

## Doxology

All:

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise him, all creatures here below;  
Praise him above, ye heavenly host;  
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.  
Amen.

<sup>[sit]</sup>  
P: Please be seated.

[After the Doxology, the congregation sits for a few moments in prayer and meditation.]

## Dismissal

P: The service has ended. Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

All: Amen.

## THE FIRST ORDER OF WORSHIP

### Call to Worship

[When the people are gathered, the priest faces the altar; after making a bow, he signs himself with the sign of the Cross. Then, facing the congregation from the podium, he says:]

[stand]

† P: Let us stand to worship God.

[The priest signs himself with the sign of the Cross and says:]

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

**Congregation: ✠ As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.**

[Facing the congregation, with right hand extended, the priest makes the sign of the Cross three times, as indicated with the ✠, and says:]

P: ✠ May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, ✠ the love of God the Father and ✠ the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you.

C: And with your spirit.

### Psalms Reading

P: We are in the house of God. We are here to meet with Jesus, who promised to be among us when we gather like this in his name. Let us read the Psalm responsively.

[The priest leads the congregation in a responsive reading of the selected Psalm for the Sunday as listed in the lectionary.]



## Invocation

**P:** Let us, with reverence and holy fear, draw near to our God and ask him to bless and receive our worship.

**P:** Let us pray.

[Joins hands.]

**P:** Our Father, we have gathered together here in your presence:

*To give you thanks for you are good.*

*To say we love you.*

*To seek your face and to hear from you.*

*To express our love for one another.*

*To find forgiveness and cleansing from our sins and failures.*

*To worship you in spirit and in truth.*

*To intercede for those in need.*

*To obey your instructions.*

*To be edified and built up in love and grace.*

So, our Lord, we pray that you will meet with us. Let no one leave this worship service without meeting with you and being touched by the Holy Spirit on the inside. If there are those who are discouraged and sick, please touch them today and meet their need. Let them know you Lord Jesus as their all-sufficient Saviour. Teach us today from your living and all-powerful Word. Holy Spirit, show us things about our Lord Jesus through your Word. Change us to become like him who gave his life for us. Lead us now in this time of waiting on you and worship. In the name of Jesus Christ, who loved us with an everlasting love, we pray.

**C: Amen.**

or

O God, you make yourself known in the stillness—stillness that comes from waiting silently in your presence. We quiet our troubled hearts so that we may hear your still, small voice speaking to us. Please, dear Lord, make us know your presence in this sacred sanctuary. Purify our hearts as we lift our spirit, soul and body in worship. Let us be a people who know you and are true worshippers in spirit and in truth. Be present here, O Lord, that we may be changed and sent out by you. We want to be among your mighty minority whom you use to touch a needy and hurting world with your love. In the name of Jesus Christ, who loved us with an everlasting love, we pray.

**C: Amen.**

or

Our Father, your sons and daughters are gathered here in your sanctuary to worship you. Our object is to meet with you, to hear from you, to see you and to leave this sanctuary having been with you. Forgive us for the times we have sung with cold hearts, read your Word as if we were reading a newspaper, gave to you without joy, had a frown on our face rather than overflowing joy. Today, O Lord, we want to be different. We need you. We want you to touch our hearts and reveal more of Christ to us. No one can touch our hearts like you, Lord Jesus. No one can change us on the inside except you. So here we are in your house of worship to learn of you, to give you our hearts full of worship. Holy Spirit, lead us and may heaven come down in our midst and glory fill this house. In the name of Jesus Christ, who loved us with an everlasting love, we pray.

**C: Amen.**

[sit]

**A P:** Please be seated.



## Prayer of Confession

**P:** The Word of the Lord says: "If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness." Let us now examine ourselves in silence and humbly confess our sins to the Almighty God.

[After a time of silence, the priest says the following:]

**P:** Let us all join together in the following prayer:

**All:** Our merciful Father, like wandering sheep we have strayed away from you by following our own ways. We have made you sad by our evil desires. We are truly sorry for our sins and ask you to forgive us. Restore us according to your promise in your Word. Grant, O merciful Father, that hereafter we may live a godly and righteous life for your glory. In the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

## Assurance of Forgiveness

[With the right hand extended toward the people, the priest announces the assurance of forgiveness.]

**P:** Almighty God, who freely forgives all who repent and turn to him, now fulfil in every contrite heart the promise of redeeming grace—remitting all our sins and cleansing us from an evil conscience through the perfect sacrifice of Christ Jesus our Lord.

**C:** Amen.

[With right hand extended:]

**P:** The peace and grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

**C:** And with your spirit.

## Adoration

**P:** Let us join our voices in praise and worship to our God.

[The congregation praises and worships the Lord through songs and hymns for 30 minutes.]

[During the worship, the leader will direct the congregation to sit or stand, as appropriate.]

## Prayer

**P:** Let us pray.

[Joins hands.]

**P:** Dear Lord, with each day, help us to make our lives a hymn of constant praise to you. Teach us that the sweetest song is stirred when our hearts are open to your Word and our feet are quick to bring the Good News of your love to the rich and poor alike. In the precious name of Jesus, we pray.

**C:** Amen.

[sit]

**A P:** Please be seated.



## Liturgy of the Word

[Selected passages are read as per the lectionary.]

[sit]

### **Old Testament**

**Deacon:** Let us give attention to the reading of the Old Testament, taken from the book of [name of the book], chapter [chapter number], verses [verse] to [verse].

[After reading the passage, the deacon says the following:]

**D:** This is the Word of the Lord.

**All: Amen.**

### **Epistle**

**D:** Let us give attention to the reading of the Epistle written by Saint (name of the apostle, name of the Epistle, chapter [chapter number], verses [verse] to [verse]).

[After reading the passage, the deacon says the following:]

**D:** This is the Word of the Lord.

**All: Amen.**

### **Gospel**

[stand]

**P:** Let us stand for the reading of the Gospel of our Lord.

[With right hand extended:]

**P:** Peace be with you all.

**C: And with your spirit.**

**P:** With reverence, let us listen to the reading of the holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, written by Saint Matthew/Mark/Luke/John, chapter [chapter number], verses [verse] to [verse].

[After reading the passage, the priest says the following:]

**P:** This is the Gospel of our Lord.

**C: Amen.**

[With right hand extended toward the people, the priest says:]

**P:** Peace be with you all.

### **Profession of Faith**

**P:** Let us now confess the Creed of the church with reverence and faith.

**P:** I believe in one God, the Father Almighty,

**C:** Maker of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only begotten Son of God, begotten of the Father before all worlds;

God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God,

Begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made.



Who, for us men and for our salvation, came down from heaven,  
✠ and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary, and was  
made man;

And was crucified ✠ also for us under Pontius Pilate;

He suffered and was buried;

And the third day he rose again, ✠ according to the Scriptures;

And ascended into heaven, and sits on the right hand of the  
Father;

And he shall come again, with glory, to judge the quick and the  
dead;

Whose Kingdom shall have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Ghost, the Lord and Giver of Life;

Who proceeds from the Father and the Son;

Who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified;

Who spoke by the prophets.

