven with Messiah
 Let us sing and praise the Lord.

1. *"Glory be to the Father, to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit"*

Those who are baptized in divine spirit
 Wear Christ and the Holy Spirit.

You are called in the name of the Lord,
Hence shall enjoy the life in heaven.
Oh Lord, we praise and thank you
You delivered the mankind by your cross.

EVENING PRAYER STARTS

these prayers are part of evening prayers and shall be omitted if not conducted with evening prayers.

If omitted go to page 220

Congregation sits

HYMN OF PRAISE

community prays in two groups

- 1: Oh Lord Almighty
It is fitting to sing your praises.
- 2: Eternal glory and thanksgiving are due to
you,
Oh Lord, for your graces.
- 1: Our lips and throats are weak,
O Lord, to sing your graces.
- 2: Save us Lord
Have mercy upon us.
- 1: You are all pure and lifegiving
Eternal glory is due unto you, O Lord.

C: Oh Lord, you are all good, merciful, almighty and eternal. We confess, adore and glorify you. The Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, the Lord of all, forever,

A: Amen.

HYMN

1: Lord, we sing your praises forever
Guide and protect us always and everywhere.

2: The evil and treacherous people surround
me
They always mock and ridicule me .

1: They tell lies in front of my eyes
They quarrel with word of hatred.

2: They hate instead of Love
I pray all good to them.

1: Glory be to the Father, to the Son
And to the Holy Spirit for ever, Amen.

C: Lord our God, we praise and worship you for your mercy and providence. The Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, the Lord of all, forever,

A: Amen.

PSALMODY OF THE EVENING PRAYER

PSALM 140/141

S: I call upon thee, O LORD;
Make haste to me!
Give ear to my voice,
When I call to thee!
(*canona*) Listen to my prayer O Lord
And answer me.

(community prays in two groups)

1: I call upon thee, O LORD; make haste to me!
Give ear to my voice, when I call to thee!

2: Let my prayer be counted as incense before
thee,

1: And the lifting up of my hands as an evening
sacrifice!

2: Set a guard over my mouth, O LORD,
Keep watch over the door of my lips!

1: Incline not my heart to any evil,
To busy myself with wicked deeds
In company with men who work iniquity;
And let me not eat of their dainties!

2: Let a good man strike or rebuke me in
kindness,

- 1: But let the oil of the wicked never anoint my
head;
- 2: For my prayer is continually against their
wicked deeds.
- 1: When they are given over to those who shall
condemn them,
then they shall learn that the word of the
LORD is true.

PSALM 141/142

- 2: I cry with my voice to the LORD,
With my voice I make supplication to the
LORD,
- 1: When my spirit is faint,
Thou knowest my way!
- 2: In the path where I walk
They have hidden a trap for me.
- 1: I look to the right and watch,
But there is none who takes notice of me;
- 2: No refuge remains to me,
No man cares for me.
- 1: I cry to thee, O LORD;
I say, Thou art my refuge,
My portion in the land of the living.

PSALM 118/119

- 2: Thy word is a lamp to my feet
And a light to my path.
- 1: I have sworn an oath and confirmed it,
To observe thy righteous ordinances.
- 2: I am sorely afflicted;
Give me life, O LORD, according to thy word!
- 1: Accept my offerings of praise, O LORD,
And teach me thy ordinances.
- 2: I hold my life in my hand continually,
but I do not forget thy law.
- 1: The wicked have laid a snare for me,
but I do not stray from thy precepts.

PSALM 116/117

- 2: Praise the LORD, all nations!
Extol him, all peoples!
- 1: For great is his steadfast love toward us;
And the faithfulness of the LORD endures
for ever.
Praise the LORD!
- 2: Glory be to the Father, to the Son and to the
Holy Spirit
Now, always and forever, Amen

S: I call upon thee, O LORD;
 Make haste to me!
 Give ear to my voice,
 When I call to thee!
 (canona) Listen to my prayer O Lord
 And answer me.

S: Let us pray, peace be with us.

C: Lord hear the prayers of these sinners and
 bless us. You are the one who gives health
 to our bodies and hope to our souls. The
 Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, the Lord
 of all, forever.

A: Amen.

HYMN

1. Lord, do justice to me
 Lord, save me from the evil ones
 Ask for me peace and tranquility of the
 almighty.

2: Why have you forsaken me?
 Oh merciful Lord, strengthen me
 For you destroy the evil doers.

1: Give me your truth and light
 Oh Lord, guide in your light and mercy
 Lead me to your holy moutain.

2: God is my joy
 I am seeking your altar, oh, my savior
 And bless you with harp forever.

EVENING PRAYERS ENDS

Congregation stands

celebrant blesses the incense

C: *Oh Lord, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, may this incense that we offer to your glory be blessed. May this please you for the remission of the sins of your flock. Forever,*

S: *Amen.*

S: Peace be with us.

C: Lord our God, when the sweet fragrance of Your love wafts over us, and when our souls are enlightened with the knowledge of Your truth, may we be found worthy to receive Your beloved Son as He appears from the heaven. May we also glorify you and praise you unceasingly in your Church, crowned like a spouse with every goodness and grace. For you are the Lord and Creator of all forever and ever.

A: Amen

HYMN OF RESURRECTION

A: Lord of all we bow and praise you.
Jesus Christ, we glorify You
For You give man glorious resurrection
And You are the one who saves his soul.

S: Let us pray, Peace be with us.

C: My Lord, You are truly the One who raises our bodies. You are the savior of our souls, and the preserver of our lives. We are bound always to thank, adore, and glorify You. The Lord of all, forever.

A: Amen

TRISAGION

S: Brothers and sisters, Raise your voices and glorify the living God.

A: Holy God,
Holy Mighty One,
Holy Immortal One,
Have mercy on us.

S: Let us pray, Peace be with us.

C: Glorious, mighty, immortal, and holy God, You are pleased to dwell in the holy ones. We beseech You. Look upon us, pardon us, and show us compassion according to Your nature. The Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, the Lord of all, forever.

A: Amen.

READINGS

First and second readings are read from the podium kept on the left side of the celebrant

FIRST READING
GENESIS 22: 1-19

S: Brothers and sisters, please be seated and listen attentively.

Congregation sits

S: A reading from the book of Genesis.

S: Bless me my Lord

bowing to the celebrant

C: May God bless + you.

After these things God tested Abraham, and said to him, "Abraham!" And he said, "Here am I." He said, "Take your son, your only son Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Mori'ah, and offer him there as a burnt offering upon one of the mountains of which I shall tell you." So Abraham rose early in the morning, saddled his ass, and took two of his young men with him, and his son Isaac; and he cut the wood for the burnt offering, and arose and went to the place of which God had told him. On the third day Abraham lifted up his eyes and saw the place afar off. Then Abraham said to his young men, "Stay here with the ass; I and the lad will go yonder and worship, and come again to you." And Abraham took the wood of the burnt

offering, and laid it on Isaac his son; and he took in his hand the fire and the knife. So they went both of them together. And Isaac said to his father Abraham, "My father!" And he said, "Here am I, my son." He said, "Behold, the fire and the wood; but where is the lamb for a burnt offering?" Abraham said, "God will provide himself the lamb for a burnt offering, my son." So they went both of them together. When they came to the place of which God had told him, Abraham built an altar there, and laid the wood in order, and bound Isaac his son, and laid him on the altar, upon the wood. Then Abraham put forth his hand, and took the knife to slay his son. But the angel of the LORD called to him from heaven, and said, "Abraham, Abraham!" And he said, "Here am I." He said, "Do not lay your hand on the lad or do anything to him; for now I know that you fear God, seeing you have not withheld your son, your only son, from me." And Abraham lifted up his eyes and looked, and behold, behind him was a ram, caught in a thicket by his horns; and Abraham went and took the ram, and offered it up as a burnt offering instead of his son. So Abraham called the name of that place The LORD will provide; as it is said to this day, "On the mount of the LORD it shall be provided." And the angel of the LORD called to Abraham a second time from heaven, and said, "By myself I

have sworn, says the LORD, because you have done this, and have not withheld your son, your only son, I will indeed bless you, and I will multiply your descendants as the stars of heaven and as the sand which is on the seashore. And your descendants shall possess the gate of their enemies, and by your descendants shall all the nations of the earth bless themselves, because you have obeyed my voice." So Abraham returned to his young men, and they arose and went together to Beer-sheba; and Abraham dwelt at Beer-sheba.

A: Praise be to the Lord, our God.

SECOND READING
JONAH: 2: 1-10

S: A reading from the book of Jonah.

