



# EASTER LITURGY

According to the SyroMalabar Catholic Rite

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**C: Celebrant**

**S – Server**

**A - Assembly**

**Entrance hymn**

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 of offer this Qurbana

C: Glory to God in highest

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, 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  
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.

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.

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 brining 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: 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

Now the procession and 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?

Those who stand outside

It is the majestic and mighty Lord!

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

**Hymns**

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

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

**Frist Reading: Isaiah 60:01-07**

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**

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 his 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

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**

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 any one 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

Hymn of Halleluiah

**Gospel: Matthew 28: 01-06**

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.

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.

### Hymn for the 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: (antiphon) 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: (antiphon) Oh, the glorified race of Adam,  
Rejoice in in the resurrected Lord.

### Hymn of Praise

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 increase your peace in them.

S: Bless us, O Lord.

C: Lord, bless and sanctify in your peace your holy church and shower your peace to her. Bless and protect our Holy Father Pope Mar Francis, the head of the universal Church, our Major Archbishop Mar George Alenchery, the head and father of our Church, our Bishop Mar Jacob Angadiath, the head and father 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, similes, 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

KARUZUTHA

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.

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**

#### **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.

#### **Hymn of Eucharistic Praise**

All: 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.’

#### **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.

#### **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 of heaven for the glory of resurrection. The Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, the Lord of all, forever.

S: 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 (Concluding Blessing)**

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.

All: Amen