And I believe one holy catholic and apostolic church.

I acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins;

And I look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the  
world to come.

Amen.

## Giving of Peace

**P:** Let us turn to the brothers or sisters next to you and greet one another with a hug/holy kiss.

[sit]  
**¶ P:** Please be seated.

## Intercession

**P/D:** Let us prepare our hearts for a time of intercessory prayer. May the Lord help us to pray with his burden and with faith.

[After sharing each prayer request, the congregation should pray two by two by holding hands, or all stand and pray out loud in unison, or making small groups of three or four and each one praying, etc.]

**P/D:** Let us pray for all the Bishops who lead and guide the holy church throughout the nations of the world, especially our spiritual father, the honourable Metropolitan, Dr. K.P. Yohannan, all our Bishops, our Vicar Generals, priests, deacons, missionaries and heads of different departments. Let us ask our Heavenly Father to give his grace to lead the church with wisdom and in the power of the Holy Spirit.

[Congregation prays.]

**P/D:** Lord, we thank you so much for hearing our prayer.

**All: Amen.**



**P/D:** Let us pray for our nation [name of country]: Pray for the honourable President [name of President], Prime Minister [name of Prime Minister], all cabinet ministers, the MPs, the Chief Ministers of different states for wisdom, protection and understanding to provide a just and fair governance to all citizens, to keep the nation united and to lead our country to growth, development and empowerment of the downtrodden masses.

[Congregation prays.]

**P/D:** Lord, we thank you so much for hearing our prayer.

**All: Amen.**

**P/D:** Let us also pray for those who are suffering, for the poor and hungry, for the destitute and oppressed, for the unemployed, for the sick and the dying and for all who help them. Let us pray that the Lord will provide for their needs and give them his peace and joy.

[Congregation prays.]

**P/D:** Dear Lord, we thank you for hearing our prayer.

**All: Amen.**

**P/D:** Now for the next few minutes, let us pray for one another. Share your burden with the brother or sister next to you, hold hands as a sign of unity and faith and then pray together.

[Congregation prays.]

**P/D:** Lord, we thank you for answering our prayer.

**All: Amen.**

[Here the priest will mention any special needs, such as healing for the sick, individual needs or events of the local church, the Diocese and the church and its wider fellowship. He also will share any current needs in the country or state.]

[The priest will pray for these needs in his own words and conclude the intercession with the following:]

**P/D:** Our Heavenly Father, thank you for hearing our prayers and answering them. In the loving name of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, we pray.

**All: Amen.**

### **The Lord's Prayer**

[stand]  
† **P:** Please stand for the Lord's prayer.

**P:** As our Lord and Saviour taught us, we humbly pray:

**P:** Our Father in heaven,

**C:** Hallowed be your name.

Your Kingdom come.

Your will be done

On earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread.

And forgive us our debts,

As we forgive our debtors.

And do not lead us into temptation,

But deliver us from the evil one.

For yours is the Kingdom and the power and the glory forever.  
**Amen.**



## Blessing

[With right hand extended:]

**P:** Peace be with you all.

**C:** *And with your spirit.*

[sit]

**A P:** Please be seated.

## Offertory

**P:** Let us prepare to give to the Lord with a joyful heart. God tells us: "Give, and it will be given to you: good measure, pressed down, shaken together, and running over will be put into your bosom. For with the same measure that you use, it will be measured back to you."

[The worship team leads in a song while the offering is taken by the ushers. After the offering is brought to the altar, the priest offers a prayer of blessing for the offering and for the people.]

## Prayer

**P:** Let us pray.

**P:** Our Father, thank you for your promise to bless us and make us a blessing to others. Since we are the children of Abraham by faith, we know you will bless us as you blessed him. Thank you for your Word that tells us of the faithfulness of Abraham and how you blessed him both spiritually and materially through his obedience. So we too now come and give our tithes and offerings in obedience to your holy Word. More than that, we offer ourselves to you, knowing our Lord Jesus gave his very life on the Cross to save us. We humbly ask you to receive our offering, bless it and use it for your glory and honour. In Jesus' name.

**C:** Amen.

## Announcements

[Orders from His Eminence the Metropolitan, the Episcopal Synod, Diocesan Bishop, communications from the Diocesan Office, important notices on prayer meetings and other activities of the local parish should be read out and announced during this time.]

## Ministry of the Word

[A 40-minute teaching with practical application is given from God's Word.]

## Closing Prayer

[stand]

**P:** Let us all stand for prayer and benediction.

[With right hand extended:]

**P:** The peace and the grace of our Lord, Jesus Christ, be with you all.

**C:** *And with your spirit.*

**P:** Let us pray.

**P:** Dear Father, it is true, in your presence there is fullness of joy. Some of us came to worship with heavy hearts, problems that looked like the Himalaya Mountains, pain that only we knew and questions without answers. And now, how precious it is, Lord, that you have touched our hearts. You have met our deepest needs. You replaced sadness with joy. You gave us answers where we had none. You lit the candles of our spirits and gave us life. It feels so good to be in your house of worship. It has been so good to sit in your presence. Your love and mercy have changed us.



Now, as we go out to the highways and byways, please help us to be Christlike in our attitude and actions. Thank you for your mercy. In the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord, we pray.

**C: Amen.**

## Benediction

[With right hand extended, the priest makes the sign of the Cross ✠ as he pronounces the final blessing using one of the following benedictions:]

**P:** May the peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God and of his Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. And may the Holy Spirit guide and keep you in all your ways and always. ✠

**C: Amen.**

or

**P:** May the Lord bless you and keep you. May the Lord make his face shine upon you and be gracious to you. May the Lord lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace. ✠

**C: Amen.**

or

**P:** And now the blessings, peace, joy and sweet communion of God Almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you now and always. ✠

**C: Amen.**

or

**P:** May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God the Father and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with us now and forevermore. ✠

**C: Amen.**

## Doxology

**All:**

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;**

**Praise him, all creatures here below;**

**Praise him above, ye heavenly host;**

**Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.**

**Amen.**

[sit]

**A P:** Please be seated.

[After the Doxology, the congregation sits for a few moments in prayer and meditation.]

## Dismissal

**P:** The service has ended. Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

**All: Amen.**



## THE SECOND ORDER OF WORSHIP

### Call to Worship

[When the people are gathered, the priest faces the altar; after making a bow, he signs himself with the sign of the Cross. Then, facing the congregation from the podium, he says:]

[stand]

**# P:** Let us stand to worship God.

[The priest signs himself with the sign of the Cross and says:]

**P:** ✠ Glory be to the Father, to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.

**Congregation:** ✠ *As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.*

[Facing the congregation, with right hand extended, the priest makes the sign of the Cross three times, as indicated with the ✠, and says:]

**P:** ✠ May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, ✠ the love of God the Father and ✠ the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you.

**C:** *And with your spirit.*

### Psalms Reading

**P:** We are among the people of God. God is here. Come, let us worship our God. Let us read the Psalm responsively.

[The priest leads the congregation in a responsive reading of the selected Psalm for the Sunday as listed in the lectionary.]