S: Bless me my Lord

bowing to the celebrant

C: May God bless + you.

Then Jonah prayed to the LORD his God from the belly of the fish, saying, "I called to the LORD, out of my distress, and he answered me; out of the belly of Sheol I cried, and thou didst hear my voice. For thou didst cast me into the deep, into the heart of the seas, and

the flood was round about me; all thy waves and thy billows passed over me. Then I said, 'I am cast out from thy presence; how shall I again look upon thy holy temple?' The waters closed in over me; the deep was round about me; weeds were wrapped about my head at the roots of the mountains. I went down to the land whose bars closed upon me forever; yet thou didst bring up my life from the Pit, O LORD my God. When my soul fainted within me, I remembered the LORD; and my prayer came to thee, into thy holy temple. Those who pay regard to vain idols forsake their true loyalty. But I with the voice of thanksgiving will sacrifice to thee; what I have vowed I will pay. Deliverance belongs to the LORD!" And the LORD spoke to the fish, and it vomited out Jonah upon the dry land.

A: Praise be to the Lord, our God

HYMN OF PRAISE

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C: Lord our God, illumine our hearts and minds to hear and understand the sweet voice of your life-giving and divine commandments. In your mercy and grace, grant that they bear in us the fruits of love, hope, and salvation beneficial to our body and soul and that

we may constantly praise You. The Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, the Lord of all, forever

A: Amen.

EPISTLE
ROMANS 6: 3-11

Epistle (third reading) is read from the podium kept on the right side of the celebrant

S: A reading from the letter of St. Paul to the Romans

S: Bless me my Lord

bowing to the celebrant

C: May Christ bless + you.

Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, so that as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life. For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we shall certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. We know that our old self was crucified with him so that the sinful body might be destroyed, and we might no longer be enslaved to sin. For he who has died is freed from sin. But

if we have died with Christ, we believe that we shall also live with him. For we know that Christ being raised from the dead will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. The death he died he died to sin, once for all, but the life he lives he lives to God. So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

A: Praise be to Christ, our Lord

Congregation stands

HYMN OF HALLELUIAH

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Celebrant goes to the altar and carries the Gospel to the bema in procession

GOSPEL

MATTHEW 28: 1-20

S: Let us stand and listen attentively to the Holy Gospel

C: Peace be with you.

A: With you and with your spirit.

C: The holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ as announced by St. Matthew.

A: Glory to you Christ, our Lord.

Now after the sabbath, toward the dawn of the first day of the week, Mary Mag'dalene and the other Mary went to see the sepulchre. And behold, there was a great earthquake; for an angel of the Lord descended from heaven and came and rolled back the stone, and sat upon it. His appearance was like lightning, and his raiment white as snow. And for fear of him the guards trembled and became like dead men. But the angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid; for I know that you seek Jesus who was crucified. He is not here; for he has risen, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. Then go quickly and tell his disciples that he has risen from the dead, and behold, he is going before you to Galilee; there you will see him. Lo, I have told you." So they departed quickly from the tomb with fear and great joy, and ran to tell his disciples. And behold, Jesus met them and said, "Hail!" And they came up and took hold of his feet and worshiped him. Then Jesus said to them, "Do not be afraid; go and tell my brethren to go to Galilee, and there they will see me." While they were going, behold, some of the guard went into the city and told the chief priests all that had taken place. And when they had assembled with the elders and taken counsel, they gave a sum of money to the soldiers and said, "Tell

people, ‘His disciples came by night and stole him away while we were asleep.’ And if this comes to the governor’s ears, we will satisfy him and keep you out of trouble.” So they took the money and did as they were directed; and this story has been spread among the Jews to this day. Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. And when they saw him they worshiped him; but some doubted. And Jesus came and said to them, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, to the close of the age.”

A: Glory to You Christ, Our Lord.

HOMILY

Congregation sits

If Baptism is administered, it is done here.

Congregation stands

COMMENTARY: Dear brothers and sisters, the early church had the tradition of administering sacrament of baptism on Holy Saturday. Remember the words of

St. Paul that in baptism we are died, buried and resurrected with the messiah. Baptism provides us the experience of dying to sin and rising to our Lord. Today is the most appropriate and fitting day to be reminded of this truth. The following ceremonies reminds us the blessings and effects of the sacrament of baptism. The blessing of the water reminds us the new life we received in baptism. We remember our messiah, the light of the world by lighting the lamp; and thus are reminded to live as the light of the world. Let us renew the promises we made at the time of our baptism. Let us confess the faith of our church and be eager to live our lives renewed in the Messiah. Let us commend ourselves to the grace of God as we participate in these ceremonies.

BLESSING OF WATER

C: Lord our God, may your Holy Spirit who descended upon Jesus at the time of his baptism in the Jordan and who renews our old self through baptism, come and dwell in this water and sanctify it. May you make this water to help us sanctify our soul and body and renew our lives. Now, always and forever

The celebrant makes the sign of the cross over the water

A: Amen

C: Lord we thank you for freeing us of our sins and raising us to be called your children through the holy sacrament of baptism. Help us to practice our faith devoutly and become worthy of eternal salvation. The Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, forever.

A: Amen

celebrant now blesses the congregation with the Holy water

Hymn of Thanksgiving is sung

LIGHTING OF THE LAMP

the celebrant lights the decorated Paschal candle/lamp at the bema saying the following prayer

C: May the Lord who proclaimed that “I am the light and those who follow me will not walk in darkness”, remove the darkness and fill us with your light.

A: Amen

The congregation lights candles from the Pascal candle/lamp

Hymn of thanksgiving is sung

RENEWAL OF THE BAPTISMAL VOWS

COMMENTARY: Most of us received baptism while we were very young. At that time our parents

and godparents professed the faith of the Church for us. Let us now profess and accept the faith of the Church.

If the sacrament of baptism was done, the creed need not be said here

C: Dear brothers and sisters, let us profess the mysteries of our faith.

C: We believe in One God, the Father almighty,

Congregation joins

Creator of all things visible and invisible, and in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only begotten Son of God, the first born before all creatures, born of the Father before all ages, and not made, true God from true God, consubstantial with his Father. Through Him the worlds were formed and all things were created. For the sake of us men and for our salvation, He came down from heaven, and became incarnate by the Holy Spirit and became man, and was conceived and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered and was crucified in the days of Pontius Pilate, died and was buried, and on the third day rose again as it is written. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of His Father. He will come again to judge the dead and the living. We believe in one Holy

Spirit, the spirit of truth, who proceeds from the Father - and the Son - the life giving Spirit. We believe in one, holy, catholic, and apostolic Church. We confess one baptism for the remission of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting. Amen.

C: May the almighty God bless us to lead a life according to the faith we professed.

The congregation repeats after the celebrant the baptismal renewal prayer

C: Merciful God,/ we thank you for saving us/ through your son Jesus./ We adore you Lord / for calling us your children/ by forgiving our sins/ and by making us the temples of the Holy Spirit/ and members of the Church/ through Baptism and Chrismation./ Help us Lord/ to avoid sin and sinful path,/ to be the light of the world/ and salt of the earth/ by renewing our lives/ according to the promptings of the Holy Spirit./ Amen.

the celebrant prays

C: Merciful Lord you came into the midst of the sinners in search of sinners. Bless these sinners. Lord you taught us that the sick needs the doctor and not those who are well. Show mercy on us who are sick and

sinful. You raised us to be your children through the sacrament of Baptism. But we distanced ourselves from you like the prodigal son. We are not worthy to be called your children. Lord, have mercy on us. Lord, hope of mankind and peace of the world, give us your peace and unity. Lord, help us to live in love and understanding of each other and to avoid enmity, hatred, anger and revenge. Lord of all, forever.

A: Amen

COMMENTARY: Jesus Christ has proclaimed that if you do not forgive others' sins God the father will not forgive yours'. St. John the apostle has written that 'if you say that you love God and yet you do not love your brother you are lying.' St. Peter the apostle says that christian love erases our many sins. The love among the early Christians in the light of these teachings has amazed others. Those who received Baptism, Anointing with the Oil, and Holy Communion have always tried to ask forgiveness from others and increase their love for Christ. On this occasion let us seek forgiveness from each other and become true Christians. Let us pray

celebrant says the following prayer
and congregation repeats

C: Lord,/ you came down to earth/ with the commandment of love./ Help us to live as your disciples,/ loving each other./ Teach us to love each other/ like you loved us./ Lord/ we heartily forgive/ those who have hurt us/ and we ask forgiveness/ to anyone we have hurt./ We promise that we will pay our debts/ and help others in every way we can,/ Amen.