## Invocation

**P:** Let us with reverence and holy fear draw near to our God and ask him to bless and receive our worship.

**P:** Let us pray.

[Joins hands.]

**P:** "I will extol the LORD at all times; his praise will always be on my lips. My soul will boast in the LORD; let the afflicted hear and rejoice. Glorify the LORD with me; let us exalt his name together. I sought the LORD, and he answered me; he delivered me from all my fears. Those who look to him are radiant; their faces are never covered with shame."

Our loving and gracious Lord, we join with the psalmist and proclaim your greatness and mercy toward us. We are feeble and weak, yet in you we boast, for you have made us yours through the Cross of our Lord Jesus Christ. We have gathered here in your house to worship you. Forgive us for the times we worship you with our lips while our hearts are wrapped up in the cares of this life. Help us to be pleasing in your sight through the power of the Holy Spirit during our singing, prayers, praise and teaching of your Word. May our hearts and face be radiant as we are with you today. We resist and renounce all the works of the evil one that hinder us from experiencing your presence. Come, Holy Spirit, and lead us in this time of worship. We pray this in the most loving and gracious name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

**C: Amen.**

or

O God, you are gracious; you are so ready to receive us and so merciful toward us. We come to you during this worship time to offer our praise and thanksgiving to you. Purify our hearts and wash us with

your blood so that we can enter into your presence and nothing can hinder our fellowship with you. We desire that you renew our minds as we study your Word so that we might be transformed into your likeness. In your light, we can truly see and understand. Shed your light during this service so that we may see you in your holiness and in your beauty. We pray this in the most loving and gracious name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

**C: Amen.**

or

Dear loving Father, we love you with all our hearts. We came here today to worship and adore you, for you are worthy and truly holy. Thank you so much for your loving kindness toward us. We are so very grateful. Gracious Lord, please draw us close to you as we worship. Dear Father, please lead us during our worship, our times of singing, prayers and the study of your Word. Please make it alive in us and strengthen us to believe you with pure hearts and to truly love one another. We pray this in the most loving and gracious name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

**C: Amen.**

[sit]

**A P:** Please be seated.

## Prayer of Confession

**P:** Beloved brothers and sisters, the Word of God says, "If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness." Let us now examine ourselves in silence and humbly confess our sins to the Almighty God.



[After a time of silence, the priest says the following:]

**P:** Let us all join together in the following prayer:

**All:** Most holy and loving Father, we acknowledge and confess before you our sinful nature—prone to wander away from you and seek our own way. We have been slothful in doing good and hating what is wrong. You alone know how often we have sinned in wasting our gifts and in forgetting your love. Please have mercy upon us who are sorrowing for all the wrongs we have done. Teach us to hate what you hate. Cleanse us from secret faults and forgive us of our sins. For the sake of your dear Son, please help us to live in your light and walk in your ways through our Lord Jesus Christ, we pray. Amen.

### Assurance of Forgiveness

[With the right hand extended toward the people, the priest announces the assurance of forgiveness.]

**P:** Thus says the Lord: "I, even I, am he who blots out your transgressions, for my own sake, and remembers your sins no more." Jesus himself bore our sins in his body on the Cross, that we might be dead to sin and live to all that is good. May the God of mercy who forgives us of all our sins, strengthen you in all goodness and give you his peace.

**C:** Amen.

[With right hand extended:]

**P:** The peace and grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

**C:** And with your spirit.

### Adoration

**P:** Let us join our voices in praise and worship to our God.

[The congregation praises and worships the Lord through songs and hymns for 30 minutes.]

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### Prayer

**P:** Let us pray.

[Joins hands.]

**P:** Forgive us, Lord, for the lack of childlike faith and simplicity in our lives. May we be willing to lay aside all egotism and conceit that damages our walk with you. Help us to think your thoughts and hunger after pleasing you in our words and deeds. May this day of worship and leading from your Word make our hearts tender and soft. In your name.

**C:** Amen.

[sit]

**P:** Please be seated.

### Liturgy of the Word

[Selected passages are read as per the lectionary.]

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**Old Testament**

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**All: Amen.**

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**All: Amen.**

### Gospel

[stand]

**† P:** Let us stand for the reading of the Gospel of our Lord.

[With right hand extended:]

**P:** Peace be with you all.

**C: And with your spirit.**

**P:** With reverence, let us listen to the reading of the holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, written by Saint Matthew/Mark/Luke/John, chapter [chapter number], verses [verse] to [verse].

[After reading the passage, the priest says the following:]

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**C: Amen.**

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**P:** Let us now confess the Creed of the church with reverence and faith.

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And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only begotten Son of God, begotten of the Father before all worlds;

God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God,

Begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made.

Who, for us men and for our salvation, came down from heaven, ✠ and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary, and was made man;

And was crucified ✠ also for us under Pontius Pilate;

He suffered and was buried;

And the third day he rose again, ✠ according to the Scriptures;

And ascended into heaven, and sits on the right hand of the Father;

And he shall come again, with glory, to judge the quick and the dead;



**Whose Kingdom shall have no end.**

**And I believe in the Holy Ghost, the Lord and Giver of Life;**

**Who proceeds from the Father and the Son;**

**Who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified;**

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**And I believe one holy catholic and apostolic church.**

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**And I look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come.**

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### **Intercession**

**P:** Let us prepare ourselves for a time of intercessory prayer and ask for the Lord's grace to pray and intercede with faith and confidence, knowing that our Lord will answer our requests.

[After sharing each prayer request, the congregation should pray two by two by holding hands, or all stand and pray out loud in unison, or making small groups of three or four and each one praying, etc.]

**P/D:** Let us pray for all the Bishops who lead and guide the holy church throughout the nations of the world, especially our spiritual father, the honourable Metropolitan, Dr. K.P. Yohannan, all our Bishops, our Vicar Generals, priests, deacons, missionaries and heads of different departments. Let us ask our Heavenly Father to give his grace to lead the church with wisdom and in the power of the Holy Spirit.

[Congregation prays.]

**P/D:** Gracious Lord, we thank you so much for hearing our prayer.

**All: Amen.**

**P/D:** Let us pray for the church in our country and throughout the world. Let us also pray for the salvation of those whom we have been praying for. [Each church member should have a list of 10 people who don't know the Lord (family members, neighbours, co-workers, relatives, etc.) whom they are praying for every day.]

[Congregation prays.]

**P/D:** Gracious Lord, we thank you for hearing our prayer.

**All: Amen.**

**P/D:** Let us pray to God for him to give wisdom to the leaders of the nation, especially to our honourable President [name of President], the Prime Minister [name of Prime Minister], Governor [name of Governor], Chief Minister of state [name of Minister] and all in authority under them. Pray that the Lord will direct our nation and all nations of the world in the ways of justice and peace, that we may all honour one another and seek the common good of each other and God's glory.



[Congregation prays.]

**P/D:** Gracious Lord, we thank you for hearing our prayer.

**All: Amen.**

**P/D:** Let us pray for one another. We all are in need of prayer. There are needs, problems and pain that we have but can't tell others. The Lord knows them all. Lay a hand on the shoulder of one sitting next to you and pray as the Holy Spirit gives you the words to pray.

[Here the priest will also mention any special needs, such as healing for the sick, individual needs or events of the local church, the Diocese and the church in its wider fellowship. He also will share any current needs in the country or state.]

[After a few minutes of the congregation praying, the priest concludes with the following:]

**P/D:** Almighty God, our Heavenly Father, you have promised through your Son, Jesus Christ, to answer us when we pray in faith. And dear Lord, we believe you and give you our thanks.

**All: Amen.**

### **The Lord's Prayer**

[stand]

**¶ P:** Please stand for the Lord's prayer.

**P:** As our Lord and Saviour taught us, we humbly pray:

**P:** Our Father in heaven,

**C:** Hallowed be your name.

**Your Kingdom come.**

**Your will be done**

**On earth as it is in heaven.**

**Give us this day our daily bread.**

**And forgive us our debts,**

**As we forgive our debtors.**

**And do not lead us into temptation,**

**But deliver us from the evil one.**

**For yours is the Kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.**

### **Blessing**

[With right hand extended:]

**P:** Peace be with you.

**C:** And with your spirit.

[sit]

**¶ P:** Please be seated.

### **Offertory**

**P:** Knowing it is a privilege to give to the Lord, let us give back to him out of love and a grateful heart. Let us give to him even our very lives.

[The worship team leads in a song while the offering is taken by the ushers. After the offering is brought to the altar, the priest offers a prayer of blessing for the offering and for the people.]

### **Prayer**

**P:** Let us pray.



**P:** Almighty God, Creator of everything, the Giver of all good gifts, we praise you, and we thank you for your beautiful creation. Thank you for the gift of life you have given to us and the ability you have given us to experience it physically, socially and spiritually. It is truly amazing. Lord, all that we have, it belongs to you. As an expression of our love and gratitude to you, we bring this offering before you and ask that in your grace and in your mercy you bless this gift. May this offering be used for your glory and the extension of your Kingdom. In the mighty name of Jesus, our Lord, we pray.

**C: Amen.**

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## Closing Prayer

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**P:** Let us all stand for prayer and benediction.

[With right hand extended]

**P:** The peace and the grace of our Lord, Jesus Christ, be with you all.

**C: And with your spirit.**

**P:** Let us pray.

**P:** Dear Jesus, thank you for keeping your promise by being with us throughout this worship service. We felt your presence, we heard your voice, we experienced your love, we feel cleansed on the inside and we are made strong in your grace. Thank you for allowing us to come to worship you. Dear Lord, as we go out of this house of yours, please help us not to forget what we have seen, felt and heard. Now, Lord, we pray that you send us out in the power of the Holy Spirit that we may truly be your witnesses in this dark and dying world. Please give us your grace that we would be doers of your Word, not just hearers. Thank you for your grace. In the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord, we pray.

**C: Amen.**

## Benediction

[With right hand extended, the priest makes the sign of the Cross ✠ as he pronounces the final blessing using one of the following benedictions:]

**P:** May the peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God and of his Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. And may the Holy Spirit guide and keep you in all your ways and always. ✠

**C: Amen.**

or

**P:** May the Lord bless you and keep you. May the Lord make his face shine upon you and be gracious to you. May the Lord lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace. ✠

**C: Amen.**

or



**P:** And now the blessings, peace, joy and sweet communion of God Almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you now and always. ✠

**C: Amen.**

or

**P:** May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God the Father and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with all of us and increase our knowledge of him now and forevermore. ✠

**C: Amen.**

### Doxology

**All:**

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise him, all creatures here below;  
Praise him above, ye heavenly host;  
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.  
Amen.

[sit]

**P:** Please be seated.

[After the Doxology, the congregation sits for a few moments in prayer and meditation.]

### Dismissal

**P:** The service has ended. Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

**All: Amen.**

## THE THIRD ORDER OF WORSHIP

### Call to Worship

[When the people are gathered, the priest faces the altar; after making a bow, he signs himself with the sign of the Cross. Then, facing the congregation from the podium, he says:]

[stand]

**P:** Let us stand to worship God.

[The priest signs himself with the sign of the Cross and says:]

**P:** ✠ Glory be to the Father, to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.

**Congregation:** ✠ As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

[Facing the congregation, with right hand extended, the priest makes the sign of the Cross three times, as indicated with the ✠, and says:]

**P:** ✠ May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, ✠ the love of God the Father and ✠ the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you.

**C: And with your spirit.**

### Psalms Reading

**P:** "As the deer longs for streams of water, so I long for you, O God. I thirst for God, the living God." Life makes sense in worship. God is here in our midst. It is time to seek the Lord. Let us read the Psalm responsively.

[The priest leads the congregation in a responsive reading of the selected Psalm for the Sunday as listed in the lectionary.]



## Invocation

**P:** Let us with reverence draw near to our God and ask him to bless and receive our worship. May the worship we offer be pleasing and acceptable to him and be filled with his holy presence.

**P:** Let us pray.

[Joins hands.]

**P:** Our Father, you promised us that if we seek you with all our hearts, we will surely find you. We confess to you our lack of earnestness in seeking you. Help us now to be aware of your presence just as we are aware of the others around us. May we recognize your voice speaking to us through our singing, our praying and our listening to your Word. We long to find you in the privacy of our hearts during this time of worship. At times we feel forsaken and alone. Now as we wait upon you, may we know the presence of the Holy Spirit who brings comfort to our hearts. Thank you for your love. In the name of our Lord and Master, Jesus Christ, we pray.

**C:** Amen.

or

O loving Heavenly Father, you are so loving, merciful and forgiving toward your children. We are so very grateful for your loving kindness to us. Please show us any discord and impurity within us so that we may repent of it and worship you with a clean heart and in reverence. For you alone, O Lord, are worthy to be praised and adored. May we be aware of your presence and be filled with awe and wonder of your beauty. For you are truly good and awesome. May your love and your Spirit flow through us so that the world may see what you look like. In the name of our Lord and Master, Jesus Christ, we pray.

**C:** Amen.

or

Our Father in heaven, we have gathered here at your feet to worship you and to learn from your Word. We pray that the Holy Spirit will move among us and in our hearts so that we may worship you in spirit and in truth. Holy Father, we beseech you to convict us of the sins we have committed against you. May your grace lead us to repentance. Purify our hearts, O Lord, so that our worship may be pure and holy in your sight. If there are those here who don't know you as their Lord and Saviour, we pray that you will touch their hearts and save them. Thank you for hearing our prayer. In the name of our Lord and Master, Jesus Christ, we pray.

**C:** Amen.

[sit]

**A P:** Please be seated.

## Prayer of Confession

**P:** Now is the time to quiet our hearts and be silent before God. Let us join the psalmist and pray for our hearts, "Search me, O God, and know my heart; test me and know my anxious thoughts. Point out anything in me that offends you, and lead me along the path of everlasting life." Let us now examine ourselves in silence and humbly confess our sins to the Almighty God.