KARUZUTHA

S: Let us all pray with repentance and reverence, “Lord have mercy on us.”

A: Lord, have mercy on us.

S: Lord, you spent forty days in the desert in prayer and fasting, bless us to live our lives in the grace of sacrifice and prayer, we pray to you.

A: Lord, have mercy on us.

S: Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world, give us the grace to do penance for our sins and the sins of the whole world, we pray to you.

A: Lord, have mercy on us.

S: Lord you taught us that "unless you are born of water and spirit, no one can enter the kingdom of God." Help us, who have received the new life through baptism, to grow in holiness and wisdom, we pray to you.

A: Lord, have mercy on us

S: Lord you shared us your divine life through baptism, help us to live a life worthy of the children of God and to be your witnesses, we pray to you.

A: Lord, have mercy on us

S: Lord, you raised us to be members of the holy Church through baptism, bless us to think and work with the church, we pray to you.

A: Lord, have mercy on us

S: Lord you taught us to baptize in the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, help us to lead others in the path of light of the sacrament of Baptism.

A: Lord, have mercy on us

S: For our holy father Pope Mar ——— to lead us through the path of prayer and sufferings, for the spiritual goodness of our Major

Archbishop, Mar ———, the father and head of our SyroMalabar church, our bishop Mar ———, the father and head of our diocese and for all other bishops, we pray to you.

A: Lord, have mercy on us.

S: Let us commend ourselves and one another to the Father, to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.

A: Lord our God, we commend ourselves to you.

C: The savior who entered the glory of resurrection through the death on the cross, you gave us a new life through baptism. We thank you for your unending mercy. Answer our prayers and bless us. Help us to be your witnesses by leading a holy life. The Lord of all forever.

A: Amen.

The Qurbana continues with Prayers of Imposition of Hands

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HYMN OF MYSTERIES

Let all the earth rejoice

The Lord has enlightened the universe through his resurrection from the tomb. The

defeated enemy will cry out then, “Behold, my power has been defeated.” The world is now filled with joy, hope, and the message of salvation. The sinful world has their savior. This divine shepherd is guiding these strayed sheep to the right path.

May His glory fill the earth

The Lord has enlightened the universe through his resurrection from the tomb. The defeated enemy will cry out then, “Behold, my power has been defeated.” The world is now filled with joy, hope, and the message of salvation. The sinful world has their savior. This divine shepherd is guiding these strayed sheep to the right path.

Behold, I announce the good news for the whole world

The Lord has enlightened the universe through his resurrection from the tomb. The defeated enemy will cry out then, “Behold, my power has been defeated.” The world is now filled with joy, hope, and the message of salvation. The sinful world has their savior. This divine shepherd is guiding these strayed sheep to the right path.

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HYMN OF EUCHARISTIC PRAISE

A: Lord our God, you made these unworthy sinners worthy to take part in these holy mysteries. We praise and adore the most Holy Trinity in the company of angels. For the heavens and earth are filled with your glory. Halleluiah.

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COMMUNION INVITATION

S: Let us thank the divine Son for saving us through his death on the cross. Brothers and sisters, come and renew our lives by receiving the most holy body and blood of our Lord.

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THANKSGIVING PRAYERS

C: Lord God, we praise you with the whole creation and thank you for all the graces you showered on us. Make us worthy to glorify you with angels. The Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, the Lord of all, forever.

A: Amen. Bless us, Lord.

C: Lord, make us partakers of your glory as we are made united in your death and burial through the Sacrament of Baptism. Help us

to crucify our old self to live our lives with you and make us worthy of eternal life. The Lord of all, forever.

A: Amen

PRAYER OF SEALING

C: Lord, our way, truth and life, we thank you for making us partakes of your resurrection. Bless us to preserve the sanctity of the sacrament of baptism. Help us to become the light of the world and salt of the earth that make us witnesses of your gospel. May all people know you, accept the gift of faith, receive the sacrament of baptism, and glorify you in your Church. Help us also to lead a life in mutual love and unity as members of your mystical body. May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of the Father and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you, now, always and forever,

A: Amen

FAREWELL PRAYER

Praise to you, Altar of sanctification. Praise to you, the sepulcher of our Lord. May the holy qurbana that I have received from you, be for me unto the forgiveness of my debts and the remission of my sins. I know not, whether I shall come again to offer another sacrifice.

EASTER LITURGY

General Instructions

1. The Church and premises are to be decorated duly for the celebration of Easter.
2. The Exchange of Peace shall be done at the place specially prepared for that or at the bema. However, the procession is to be done.
3. This service is traditionally being done at 3 am Sunday; but shall be done at other times as well, according to local situation.

C: Celebrant

S – Server

A - Assembly

ENTRANCE HYMN

Congregation stands

C: As our Lord commanded
On the feast of Passover
Let us gather in his holy name
In unity, let us offer this sacrifice

A: Let us be reconciled
And prepare a new altar
With the love of the Lord Jesus
Let us offer this Qurbana

C: Glory to God in the highest (3 times)

A: Amen

C: Peace and hope to people on earth always
and forever

A: Amen

C: Our Father (continues with community) who
art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy
kingdom come. Holy, Holy, thou art Holy.

Our Father who art in heaven, heaven and
earth are full of thy glory. Angels and men
sing out thy glory, "Holy, Holy, thou art Holy."

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. Lead us not into temptation. But deliver us from the evil.

For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

S: Let us pray, Peace be with us.

C: Jesus, eternal king, we bless your unending mercy in granting us life by conquering death. We thank you for bringing us together to celebrate your resurrection and to cherish its graces. Save us from the darkness of ignorance and free us from the bondage of sin, so we may enter into the glory of your resurrection. Help us to worthily celebrate these holy mysteries. Lord of all forever.

A: Amen

PSALMODY
PS. 46,47,48

C: The Lord of hosts is with us;
The God of Jacob is our refuge.

A: Oh, Risen Lord
We rejoice in your resurrection.

C: Clap your hands, all peoples!
Shout to God with loud songs of joy!

- A: Sing praises to God,
Sing praises!
- C: Sing praises to our King,
Sing praises!
- A: For God is the king of all the earth;
Sing praises with a psalm!
- C: God reigns over the nations;
God sits on his holy throne.
- A: Great is the LORD
And greatly to be praised in the city of our
God!
- C: Glory be to the Father, to the Son, and to the
Holy Spirit.
- A: From the eternity and forever. Amen
- C: Oh, Risen Lord
We rejoice in your resurrection.
- S: Halleluiah, Halleluiah, Halleluiah
- S: Let us pray, Peace be with us.
- C: Lord the savior of the world, let your peace
fill the earth. Strengthen your church by
your cross and preserve her children in your
grace. May we be offer your praise, honor,
and thanksgiving in all times. Lord of all,
forever.
- A: Amen

PROCESSION

Now the Procession and solemn Entrance into the Church takes place, if the opening part of the service was done outside the church. As the celebrant comes near the main entrance he sings the following psalm.

C: O gates, lift high your heads;
O eternal gates, open;
The glorious King is entering
The luminous King is entering.

The celebrant taps at the closed door with the pedestal of the Cross.

From inside the Church

Who is this King of Glory?
Who is this King of Light?

The celebrant taps the second time

Those who stand outside

It is the majestic and mighty Lord!

The celebrant taps the third time

The door is opened and the celebrant with servers followed by the community process inside.

Hymns are sung during procession

Congregation stands

HYMN OF EASTER

congregation prays in two groups

- 1: *I shall offer you peace*
Oh people of our God, be in peace
Messiah is risen in peace.
- 2: *A light is dawn for the righteous*
The eternal light has come in the heavens
The Son of God, the true light.
- 1: *Joy and jubilation on earth*
The creation rejoices in the resurrection
We are reconciled in the resurrection of the
Lord.
- 2: *Now and forever*
The Lord provides forgiveness of our sins
And life for death in his resurrection.
- 1: *For ever and ever*
Satan weeps in sorrow
The Church rejoices.
- 2: *To receive his power*
He has risen from the tomb
And brings peace upon the creatures.
- 1: *Praise the Lord our king*
Sing praises to the king our Messiah
He has brought salvation to peoples.
- 2: *Come, let us rejoice in him*
This is the great feast of the Church
Receive the unity the Lord provides.

Celebrant blesses the incense

C: *Oh Lord, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, may this incense that we offer to your glory be blessed. May this please you for the remission of the sins of your flock. Forever,*

S: *Amen.*

S: Peace be with us.

C: Lord our God, when the sweet fragrance of Your love wafts over us, and when our souls are enlightened with the knowledge of Your truth, may we be found worthy to receive Your beloved Son as He appears from the heaven. May we also glorify You and praise You unceasingly in Your Church, crowned like a spouse with every goodness and grace. For You are the Lord and Creator of all forever and ever.

A: Amen

HYMN OF RESURRECTION

A: Lord of all we bow and praise you.
Jesus Christ, we glorify You
For You give man glorious resurrection
And You are the one who saves his soul.

S: Let us pray, Peace be with us.

C: My Lord, You are truly the One who raises our bodies. You are the savior of our souls,

and the preserver of our lives. We are bound always to thank, adore, and glorify You. The Lord of all, forever.

A: Amen

TRISAGION

S: Brothers and sisters, raise your voices and glorify the living God.

A: Holy God,
Holy Mighty One,
Holy Immortal One,
Have mercy on us.

S: Let us pray, Peace be with us.

C: Glorious, mighty, immortal, and holy God, You are pleased to dwell in the holy ones. We beseech You. Look upon us, pardon us, and show us compassion according to Your nature. The Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, the Lord of all, forever.

A: Amen

READINGS

First and second readings are read from the podium kept on the left side of the celebrant

S: Brothers and sisters, please be seated and listen attentively.

Congregation sits

FIRST READING
ISAIAH 60:01-07

S: A reading from the book of Isaiah.

S: Bless me my Lord

bowing to the celebrant

C: May God bless + you.

Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of the LORD has risen upon you. For behold, darkness shall cover the earth, and thick darkness the peoples; but the LORD will arise upon you, and his glory will be seen upon you. And nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your rising. Lift up your eyes round about, and see; they all gather together, they come to you; your sons shall come from far, and your daughters shall be carried in the arms. Then you shall see and be radiant, your heart shall thrill and rejoice; because the abundance of the sea shall be turned to you, the wealth of the nations shall come to you. A multitude of camels shall cover you, the young camels of Mid'ian and Ephah; all those from Sheba shall come. They shall bring gold and frankincense, and shall proclaim the praise of the LORD. All the flocks of Kedar shall be gathered to you, the

rams of Nebai'oth shall minister to you; they shall come up with acceptance on my altar, and I will glorify my glorious house.

A: Praise be to the Lord, our God

**SECOND READING:
1 SAMUEL 02: 01-10**

S: A reading from the first book of Samuel.

S: Bless me my Lord

bowing to the celebrant

C: May God bless + you.

Hannah also prayed and said, “My heart exults in the LORD; my strength is exalted in the LORD. My mouth derides my enemies, because I rejoice in thy salvation. “There is none holy like the LORD, there is none besides thee; there is no rock like our God. Talk no more so very proudly, let not arrogance come from your mouth; for the LORD is a God of knowledge, and by him actions are weighed. The bows of the mighty are broken, but the feeble gird on strength. Those who were full have hired themselves out for bread, but those who were hungry have ceased to hunger. The barren has borne seven, but she who has many children

is forlorn. The LORD kills and brings to life; he brings down to Sheol and raises up. The LORD makes poor and makes rich; he brings low, he also exalts. He raises up the poor from the dust; he lifts the needy from the ash heap, to make them sit with princes and inherit a seat of honor. For the pillars of the earth are the LORD'S, and on them he has set the world. "He will guard the feet of his faithful ones; but the wicked shall be cut off in darkness; for not by might shall a man prevail. The adversaries of the LORD shall be broken to pieces; against them he will thunder in heaven. The LORD will judge the ends of the earth; he will give strength to his king, and exalt the power of his anointed."

A: Praise be to the Lord, our God

HYMN OF PRAISE

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C: Lord our God, illumine our hearts and minds to hear and understand the sweet voice of your life-giving and divine commandments. In your mercy and grace, grant that they bear in us the fruits of love, hope, and salvation beneficial to our body and soul and that we may constantly praise You. The Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, the Lord of all, forever

A: Amen

EPISTLE
ROMANS 05:20-06:23

Epistle (third reading) is read from the podium kept on the right side of the celebrant

S: A reading from the letter of St. Paul to the Romans

S: Bless me my Lord

bowing to the celebrant

C: May Christ bless + you.

Law came in, to increase the trespass; but where sin increased, grace abounded all the more, so that, as sin reigned in death, grace also might reign through righteousness to eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord. What shall we say then? Are we to continue in sin that grace may abound? By no means! How can we who died to sin still live in it? Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, so that as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life. For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we shall certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. We know

that our old self was crucified with him so that the sinful body might be destroyed, and we might no longer be enslaved to sin. For he who has died is freed from sin. But if we have died with Christ, we believe that we shall also live with him. For we know that Christ being raised from the dead will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. The death he died he died to sin, once for all, but the life he lives he lives to God. So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus. Let not sin therefore reign in your mortal bodies, to make you obey their passions. Do not yield your members to sin as instruments of wickedness, but yield yourselves to God as men who have been brought from death to life, and your members to God as instruments of righteousness. For sin will have no dominion over you, since you are not under law but under grace. What then? Are we to sin because we are not under law but under grace? By no means! Do you not know that if you yield yourselves to anyone as obedient slaves, you are slaves of the one whom you obey, either of sin, which leads to death, or of obedience, which leads to righteousness? But thanks be to God, that you who were once slaves of sin have become obedient from the heart to the standard of teaching to which you were committed, and, having been set free from

sin, have become slaves of righteousness. I am speaking in human terms, because of your natural limitations. For just as you once yielded your members to impurity and to greater and greater iniquity, so now yield your members to righteousness for sanctification. When you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness. But then what return did you get from the things of which you are now ashamed? The end of those things is death. But now that you have been set free from sin and have become slaves of God, the return you get is sanctification and its end, eternal life. For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

A: Praise be to Christ, our Lord

Congregation stands

HYMN OF HALLELUIAH

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Celebrant goes to the altar and carries the Gospel to the bema in procession

GOSPEL

MATTHEW 28: 01-06

S: Let us stand and listen attentively to the Holy Gospel

C: Peace be with you.

A: With you and with your spirit.

C: The holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ as announced by St. Matthew.

A: Glory to you Christ, our Lord.

Now after the Sabbath, toward the dawn of the first day of the week, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the sepulcher. And behold, there was a great earthquake; for an angel of the Lord descended from heaven and came and rolled back the stone, and sat upon it. His appearance was like lightning, and his raiment white as snow. And for fear of him the guards trembled and became like dead men. But the angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid; for I know that you seek Jesus who was crucified. He is not here; for he has risen, as he said.

celebrant acclaims in loud voice
and congregation responds

C: **Christ is risen from the dead** (3 times)

A: **Halleluiah, Halleluiah, Halleluiah** (3 times)

The celebrant unveils the image of
the resurrected Lord. The servers
ring the bells. The congregation

bows in respect. The celebrant incenses the image.

Procession for the RITE OF PEACE begins. This rite could be done at a special table/place prepared outside the church or at bema (table of the Word). Server bearing the Word of God accompanied by two candle bearers leads the procession. The celebrant carries the image at the end of the procession with two candle bearers.

Hymns are sung during procession

RITE OF PEACE

S: Let us pray, Peace be with you.

C: Lord our God, we bless you for the salvation accomplished through your son for the renewal of our frail nature. We offer you praise and honor, thanksgiving and adoration for this ineffable gift. Lord of all, forever.

A: Amen.

PSALM 97

C: The LORD reigns; let the earth rejoice;
Let the many coastlands be glad!
Halleluiah, Halleluiah, Halleluiah

- A: (canona) Oh, the glorified race of Adam,
Rejoice in in the resurrected Lord.
- C: Clouds and thick darkness are round about
him;
Righteousness and justice are the foundation
of his throne.
- A: Fire goes before him,
And burns up his adversaries round about.
- C: His lightning lightens the world;
The earth sees and trembles.
- A: The mountains melt like wax before the
LORD,
Before the Lord of all the earth.
- C: The heavens proclaim his righteousness;
And all the peoples behold his glory.
- A: All worshipers of images are put to shame,
Who make their boast in worthless idols;
All gods bow down before him.
- C: Zion hears and is glad,
And the daughters of Judah rejoice,
- A: Because of thy judgments, O God.
For thou, O LORD, art most high over all the
earth;
Thou art exalted far above all gods.