[After a time of silence, the priest says the following:]

**P:** Let us all join together in the following prayer:

**All:** Gracious God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who forgives all those who truly repent and turn to you, we humbly confess our sins and ask for your mercy. We have not loved you with a pure heart. Neither have we loved our neighbours as ourselves.



**We have not done justly, nor loved mercy, nor walked humbly with you, our Father.**

**Have mercy upon us, O Lord, according to your loving kindness, according to the multitudes of your tender mercies. Blot out our iniquities. Create in us a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within us. Cast us not away from your presence and take not your Holy Spirit from us. Restore unto us the joy of our salvation and uphold us with your Spirit. In the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, Amen.**

### **Assurance of Forgiveness**

[With the right hand extended toward the people, the priest announces the assurance of forgiveness.]

**P:** Listen to the promise of our Heavenly Father: "My child, because of my great love for you, you are not consumed. My compassions toward you will never fail. They are new every morning. Great is my faithfulness to you." Let us be assured that the Almighty God has granted us forgiveness for all of our sins and has gifted us with the companionship of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

[With right hand extended:]

**P:** The peace and grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

**C: And with your spirit.**

### **Adoration**

**P:** Let us join our voices in praise and worship to our God.

[The congregation praises and worships the Lord through songs and hymns for 30 minutes.]

[During the worship, the leader will direct the congregation to sit or stand, as appropriate.]

### **Prayer**

**P:** Let us pray.

[Joins hands.]

**P:** We confess, our Father, that often we worship you with our life, yet our hearts are cold and far away from you. Touch our hearts with the fire of the Holy Spirit and change us so that we grow into the image of Christ. May our times of prayer, fellowship and leading from your Word be pleasing in your sight and be the reason for our satisfaction. In your most holy name, we pray.

**C: Amen.**

[sit]

**P:** Please be seated.

### **Liturgy of the Word**

[Selected passages are read as per the lectionary.]

[sit]

### **Old Testament**

**Deacon:** Let us give attention to the reading of the Old Testament, taken from the book of [name of the book], chapter [chapter number], verses [verse] to [verse].

[After reading the passage, the deacon says the following:]

**D:** This is the Word of the Lord.



**All: Amen.**

### **Epistle**

**D:** Let us give attention to the reading of the Epistle written by Saint (name of the apostle, name of the Epistle, chapter [chapter number], verses [verse] to [verse]).

[After reading the passage, the deacon says the following:]

**D:** This is the Word of the Lord.

**All: Amen.**

### **Gospel**

[stand]  
**† P:** Let us stand for the reading of the Gospel of our Lord.

[With right hand extended:]

**P:** Peace be with you all.

**C: And with your spirit.**

**P:** With reverence, let us listen to the reading of the holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, written by Saint Matthew/Mark/Luke/John, chapter [chapter number], verses [verse] to [verse].

[After reading the passage, the priest says the following:]

**P:** This is the Gospel of our Lord.

**C: Amen.**

[With right hand extended toward the people, the priest says:]

**P:** Peace be with you all.

### **Profession of Faith**

**P:** Let us now confess the Creed of the church with reverence and faith.

**P:** I believe in one God, the Father Almighty,

**C:** Maker of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only begotten Son of God, begotten of the Father before all worlds;

God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God,

Begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made.

Who, for us men and for our salvation, came down from heaven, ✠ and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary, and was made man;

And was crucified ✠ also for us under Pontius Pilate;

He suffered and was buried;

And the third day he rose again, ✠ according to the Scriptures;

And ascended into heaven, and sits on the right hand of the Father;

And he shall come again, with glory, to judge the quick and the dead;

Whose Kingdom shall have no end.



**And I believe in the Holy Ghost, the Lord and Giver of Life;**

**Who proceeds from the Father and the Son;**

**Who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified;**

**Who spoke by the prophets.**

**And I believe one holy catholic and apostolic church.**

**I acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins;**

**And I look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come.**

**Amen.**

### **Giving of Peace**

**P:** Let us turn to the brothers or sisters next to you and greet one another with a hug/holy kiss.

[sit]

**P:** Please be seated.

### **Intercession**

**P:** Let us prepare ourselves for this time of intercession. May we be full of faith and confidence because our Lord has promised to us that if we ask anything in his name, he will answer for the glory of his Father.

[After sharing each prayer request, the congregation should pray two by two by holding hands, or all stand and pray out loud in unison, or making small groups of three or four and each one praying, etc.]

**P/D:** Let us pray for all the Bishops who lead and guide the holy church throughout the nations of the world, especially our spiritual father, the honourable Metropolitan, Dr. K.P. Yohannan, all our Bishops, our

Vicar Generals, priests, deacons, missionaries and heads of different departments. Let us ask our Heavenly Father to give his grace to lead the church with wisdom and in the power of the Holy Spirit.

[Congregation prays.]

**P/D:** Merciful Lord, we thank you so much for hearing our prayer.

**All: Amen.**

**P/D:** Let us pray for the unity of all Christians, fellowship among the churches and for their witness and service in the world. Let us ask for harmony among all our communities and for the peace and prosperity of our beloved nation [name of nation].

[Congregation prays.]

**P/D:** Lord, we thank you for hearing and answering our prayer.

**All: Amen.**

**P/D:** Let us join in prayer for the lepers, the widows and orphans, the Dalits, the suffering ones, the oppressed and their oppressors, the unemployed, the sick, the dying and those without hope. Let us pray that the Lord would be their courage and hope. Let us thank the Lord for all those who help them and pray that they will experience God's love and bountiful provisions in their lives and that they will be blessed. Let us commit all those who suffer in body, mind or spirit to God's unfailing love and pray for healing and encouragement in their time of need. Also pray that they will be led to experience the joy of salvation and his presence.

[Congregation prays.]

**P/D:** Gracious Lord, we thank you for answering our prayers.



**All: Amen.**

**P/D:** Let us join in prayer for all those to whom authority is entrusted in [name of nation] and in other countries, and especially for our honourable President, the Prime Minister, the Governors and Chief Ministers of the states and for all who have authority over other people. Let us ask for wisdom upon them to govern and that the loving Father may guide and protect them by his power to serve humanity according to his will.

[Congregation prays.]

**P/D:** Lord, we thank you for hearing our prayer.

**All: Amen.**

**P/D:** Let us now pray for the salvation of those whom we have been praying for. [Each church member should have a list of 10 people who don't know the Lord (family members, neighbours, co-workers, relatives, etc.) for whom they are praying for every day.] Let us pray that through the power of the Holy Spirit they will be drawn to believe in the Lord and become his disciples.

[Congregation prays.]

**P/D:** Jesus our Lord, we thank you for hearing our prayer.

**All: Amen.**

[Here the priest will mention any special needs, such as healing for the sick, individual needs or events of the local church, the Diocese and the church in its wider fellowship. He also will share any current needs in the country or state.]