- C:** The LORD loves those who hate evil;
He preserves the lives of his saints;
He delivers them from the hand of the
wicked.
- A:** Light dawns for the righteous,
And joy for the upright in heart.
- C:** Rejoice in the LORD, O you righteous,
And give thanks to his holy name!
- A:** The LORD reigns; let the earth rejoice;
Let the many coastlands be glad!
Halleluiah, Halleluiah, Halleluiah
- C:** Glory be to the Father, to the Son, and to the
Holy Spirit.
- A:** From the eternity and forever. Amen.
- C:** (*canona*) Oh, the glorified race of Adam,
Rejoice in in the resurrected Lord.

HYMN OF PRAISE

congregation sings / prays in two
groups

- 1:** The Son of the almighty is risen
There is great joy everywhere.
- 2:** The gates of heaven is open
The great divine light is shining.

- 1: He came in search of man
He gave peace to all men.
- 2: Praise be to his holy name
May we granted the gift of heaven.

The celebrant and servers kiss/
venerate the image of the
resurrected Lord. They exchange
PEACE and the congregation
follows the Rite of Peace.

The following greeting is used for
the Exchange of Peace.

one who gives peace:

Peace of the Lord be with you

one who receives peace:

And also with you.

OR

one who gives peace:

Christ is risen

one who receives peace:

Indeed, He is risen.

PRAYERS OF BLESSING

- C: Lord, bless your holy people and flourish
your peace in them.

S: Bless us, O Lord.

C: Lord, bless and sanctify in your peace your holy Church and shower your peace upon her. Bless and protect our Holy Father Pope Mar ----, the head of the universal Church, our Major Archbishop Mar ----, the father and head of our Church, our Bishop Mar ----, the father and head of our diocese, and all other bishops, to guide the church in your peace.

A: Amen.

C: Lord, bless and sanctify in your peace your priests, religious, deacons, servers, and missionaries all over the world.

A: Amen.

C: Lord, bless and sanctify in your peace our grandparents, parents, youth, children and other family members.

A: Amen.

C: Lord, bless and sanctify in your peace our nation's leaders, teachers, students and those who serve the sick and work for social justice.

A: Amen.

C: Lord, bless and sanctify in your peace the poor and rich, farmers and workers, traders and entrepreneurs.

A: Amen.

C: Lord, bless and sanctify in your peace the sick and afflicted, the poor and oppressed, the suffering and outcast.

A: Amen.

C: Lord, bless and sanctify in your peace all that are living in this universe.

A: Amen.

other prayers could be added

C: Lord, bless all Christians to celebrate our faith in unity.

A: Amen.

C: Lord, the king of peace, make us worthy to rejoice on the day of resurrection when all parables, similies, and mysteries will be revealed. Strengthen us to be partakers with you and to offer praise and thanksgiving to your Father and Holy Spirit. May your peace flourish in our community and all congregations gathered in your name. Lord of all, forever.

A: Amen.

The image of the resurrected Lord
is taken to a decorated table

HOMILY

Congregation sits

KARUZUTHA

Congregation stands

S: Let us pray in joy and exultation, “Lord, have mercy on us.”

A: Lord, have mercy on us.

S: Lord the prince of peace and king of heaven and earth, make us worthy to celebrate the peace of your resurrection.

A: Lord, have mercy on us.

S: Lord you who said, “Peace I leave with you, my peace I give you,” make us worthy to celebrate the peace of your resurrection.

A: Lord, have mercy on us.

S: Lord, you who resurrected from the tomb and filled the earth in eternal peace, help us to share the joy of your resurrection.

A: Lord, have mercy on us.

S: Lord, you who enrich us in your peace, help us to know and live out your peace in our daily afflictions and struggles.

A: Lord, have mercy on us.

S: Lord, we pray for the wellbeing of our Pope, Major Archbishop, Archbishops, bishops and their fellow ministers.

A: Lord, have mercy on us.

S: Let us commend ourselves and one another to the Father, to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.

A: Lord our God, we commend ourselves to you.

C: Lord our God, save us through your grace, and may your peace flourish in our midst. Have mercy on us and draw us to the fullness of the mystery of your resurrection. Make us worthy to live in unity and rejoice in your peace and tranquility. The Lord of all, forever.

A: Amen

The Qurbana continues with Prayers of Imposition of Hands

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HYMN OF MYSTERIES

We glorify you, O Lord our King

Lord, our Church your spouse, rejoices like an adorned bride and a joyful mother because you resurrected from among the

dead. Your resurrection grants us life and glory. Lord make us worthy to participate in the mysteries of your death and resurrection.

The stone the builders rejected has become the cornerstone

Lord, our Church your spouse, rejoices like an adorned bride and a joyful mother because you resurrected from among the dead. Your resurrection grants us life and glory. Lord make us worthy to participate in the mysteries of your death and resurrection.

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HYMN OF EUCHARISTIC PRAISE

A: Jesus the savior of the world has resurrected from the dead. Behold, He is seated at the right hand of the Father in heaven. The Lord has given us his body and blood. Let us receive these mysteries of his death and resurrection. Let us praise him by singing 'holy, holy, holy.'

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COMMUNION INVITATION

S: Come, people of God, let us praise the Lord. He has conquered death and defeated satan thereby granting us eternal life. Let us sing

‘holy, holy, and holy’ to him who nourishes us with his body and blood. Our tongues are unworthy to offer him due thanks. The curse of death is vanished from the midst of humankind. Behold, the mysteries of the eternal life is prepared for us. Come, oh brothers and sisters, let us receive these mysteries in reverence.

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THANKSGIVING PRAYERS

C: Lord our God, may these mysteries that we received be the promise of our resurrection. May we be able to praise you with the just in heaven for the glory of resurrection. The Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, the Lord of all, forever.

A: Amen. Bless us, Lord.

C: Jesus, the hope of mankind, you made us partakers of the mystery of resurrection through this Qurbana. We your Church, redeemed by your precious blood praise your mercy forever. May the gift from above be blessed forever. The Lord of all, forever.

A: Amen.

PRAYER OF SEALING

C: May the Lord, who made the earth rejoice in his resurrection, be blessed. He has defeated the power of satan and death and has delivered us from our sins and debts. May the peace of the resurrected Lord be with us forever. May he grant us the freedom of the children of God. May he bless us to grow in faith and proclaim the good news of resurrection, according to his promise, “those who believe in me will live forever.” May the whole world receive new life from the resurrection of our Lord. Oh people of God, may he bring you who are nourished with the life giving mysteries, to the glory of heaven. Now, always and forever.

A: Amen

FAREWELL PRAYER

Praise to you, Altar of sanctification. Praise to you, the sepulcher of our Lord. May the holy qurbana that I have received from you, be for me unto the forgiveness of my debts and the remission of my sins. I know not, whether I shall come again to offer another sacrifice.

QURBANA CONTINUES...

The first part of Qurbana - Liturgy of Word - is according to the Holy Day

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HYMN OF PRAISE

C: *“The heavens proclaim the glory of God.”*

With the hymns of the Holy Spirit
And the hymns of Alleluia
Let us commemorate the... of our Lord
(birth / fast / hosana / pesaha / mystery of
baptism / resurrection)
Let us now celebrate on this Altar.

S: *“The firmament declares
the work of His hands.”*

A: With the hymns of the Holy Spirit
And the hymns of Alleluia
Let us commemorate the... of our Lord
(birth / fast / hosana / pesaha / mystery of
baptism / resurrection)
Let us now celebrate on this Altar.

S: *“The days speaks incessantly to the days.”*

A: With the hymns of the Holy Spirit
And the hymns of Alleluia
Let us commemorate the... of our Lord
(birth / fast / hosana / pesaha / mystery of
baptism / resurrection)
Let us now celebrate on this Altar.

C: *“Glory be to the Father, to the Son,
and to the Holy Spirit.”*

A: With the hymns of the Holy Spirit
And the hymns of Alleluia
Let us commemorate the... of our Lord
(birth / fast / hosana / pesaha / mystery of
baptism / resurrection)
Let us now celebrate on this Altar.

S: *“From eternity and forever, Amen”*

A: With the hymns of the Holy Spirit
And the hymns of Alleluia
Let us commemorate the... of our Lord
(birth / fast / hosana / pesaha / mystery of
baptism / resurrection)
Let us now celebrate on this Altar.

S: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia,
Let us pray, peace be with us.

Go to

Nativity	18
Ash Monday	45
Palm Sunday	89
Holy Thursday	118
Holy Saturday	225
Easter	252

HYMN OF ALLELUIA

A: Alleluia, sing Alleluia
Alleluia Alleluia

My heart is stirred by a noble theme
As I sing my ode to the king
My tongue is the pen of a nimble scribe.

Glory be to the Father, to the Son
And to the Holy Spirit.

As it was in the beginning
Let it be forever, Amen.

Alleluia, sing Alleluia
Alleluia, Alleluia.

Go to

Nativity	21
Ash Monday	47
Palm Sunday	91
Holy Thursday	120
Holy Saturday	227
Easter	255

S: Bless us, O Lord. Brothers and sisters, bow your heads for the imposition of hands and receive the blessing.

Congregation bows. Celebrant bows and prays in low voice.

C: Lord, Almighty God, Yours is the Holy Catholic Church, the flock, redeemed through the passion and suffering of Your Anointed Son. Through the grace of the Holy Spirit who is one in Divine Being with You, the orders of true priesthood are conferred by the imposition of hands. In Your great mercy, You have made us worthy - weak and lowly though we are - to be distinctive members of Your mystical body, the Church, to minister to the faithful. Lord, fill us with Your mercy and grace and pour forth Your blessings through our hands. May Your mercy and blessings be on us and on this Your chosen people.

Resuming a straight posture, the celebrant prays loud.

C: Merciful God, bless us. Grant that all of us, as one body, may properly please You throughout our lives, by works of justice that reconcile us with You. Make us worthy to offer You never-ending praise, homage, thanksgiving, and adoration. The Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, Lord of all, forever.

A: Amen.

S: Let all who have been baptized and sealed with the sign of life, participate in these holy mysteries attentively and devotedly.

RITE OF PREPARATION

Congregation stands

WASHING OF THE HANDS

Servers bring water and towel to the celebrant.

Celebrant prays as he washes his hands.

C: May God the Lord of all, wash away the stains of our debts and sins in the ocean of His mercy.

Celebrant prays as he wipes his hands.

C: And may the Lord wipe away the stains of our sins through His compassion.

Congregation sits

HYMN OF MYSTERIES

Go to

Nativity	28
Ash Monday	53
Palm Sunday	96
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OR

Ch: *“In the Lord I put my firm trust.”*

A: Here is our Lord’s precious Body and Blood
With love and respect
Let us gather by this Altar
Let us all join with the heavenly choir
And sing, God is holy,
Holy, holy forever.

Ch: *“The poor will eat and be satisfied.”*

A : Here is our Lord’s precious Body and Blood
With love and respect
Let us gather by this Altar
Let us all join with the heavenly choir
And sing, God is holy,
Holy, holy forever.

OFFERTORY

Celebrant brings the gifts from the bethgaze to the Altar. He, taking the chalice in his right hand and the paten in his left, crosses his hands and raises.

S: Let us pray, peace be with us.

C: We will praise Your adorable
Trinity, always and forever.

S: Amen.

C: May Christ who sacrificed
Himself for our salvation, and
commanded us to celebrate the
memory of His passion, death,

burial, and resurrection, accept this Qurbana from our hands through His grace and mercy. Amen.

C: By Your command, O Lord, (Celebrant taps the chalice with the paten three times) our God, these glorious, holy, life-giving, and divine mysteries are set forth and arranged on Your holy Altar until the glorious Second Coming of Christ from heaven. Glory and honor, thanksgiving and adoration be Yours. Now, always, and forever.

S: Amen.

Celebrant places the paten at his right side and the chalice at his left side and covers them with sosappa.

COMMEMORATION HYMN

Celebrant prays at the Bema facing the congregation.

C: Glory be to the Father, to the Son,
And to the Holy Spirit.
Let us remember Virgin Mary,
Mother of God and St. Joseph, the righteous
At this holy Altar.

A: As it was in the beginning
Now and ever shall be, Amen.
Apostles and friends of the
Only begotten Son of God
Pray for the peace in the world.

C: Let the people of God proclaim: Amen,
Amen.

Let us celebrate the memory of
Our father St. Thomas,
All the just who have triumphed and
The martyrs who have been crowned in glory.

A: The Mighty Lord is with us,
Our King is with us,
Our God is with us,
The Lord of Jacob is our help.

C: All the departed, both the great and small,
Have fallen asleep in You
In the hope that through
Your glorious Resurrection
You will raise them again in glory.

A: Open your hearts before Him.
By prayer, fasting, and penance,
Let us find favor with the Father,
The Son and the Holy Spirit.

Celebrant bows and prays in low voice.

C: Lord, our God, grant that we may
enter the Holy of Holies with clean
hearts and pure conscience.
May we stand before Your Altar
with devotion, diligence, and
purity. Make us worthy to offer
You sacrifices, both rational and
spiritual in true faith.

PROCLAMATION OF THE CREED

Creed is not said here on Holy Saturday

Congregation stands

Celebrant stands straight and prays loud with hands extended.


C: We believe in One God, the Father Almighty,

(Continues with the congregation)

Creator of all things visible and invisible, and in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only begotten Son of God, the first born before all creatures, born of the Father before all ages, and not made, true God from true God, consubstantial with His Father. Through Him the worlds were formed and all things were created. For the sake of us men and for our salvation, He came down from heaven, and became incarnate by the Holy Spirit and became man, and was conceived and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered and was crucified in the days of Pontius Pilate, died and was buried, and on the third day rose again as it is written. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of His Father. He will come again to judge the dead and the living. We believe in one Holy

Spirit, the spirit of truth, Who proceeds from the Father - and the Son - and the life giving Spirit. We believe in one, holy, catholic, and apostolic Church. We confess one Baptism for the remission of sins, the Resurrection of the body, and life everlasting. Amen.

Celebrant turns towards the server and blesses him praying.

C: May God, the Lord of all, strengthen you  to sing His praises.

Server prays facing the congregation.

S: Let us pray, peace be with us. Let us pray for the memory of our fathers, patriarchs, bishops and for all priests, deacons, young men and virgins, our parents, brothers and sisters, sons, and daughters. Let us remember all the rulers who love Christ and are faithful to Him and all who have departed from this world in true faith through the grace of Christ. May this sacrifice obtain for us help, salvation, and life everlasting in the Kingdom of heaven.

ENTRANCE TO THE HOLY OF HOLIES

Celebrant proceeds to the Altar making three deep bows, while praying in a low voice.

C: I give You thanks, O God, Lord of heaven and earth, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. Though I am a sinner, in Your mercy You have made me worthy to offer You the glorious, life-giving and divine mysteries of the Body and Blood of Your Anointed One. I celebrate these divine mysteries for the people, Your flock, for the remission of their debts, the forgiveness of their sins, the salvation of their souls, the reconciliation of the whole world, and for peace and tranquility of all the Churches.

Celebrant approaches the Altar. He bows and reverently kisses the Altar in the middle, on the right side and on the left side.

C: Bless, O Lord.

Turning to the congregation with hands extended.

Pray for me, brothers and sisters, that this Qurbana may be fulfilled through my hands.

A: May God the Lord of all, strengthen you to fulfill his will. May he accept this Qurbana, and be pleased with the sacrifice you offer for yourself, for us, and for the whole world. Amen.

ANAPHORA

of Saints Addai and Mari, the disciples of St. Thomas the Apostle, venerated as the Teachers of the East.

FIRST G'HANTHA PRAYER

Celebrant recites with closed palms and bowed head.

C: Lord our God, we thank You for the abundant graces You have showered on us. For, though we are sinful and weak, through Your infinite mercy, You have made us worthy to be ministers of the sacred mysteries of the Body and Blood of Your Anointed One. We implore You to strengthen us to celebrate with deep love and true faith, these gifts that You have given us.

Celebrant kisses the Altar.

C: We offer You praise and honor, worship and thanksgiving (Celebrant makes sign of the cross on himself) Now, ✝ always, and forever.

A: Amen.

THE EXCHANGE OF PEACE

Celebrant blesses the congregation facing the people.

C: Peace ✝ be with you.

A: With you and with your spirit.

Congregation receives the blessing by making the sign of the Cross.

One of the servers receives the sign of peace from the celebrant and offers peace to the other servers and the congregation.

Server announces facing the congregation.

S: My brothers and sisters, give peace to one another in the love of Christ.

Congregation exchange peace.

S: Let us thank the Lord and entreat Him with pure and contrite hearts. Let us stand with due reverence and be attentive to the awe-inspiring mysteries being celebrated here. The priest (**bishop**) is imploring that peace may flourish through his intercession. Bowing our heads, let us lift up our thoughts to heaven, and pray fervently and devotedly in your hearts. Peace be with us.

During the above prayers by the server celebrant recites in a low voice.

C: Lord! Mighty God! In Your mercy, help me in my weakness. By Your grace make me worthy to offer before You, this living and holy Sacrifice for the good of this congregation and for the praise of Your adorable Trinity, Lord of all, forever.