[The priest will pray for these needs in his own words and conclude the intercession, saying the following:]

**P/D:** We pray these things in the name of our Lord and for his glory.

**All: Amen.**

### The Lord's Prayer

[stand]

**† P:** Please stand for the Lord's prayer.

**P:** As our Lord and Saviour taught us, we humbly pray:

**P:** Our Father in heaven,

**C:** Hallowed be your name.

**Your Kingdom come.**

**Your will be done**

**On earth as it is in heaven.**

**Give us this day our daily bread.**

**And forgive us our debts,**

**As we forgive our debtors.**

**And do not lead us into temptation,**

**But deliver us from the evil one.**

**For yours is the Kingdom and the power and the glory forever.  
Amen.**

### Blessing

[With right hand extended:]

**P:** Peace be with you.

**C:** And with your spirit.



[sit]

**P:** Please be seated.

## Offertory

**P:** Let us prepare to give to the Lord from what he has already given to us. The Word of God says, "Give, and it will be given to you: good measure, pressed down, shaken together, and running over will be put into your bosom. For with the same measure that you use, it will be measured back to you."

[The worship team leads in a song while the offering is taken by the ushers. After the offering is brought to the altar, the priest offers a prayer of blessing for the offering and for the people.]

## Prayer

**P:** Let us pray.

**P:** Dear Lord, forgive us for our attitude of greed and for not being faithful to you in giving joyfully to the cause of your Kingdom. We have not remembered your Word, which tells us that it is more blessed to give than to receive. We have lost so many blessings by holding on to what we have instead of giving it away. Often we are like the rich young ruler who lost the joy of knowing your blessings when he walked away from giving. So we ask you to please help us to trust you and obey you in our giving of ourselves and of our tithes and offerings. You are our Lord and Master. We love you and give our offering with joy. Bless us according to your promise. In Jesus' name, we humbly pray.

**C:** Amen.

or

Father in heaven, thank you for giving us this opportunity to express our love and gratitude to you through giving our tithes and offerings. Forgive us for the times we have been unfaithful and have not given what belonged to you. You promised you would bless the giver and you would never be a debtor to those who obey your Word. How foolish we are, O Lord, for forgetting this world is not our home, and we will not take anything with us when we die. Help us to invest our resources for eternal things that don't perish. Now as we give our tithes and offerings, please bless this offering and use it for your glory. In Jesus' name, we humbly pray.

**C:** Amen.

## Announcements

[Orders from His Eminence the Metropolitan, the Episcopal Synod, Diocesan Bishop, communications from the Diocesan Office, important notices on prayer meetings and other activities of the local parish should be read out and announced during this time.]

## Ministry of the Word

[A 40-minute teaching with practical application is given from God's Word.]

## Closing Prayer

[stand]

**P:** Let us all stand for prayer and benediction.

[With right hand extended:]

**P:** The peace and the grace of our Lord, Jesus Christ, be with you all.

**C:** And with your spirit.



**P:** Let us pray.

**P:** Dear Master, our Lord and Saviour, thank you for the promise you gave us in your Word, that surely goodness and mercy shall follow us all the days of our lives. We are truly grateful. Today, we have experienced your goodness and mercy through this worship service. Thank you for the privilege to worship you and open our heart to you and to your leading. Thank you for the opportunity to hear your Word and to pray for the things on our hearts. Thank you for imparting to us your burden for the lost and suffering and for the needy in our generation.

And O God, we pray that as we go out from this service, we'll remember that often we are to be the answers to the prayers we have offered. When we see the poor, the needy, the hungry and the destitute, help us to do all we can to share your love in action. We pray that we will remember that we are called to be in our world as you were when you lived on earth. Help our words, our attitudes, our actions and our responses to truly reflect the life of Jesus. In the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord, we pray.

**C:** Amen.

## Benediction

[With right hand extended, the priest makes the sign of the Cross ✠ as he pronounces the final blessing using one of the following benedictions:]

**P:** May the peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God and of his Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. And may the Holy Spirit guide and keep you in all your ways and always. ✠

**C:** Amen.

or

**P:** May the Lord bless you and keep you. May the Lord make his face shine upon you and be gracious to you. May the Lord lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace. ✠

**C:** Amen.

or

**P:** And now the blessings, peace, joy and sweet communion of God Almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you now and always. ✠

**C:** Amen.

or

**P:** May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God our Heavenly Father and the all-encompassing communion of the Holy Spirit be with all of us and protect and increase you in all his goodness and grace now and forevermore. ✠

**C:** Amen.

## Doxology

**All:**

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;

Praise him, all creatures here below;

Praise him above, ye heavenly host;

Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.

Amen.



[sit]

**P:** Please be seated.

[After the Doxology, the congregation sits for a few moments in prayer and meditation.]

## Dismissal

**P:** The service has ended. Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

**All:** Amen.

## THE FOURTH ORDER OF WORSHIP

### Call to Worship

[When the people are gathered, the priest faces the altar; after making a bow, he signs himself with the sign of the Cross. Then, facing the congregation from the podium, he says:]

[stand]

**P:** Let us stand to worship God.

[The priest signs himself with the sign of the Cross and says:]

**P:** ✠ Glory be to the Father, to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.

**Congregation:** ✠ *As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.*

[Facing the congregation, with right hand extended, the priest makes the sign of the Cross three times, as indicated with the ✠, and says:]

**P:** ✠ May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, ✠ the love of God the Father and ✠ the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you.

**C:** And with your spirit.

### Psalm Reading

**P:** My brothers and sisters, I am so glad you are here. You are among brothers and sisters who love you. It is our privilege to celebrate his majesty, God the Father, the Lord Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit. Let us read the Psalm as we worship the Lord.

[The priest leads the congregation in a responsive reading of the selected Psalm for the Sunday as listed in the lectionary.]



## Invocation

**P:** Let us with reverence draw near to our God and ask him to bless and receive our worship. May the worship we offer be pleasing and acceptable to him and be filled with his holy presence.

**P:** Let us pray.

[Joins hands.]

**P:** Dear Lord, we are so grateful that you have promised us that wherever your faithful gather, there your presence will be in the midst. Help us, Lord, to honour you and to please you in our praise and in our prayers, for you, O Lord, are worthy and you, O Lord, are holy. Please bind us together as one that we may glorify your name. With a grateful heart, we pray in the matchless name of Jesus, our Lord.

**C: Amen.**

or

Eternal God and loving Father, we are here in your presence, for we are a people in need. Our hearts thirst for love, and nothing can satisfy our longing, except you. How often we have wandered away from your Word and reaped pain and sorrow in our lives. Here we are today to seek your face, to worship you and to be taught by the Holy Spirit. Please help us to pause and be still, knowing that right now, in this very minute, you are here among us. Lord, help us to open our hearts to you and truly enter into your presence. Help us to feel the warmth of your love. If there are those here who don't know the Lord Jesus as their personal Saviour, we pray today that they will pray and receive Jesus into their hearts. Accept our worship and adoration, and please bless your people with your blessings. With a grateful heart, we pray in the matchless name of Jesus, our Lord.

**C: Amen.**

[sit]  
**A P:** Please be seated.

## Prayer of Confession

**P:** Beloved brothers and sisters, allow the Holy Spirit to reveal to you those sins and failures that have hurt the Lord. Let us confess our sins to our God, who is abundant in mercy to forgive all those who truly repent and trust in his promise. Let us now examine ourselves in silence and humbly confess our sins to the Almighty God.

[After a time of silence, the priest says the following:]

**P:** Let us all join together in the following prayer:

**All:** Eternal God, in whom we live and move and have our very being, we come before you knowing that you know us so well, and we can hide nothing from you. It is our sins that keep us from seeing your face and from hearing your tender voice. We have forgotten your mercy in the blindness of our hearts. Cleanse us, we ask, from all our sins. Deliver us from our proud thoughts and vain desires. We want to walk in lowliness and meekness so that we may experience the life of our Lord Jesus, who invited us to follow him. We confess before you our sins and confide in your grace for cleansing and wholeness in our inner life through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## Assurance of Forgiveness

[With the right hand extended toward the people, the priest announces the assurance of forgiveness.]



**P:** The very nature of our God is full of compassion and mercy. He is always ready to forgive and heal when we come to him, for he is our Father. He has forgiven us of all our sins, and he remembers them no more. As far as the east is from the west, so far has he removed our transgressions from us. Rejoice and praise him.

**C: Amen.**

[With right hand extended:]

**P:** The peace and grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

**C: And with your spirit.**

### Adoration

**P:** Let us join our voices in praise and worship to our God.

[The congregation praises and worships the Lord through songs and hymns for 30 minutes.]

[During the worship, the leader will direct the congregation to sit or stand, as appropriate.]

### Prayer

**P:** Let us pray.

[Joins hands.]

**P:** Eternal God, our Father in heaven, please draw our hearts, minds and wills so that we may be wholly yours, so completely dedicated to you. We pray you use us for your glory and the welfare of your people. In the name of Jesus.

**C: Amen.**

[sit]  
**A P:** Please be seated.

### Liturgy of the Word

[Selected passages are read as per the lectionary.]

[sit]  
**A Old Testament**

**Deacon:** Let us give attention to the reading of the Old Testament, taken from the book of [name of the book], chapter [chapter number], verses [verse] to [verse].

[After reading the passage, the deacon says the following:]

**D:** This is the Word of the Lord.

**All: Amen.**

### Epistle

**D:** Let us give attention to the reading of the Epistle written by Saint (name of the apostle, name of the Epistle, chapter [chapter number], verses [verse] to [verse]).

[After reading the passage, the deacon says the following:]

**D:** This is the Word of the Lord.

**All: Amen.**

### Gospel

[stand]



**† P:** Let us stand for the reading of the Gospel of our Lord.

[With right hand extended:]

**P:** Peace be with you all.

**C:** And with your spirit.

**P:** With reverence, let us listen to the reading of the holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, written by Saint Matthew/Mark/Luke/John, chapter [chapter number], verses [verse] to [verse].

[After reading the passage, the priest says the following:]

**P:** This is the Gospel of our Lord.

**C:** Amen.

[With right hand extended toward the people, the priest says:]

**P:** Peace be with you all.

**Profession of Faith**

**P:** Let us now confess the Creed of the church with reverence and faith.

**P:** I believe in one God, the Father Almighty,

**C:** Maker of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible.  
And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only begotten Son of God,  
begotten of the Father before all worlds;

God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God,

Begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by  
whom all things were made.

Who, for us men and for our salvation, came down from heaven,  
✠ and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary, and was  
made man;

And was crucified ✠ also for us under Pontius Pilate;

He suffered and was buried;

And the third day he rose again, ✠ according to the Scriptures;

And ascended into heaven, and sits on the right hand of the  
Father;

And he shall come again, with glory, to judge the quick and the  
dead;

Whose Kingdom shall have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Ghost, the Lord and Giver of Life;

Who proceeds from the Father and the Son;

Who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified;

Who spoke by the prophets.

And I believe one holy catholic and apostolic church.

I acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins;

And I look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the  
world to come.

Amen.

**Giving of Peace**

**P:** Let us turn to the brothers or sisters next to you and greet one



another with a hug/holy kiss.

[sit]

**A. P:** Please be seated.

### Intercession

**P:** Our dear Lord Jesus has taught us to pray for others by his example. Let us be thankful to him for giving us the privilege to share his concern for the people whom he loves so much. May the name of our Lord be glorified, and we be blessed through this time of prayer.

[After sharing each prayer request, the congregation should pray two by two by holding hands, or all stand and pray out loud in unison, or making small groups of three or four and each one praying, etc.]

**P/D:** Let us pray for all the Bishops who lead and guide the holy church throughout the nations of the world, especially our spiritual father, the honourable Metropolitan, Dr. K.P. Yohannan, all our Bishops, our Vicar Generals, priests, deacons, missionaries and heads of different departments. Let us ask our Heavenly Father to give his grace to lead the church with wisdom and in the power of the Holy Spirit.

[Congregation prays.]

**P/D:** Lord, we thank you so much for hearing our prayer.

**All: Amen.**

**P/D:** Let us pray for all to whom authority is entrusted in [name of country] and other countries, and especially for our honourable President, the Prime Minister, the Governors and Chief Ministers and for all who have rule over other people. Let us ask for wisdom in every decision they make. Let us pray also for harmony amongst

all communities and for the peace and prosperity of our beloved nation of [name of nation].

[Congregation prays.]

**P/D:** In Jesus, our Lord's name, we pray.

**All: Amen.**

**P/D:** Let us pray for financial resources for our church and the various ministries the Lord has given to us. Our Lord is the Sustainer, Provider, and Owner of everything. Let us ask the Lord to open the gates of heaven and continue to supply all our needs so that we can continue to serve him and the people in this world by demonstrating his love and extending his hands to those in need. Let us ask the Lord to bless all our church members and clergymen, that we may be a blessing to all who come in contact with us. Let us ask the Lord to heal all those who are sick among us.

[Congregation prays.]

**P/D:** Dear Lord Jesus, we thank you for hearing us.

**All: Amen.**

**P/D:** Let us now pray for the salvation of those whom we have been praying for. [Each church member should have a list of 10 people who don't know the Lord (family members, neighbours, co-workers, relatives, etc.) for whom they are praying for every day.] Let us pray that through the power of the Holy Spirit they all will draw near to our loving God and that they may truly believe in him and become his disciples.

[Congregation prays.]

**P/D:** Lord Jesus, we thank you for hearing our prayer.



**All: Amen.**

**P/D:** God's Word tells us, "Be still, and know that I am God." Let us quiet our minds. Arrest all wandering thoughts in Jesus' name. The Lord Jesus is here with you. He has his loving and gentle hand on your shoulder. See him with your inner eye. Hear his still, small voice. What is on your heart? What troubles you today? What are those worries, cares and burdens you are carrying? What is the prayer you want him to answer? What are the prayers you have been praying for others? Tell him all. He can hear your words of silence. He will heal. He will restore.