Celebrant removes the sosappa that is covering the holy mysteries and arranges it around them.

C: Lord, by Your Grace, You have made me worthy of Your Body and Blood. May I also find favour in Your presence on the day of judgment.

INCENSING

Servers bring the censer and incense.

C: May this incense, which we offer in honor of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, ✝ be blessed in the Name of Your glorious Trinity. May this find favor with You and obtain forgiveness of sins for Your flock.

Celebrant incenses the Altar.

HYMN OF GREETING (SALUTATION & DIALOGUE)

C: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God the Father, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with us all, ✝ now always, and forever.

A: Amen.

Celebrant prays with hands extended.

C: Let your minds be on high.

A: Towards you, God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, O glorious King.

C: The Qurbana is offered to God, the Lord of all.

A: It is right and just.

S: Peace be with us.

SECOND G'HANTHA PRAYER

Celebrant recites with closed palms and bowed head.

C: Lord of all, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, the adorable name of Your most Blessed Trinity is worthy of honor from every mouth, thanksgiving from every tongue, and praise from every creature. For, in Your great kindness You created the world and everything in it, and showed humanity Your immense mercy. Multitudes of heavenly hosts and thousands upon thousands of holy angels and hosts of spiritual ministers of fire and spirit bow down and adore You, O Most High. And they glorify Your Name and offer You worship together with the holy Cherubim and Seraphim.

Celebrant kisses the Altar. He prays with hands extended.

HYMN OF HOSANA (HOLY, HOLY, HOLY)

C: Praising You with a loud voice unceasingly, they proclaim in one voice:

A: Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, the Mighty God. Heaven and earth are filled with Your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna to the Son of David. Blessed is he who came and is to come in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

THIRD G'HANTHA PRAYER

Celebrant recites with closed palms and bowed head.

C: Lord our God, together with the heavenly hosts we give You thanks. We glorify and bless God the Word, hidden offspring from Your bosom. He is Your own likeness and splendor, and the image of Your own Being. Setting aside His equality with You, He emptied Himself, taking the form of a servant. Born of a woman He became a complete human being with a rational, intelligent, and immortal soul, and a mortal body. He subjected Himself to the law, in order to redeem those who were under the law. He left for us the memorial of our salvation, this redemptive mystery, which we now offer before You.

Server rings the bell.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

C: Lord our God, we commemorate the passion of Your beloved Son as He taught us. On

the night He was handed over, Jesus took bread (takes the paten with both hands) in His pure and holy hands, lifted up His eyes to heaven, (raises his eyes towards heaven) to You the adorable Father, blessed it, ††† broke it, and gave it to the disciples, saying:

“This is my Body which is broken for you for the forgiveness of sins. Take this all of you and eat of it.”

A: Amen.

C: Likewise, taking the cup, (he takes it with both hands) He gave thanks, blessed it, ††† and gave it to them saying:

“This is my Blood of the new covenant, which is shed for many for the forgiveness of sins. Take this all of you and drink from it.”

A: Amen.

C: **“Whenever you gather together in my name, do this in memory of me”.**

All bow in reverence.

Continues the third G’hantha.

C: Lord, as You have commanded us, we Your humble, weak, and distressed servants are gathered together in Your presence. You

have showered upon us such great blessings for which we can never thank You enough. To make us share in your divine life, You assumed our human nature, restored us from our fallen state, and brought us from death to life eternal.

Forgiving our debts You sanctified us sinners, enlightened our minds, defeated our enemies, and glorified our frail nature by Your immense grace.

C: We give You glory and honor, thanksgiving, and adoration for all Your favors and graces You have granted us. Now, ✝ always, and forever.

Celebrant signs the mysteries.

A: Amen.

S: Pray in your hearts. Peace be with us.

PRAYER OF INTERCESSION

Celebrant prays with hands extended.

C: For the Supreme Pontiff in Rome, Pope Mar——, the ruler and head of the universal Church, for the Major Archbishop, Mar ——, the father and head of our Church, for the Bishop Mar——, the father and head of our diocese, for all bishops, for the entire holy

Catholic Church, for priests, consecrated, religious, missionaries, lay leaders, rulers, and all those who are in authority, Lord, mighty God, receive this Qurbana.

A: Lord, graciously receive this Qurbana.

C: For the honor and glory of all the prophets, disciples, martyrs, confessors, and all the just and holy fathers who have found favor in Your presence, Lord, receive this Qurbana.

A: Lord, graciously receive this Qurbana.

C: For all those who suffer and are in distress, the poor and the oppressed, the sick and the afflicted, for all those who have departed from us in Your name, for this Your people who await Your mercy with great hope, and for me Your unworthy servant, Lord, receive this Qurbana.

A: Lord, graciously receive this Qurbana.

FOURTH G'HANTHA PRAYER

Celebrant recites with closed palms and bowed head.

C: Lord, our God, as You taught us, we offer You the Body and Blood of Your Anointed One

on this pure and holy Altar. May we invoke in this memorial celebration, the sacred memory of Mary, the Virgin Mother of God, and of the just and holy fathers who found favor in Your presence through Your infinite mercy. Grant us Your peace and tranquility all the days of our lives.

Let all the people on earth know that You alone are the true God, the Father, and that You sent Your beloved Son Jesus Christ. May all the people know that Christ, our Lord and God, in His life giving Gospel, came and taught us the way of purity and sanctity of the prophets and apostles, martyrs and confessors, doctors and bishops, priests and deacons, and all the children of the holy Catholic Church who have been signed with the living and life-giving seal of Baptism
✝ (Celebrant makes the sign of the Cross on the Altar)
Lord, we Your humble, weak, and distressed servants having received Your example from generation to generation, have come together in Your name, and stand in Your holy presence rejoicing and glorifying. We commemorate, and celebrate these great, awesome, holy, life-giving, and divine mystery of the passion, death, burial, and resurrection of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

EPICLESIS

S: Let us pray in silence and reverence. Peace be with us.

Server rings the bell.

Celebrant holds his hands over the sacred mysteries in the sign of the cross. All bow in reverence.

C: Lord our God, may Your Holy Spirit descend on this Qurbana.

C: May He dwell on this Qurbana of Your servants, and bless and sanctify it. May this Qurbana grant us remission of our debts, forgiveness of our sins, great hope in the resurrection of the dead, and new life in Your heavenly Kingdom with all those who have found favor in Your presence.

Congregation stands straight.

C: Lord, our God, we offer You unending praise for Your glorious and ineffable plan for our salvation. We offer You thanksgiving with joy and hope, in Your Church redeemed by the Precious Blood of Your Anointed One.

Celebrant kisses the Altar.

C: We offer glory and honor, thanksgiving and worship to Your living, holy, and life-giving Name. Now, ✝ always, and forever.

A: Amen.

RITE OF RECONCILIATION

Congregation kneels

Celebrant recites with bowed head.

C: O Christ, You are the peace of the heavenly court and the hope of the earthly beings. Bring peace and harmony to the world, especially to the holy Catholic Church. Preserve the Church and the nation in harmony. Banish wars from the face of the earth. Scatter the warmongers from our midst. Grant that we may lead a humble and God-fearing life in peace and tranquillity. Let there be glory, not for us Lord but for Your Holy Name.

PENITENTIAL PSALM

C: Have mercy on me, O God, in Your loving kindness.

A: In Your great compassion, wipe away my sins.

OR

C: I raised my eyes towards You who dwells in the heavens.

A: As the servants' eyes are trained to his master, and the maidens' eyes to her mistress.

INCENSING

Servers bring censer and incense to the celebrant. The celebrant blesses the incense, while saying the following prayer.

C: Lord of fragrance and spices, may this incense and our prayers be pleasing to You, just as the incense that Aaron, the High Priest, offered You in the tent of the Ark of the Covenant. The Father, ✝ the Son, and the Holy Spirit, Lord of all, forever.

Celebrant stretches his hands towards the server. While the server incenses towards the celebrant, he prays in low voice.

C: O Lord our God, wash me from my iniquities and fill me with the divine fragrance of Your love. O Good Shepherd, who searched and found us who were lost, (Crossing the hands across his chest) forgive me all my sins and offenses, known and unknown to me.

Raising his right hand over the server, the celebrant prays.

C: Lord our God, fill with fragrance this server who stands in front of Your glorious and sacred Altar.

Celebrant prays stretching his hand over the congregation.

C: Lord our God, fill with fragrance this assembly that is awaiting Your mercy with hope.

Celebrant prays stretching his hand over the Altar.

C: Lord our God, fill with fragrance the propitiatory Body and Blood of Christ and this Altar, Your throne and image of the holy sepulcher of Jesus Christ.

Celebrant prays raising his hands.

C: Bless us, O Lord. May Your mercy draw us near to these glorious, sacred, life-giving, and divine mysteries, though truly we are unworthy.

RITE OF ELEVATION AND BREAKING

Celebrant kisses the Altar with hands cross over his breast. He raises the Host and prays.

C: O Lord, Jesus Christ, may there be glory to Your name and worship to Your majesty forever. For this living and life-giving bread has come down from heaven and gives life to the whole world. Whoever eats this bread will not die, but will receive remission of sins, attain salvation, and live forever.

Server rings the bell.

Ch: *“I am the living bread
that comes from heaven.”*

A: Our Savior revealed to His disciples
I am the bread that came down from on high
He who comes to me and receives with love
Will live surely in me forever
And will inherit the Kingdom of heaven.

Ch: *“All the ministers who do His will.”*

A: The Cherubim, the Seraphim, and the
Archangels
Stand and observe with awe and reverence
The priest who breaks and divides the Body
Of Christ, for forgiveness of sins.

Ch: *“Open, O Lord, the gates of justice for us.”*

A: Compassionate Lord,
Who calls sinners to Your presence
And opens the doors for repentance
May we enter into Your presence
And sing Your praises day and night.

OR

A: "I am the living bread that has come down
from heaven. I am the bread that has come
down from on high. Whoever approaches
me and receives me with love, will live in

me for ever and will inherit the Kingdom of heaven." This is the mystery revealed to the disciples by our Savior. All the ministers who do His Will - the Cherubim, the Seraphim, and the Archangels - stand before the Altar with awe to observe the priest (the bishop) breaking the Body of Christ for the remission of sins. Open to us O Lord, the gates of justice. Merciful Lord, who calls sinners to You and opens the doors for the penitent, may we enter into Your presence and sing Your praises day and night.

Celebrant says the following prayers in a low voice during the time of the above hymn.

C: Lord, our God, we approach these sacred mysteries with true faith in Your Name. Through Your great favour and mercy we break and sign the Body and Blood of Your Son and Our Lord, Jesus Christ. In the name of the Father, ✠ and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, forever. Amen.

Celebrant divides the Host into two. As he signs the chalice with the broken Host in his right hand, he says:

C: The precious Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ is signed with His life-giving Body. In the name of the Father, ✠ and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Celebrant now signs the half of the Host on the paten with the half of the Host in his right hand. As he does that, he says:

C: The sacred Body of Our Lord Jesus Christ is signed with His propitiatory Blood. In the name of the Father, ✝ and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Holding both pieces of the divided Host together over the chalice, he says:

C: These glorious, life-giving, holy, and divine mysteries have been set apart, sanctified, perfected, commingled, and united with each other in the adorable and exalted name of the most glorious Trinity, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. Lord, our God, through these holy mysteires, may the holy Church here and everywhere and all of us obtain remission of debts, forgiveness of sins, hope for Resurrection, and new life in the Kingdom of heaven. Now, always, and forever.

Celebrant places the two halves on the paten one upon the other cross-wise so that the broken end of the particle below faces the chalice, and the particle above, the celebrant. Then he bows and with his right thumb makes the sign of the cross on his forehead. Then he unfolds the veil, which is wrapped around the sacred mysteries and says:

C: Praise to You, Our Lord, Jesus Christ. For although I am unworthy, in Your mercy You ordained me the minister and mediator of these glorious, life-giving, holy, and divine mysteries. By Your grace, make me worthy for the remission of debts and forgiveness of sins. Amen.

Celebrant bows, he crosses himself and says the following prayer in a loud voice.

C: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God the Father and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with us all, now ✝ always, and forever.

A: Amen.

KAROSUTHA OF RECONCILIATION

Server announces facing the congregation.

S: Let us approach the mysteries of the precious Body and Blood of our Savior with reverence and respect. With the hope arising from repentance, let us turn away from wrongdoing, repent of our sins, and forgive the trespasses of our brothers and sisters. Let us pray to God, the Lord of all, for mercy and forgiveness.

A: Lord, forgive the sins and offences of Your servants.

S: Let us cleanse our hearts, turning away from dissensions and conflicts.

A: Lord, forgive the sins and offences of Your servants.

S: Let us free our souls from enmity and hatred.

A: Lord, forgive the sins and offences of Your servants.

S: Let us receive the Holy Qurbana and be sanctified by the Holy Spirit.

A: Lord, forgive the sins and offences of Your servants.

S: Let us receive these sacred mysteries in peace and unity with one another.

A: Lord, forgive the sins and offences of Your servants.

S: O Lord, may these sacred mysteries be for the Resurrection of our bodies and the salvation of our souls.

A: May they be the source of life everlasting. Amen.

S: Let us pray, peace be with us.

Celebrant prays in low voice.

C: Lord our God, in Your mercy forgive the sins and offences of Your servants. Sanctify our lips to praise You, O Most High, together with all the saints in the Kingdom of heaven.

Congregation stands

RITE OF COMMUNION

Celebrant stands straight and prays loud with hands extended.

C: Lord, let peace flourish in our midst, and tranquility in our hearts. May our tongues proclaim Your truth, when our mouths are turned into new harps and we sing Your praises with lips on fire and may Your Cross be our protection. Make us worthy to pray with confidence we have received from You, the magnificent prayer You taught Your disciples, saying: “When you pray, pray thus.”

THE LORD’S PRAYER

C: Our Father (continues with congregation) 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. For Thine is the Kingdom, the power, and the glory, forever and ever, Amen.

C: Lord, God Almighty, fullness of all goodness, our merciful Father, we entreat You for Your mercy. Do not lead us to temptation. Deliver us from the evil one and his hosts. For Thine is the Kingdom, the might, the power, and the dominion in heaven and on earth. Now, ✝ always, and forever.

A: Amen.

Celebrant blesses facing the congregation.

C: Peace ✝ be with you.

Congregation receives the blessing by making the sign of the Cross.

A: With you and with your spirit.

While turning to the Altar the celebrant stretches his right hand to the gifts.

C: The Holy Qurbana is for the holy people.

A: God, the Father alone is Holy. God, the Son alone is Holy. God, the Spirit alone is Holy. Glory be to the Father, to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, forever. Amen.

HYMN OF EUCHARISTIC PRAISE


S: Let us praise the living God.

Congregation prays according to the holy day

Go to

Nativity	29
Ash Monday	54
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Easter	265

Celebrant prays facing the congregation.

C: May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ who gives us life, be made perfect in us  through His mercy. (Celebrant blesses the congregation.)

A: Always and forever, Amen.

COMMUNION INVITATION

Server prays according to the holy day

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RECEPTION OF HOLY COMMUNION

The following prayer is recited while distributing the Holy Communion.

C: May the Body and Blood of Christ be unto the forgiveness of sins and eternal life.

OR

C: May the spiritual banquet imparts eternal life.

Celebrant prays after the Holy Communion.

C: Christ, our Lord, hope of mankind, let the holy Body and the precious Blood that we have received, not result in our judgment and condemnation. Rather, may they obtain for us remission of our debts, forgiveness of our sins, and fulfillment in Your presence. Lord of all, forever.

A: Amen.

A: Lord our God, strengthen our hands, which have received the Holy Qurbana for the forgiveness of sins. O God, make them worthy to offer You good fruits every day. Make our lips, that sung Your praises in this holy place, worthy to praise You in heaven. Let the ears, that heard the sound of Your

praises, not hear the voice of condemnation. May the eyes, that beheld Your great mercy, also behold Your blessed second coming. Dispose the tongues that sung Your praises and glorified You as 'Holy', to speak the truth. May the feet that walked in the church, walk in the land of light. Give new life to our bodies, that received Your living Body. Enrich with every blessing our congregation, that worshiped You. May Your everlasting love remain with us forever. May we grow in that love and offer You our praises. Open Your door to our prayers. May this service find acceptance in Your presence. Amen.

RITE OF CONCLUSION

S: Let us glorify God through the grace of the Holy Spirit and give thanks to Him, the giver of all gifts, for counting us worthy to approach the holy Altar and to participate in these glorious, holy, life-giving, and divine mysteries.

A: Lord God, we praise You for this ineffable gift.

Celebrant comes to the Bema.

Congregation stands

S: Let us pray, Peace be with us.

THANKSGIVING PRAYERS

According to the holy day

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