**P/D:** Now let us take a few minutes to be alone with the Lord—a time of silence. Let us talk to him.

[After a time of silence, the priest concludes in prayer. Then he says the following:]

**P/D:** May the grace and peace of God be with you, and may he grant your request according to his riches in glory.

**All: Amen.**

### **The Lord's Prayer**

[stand]

**† P:** Please stand for the Lord's prayer.

**P:** As our Lord and Saviour taught us, we humbly pray:

**P:** Our Father in heaven,

**C:** **Hallowed be your name.**

**Your Kingdom come.**

**Your will be done**

**On earth as it is in heaven.**

**Give us this day our daily bread.**

**And forgive us our debts,**

**As we forgive our debtors.**

**And do not lead us into temptation,**

**But deliver us from the evil one.**

**For yours is the Kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.**

### **Blessing**

[With right hand extended:]

**P:** Peace be with you all.

**C:** **And with your spirit.**

[sit]

**† P:** Please be seated.

### **Offertory**

**P:** Let us prepare to give to the Lord from what he has already given to us. Remember, the Almighty God has promised to bless us as we obey his Word by giving our tithes and offerings out of a joyful heart.

[The worship team leads in a song while the offering is taken by the ushers. After the offering is brought to the altar, the priest offers a prayer of blessing for the offering and for the people.]



## Prayer

**P:** Let us pray.

**P:** Our Father, how kind and gracious you have been to us. We join our voice with the psalmist, saying:

*Praise the LORD, O my soul;  
All my inmost being, praise his holy name.  
Praise the LORD, O my soul,  
And forget not all his benefits—  
Who forgives all your sins  
And heals all your diseases,  
Who redeems your life from the pit  
And crowns you with love and compassion,  
Who satisfies your desires with good things,  
So that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.*

Thank you for the health and strength you have granted us. Thank you for the forgiveness of sins and salvation that has been so freely given to us. Thank you for friends, family and peace of mind. Thank you for the gift of life. O Lord, thank you for seeking us, finding us, the lost sheep we were, and then making us your own. Now Lord, we give ourselves to you along with our offerings for the blessings we have received from your loving hands. Bless us as we give, in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord, we pray.

**C:** Amen.

## Announcements

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## Ministry of the Word

[A 40-minute teaching with practical application is given from God's Word.]

## Closing Prayer

[stand]

**P:** Let us all stand for prayer and benediction.

[With right hand extended]

**P:** The peace and the grace of our Lord, Jesus Christ, be with you all.

**C:** And with your spirit.

**P:** Let us pray.

[Joins hands.]

**P:** Our Father in heaven, thank you for your promise that you will never leave us nor forsake us. We take that promise to heart. We have no room for fear in our hearts because you are right here with us now.

Thank you so much for the privilege you gave us today to worship you. We're grateful for the times when the Holy Spirit convicted us of the things in our lives that made you sad. We heard your Word and are now cleansed, encouraged and strengthened. Thank you for the power of the blood of Christ that frees us from all those things that weigh us down.

We remain forever grateful that you have called us out of this world to be yours. Now, Lord, give us the needed grace that we may go out into this world as your witness. May we be your light in this dark world that others may also come to know you. Thank you for your grace and mercy. In the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord, we pray.



**C: Amen.**

## **Benediction**

[With right hand extended, the priest makes the sign of the Cross ✠ as he pronounces the final blessing using one of the following benedictions:]

**P:** May the peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God and of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. And may the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ abound and multiply in you and may the Holy Spirit guide and keep you continually in the newness of his life in all your ways now and always. ✠

**C: Amen.**

or

**P:** May the Lord bless you and keep you. May the Lord make his face shine upon you and be gracious to you. May the Lord lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace. ✠

**C: Amen.**

or

**P:** May God shine his face upon you and be amongst you. And now the blessings, peace, joy and communion of the Triune God Almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, be with you now and always. ✠

**C: Amen.**

or

**P:** May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God the Father and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with all of us and continue to multiply and abound in us now and forevermore. ✠

**C: Amen.**

## **Doxology**

**All:**

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;**

**Praise him, all creatures here below;**

**Praise him above, ye heavenly host;**

**Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.**

**Amen.**

[sit]

**℟ P:** Please be seated.

[After the Doxology, the congregation sits for a few moments in prayer and meditation.]

## **Dismissal**

**P:** The service has ended. Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

**All: Amen.**



## THE FIFTH ORDER OF WORSHIP

### Call to Worship

[When the people are gathered, the priest faces the altar; after making a bow, he signs himself with the sign of the Cross. Then, facing the congregation from the podium, he says:]

[stand]

**† P:** Let us stand to worship God.

[The priest signs himself with the sign of the Cross and says:]

**P:** ✠ Glory be to the Father, to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.

**Congregation:** ✠ *As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.*

[Facing the congregation, with right hand extended, the priest makes the sign of the Cross three times, as indicated with the ✠, and says:]

**P:** ✠ May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, ✠ the love of God the Father and ✠ the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you.

**C:** *And with your spirit.*

### Psalms Reading

**P:** "Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise; give thanks to him and praise his name." Beloved brothers and sisters, we are here to praise and worship our God. He dwells in the praises of his people. And we are his people. Let us now read the Psalm responsively.

[The priest leads the congregation in a responsive reading of the selected Psalm for the Sunday as listed in the lectionary.]



## Invocation

**P:** Let us with reverence draw near to our God and ask him to bless and receive our worship. May the worship we offer be pleasing and acceptable to him and be filled with his holy presence.

**P:** Let us pray.

[Joins hands.]

**P:** Almighty God, our Heavenly Father, thank you for loving us with everlasting love. We did not seek after you. You came after us. You found us in sin and on the way to eternal damnation. You rescued us by your mercy and grace. Thank you for sending your only begotten Son, the Lord Jesus Christ, to die on the Cross for us. He was buried, defeated death and the grave and rose again to live forever. According to your promise, dear Jesus, you are right now here with us. We are here to worship you in spirit and truth. Father, we pray that through our worship and the hearing of your Word, we may become more like your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, for your Word tells us that your goal is to transform us into the image of our Lord. May your name be glorified in us and through our worship. For your glory, O Lord, we pray.

**C: Amen.**

or

Dear Lord Jesus, you invite us to come to you anytime, especially in our time of need. And we are a people who stand in need of your grace and mercy. We have done things we should not have done and did not do what we should have done. In the inner chambers of our hearts, we feel sad for hurting you in word and in deed. Please forgive us and wash us clean. Thank you for your love and forgiveness. Now, as we wait in your presence, please accept our worship and praise that is due to your glorious name. Enable us by your

Spirit to worship you as we ought to. Instruct us in your Word, that we may walk in your ways. For your glory, O Lord, we pray.

**C: Amen.**

or

Almighty God, loving Heavenly Father, you know all hearts. You know everyone's desires. There is no secret hidden from you. Please cleanse our thoughts and our hearts through your Holy Spirit. We don't want anything to hinder our love for you and our worship. We want to magnify your holy name today. Be in our midst as we worship you, just as you promised us that you would. We ask that you fill our hearts and minds with your beauty and with the knowledge of your presence, O Lord. You are wonderful. You are holy, O Lord. For your glory, O Lord, we pray.

**C: Amen.**

or

O wonderful God and Saviour, we proclaim: We put our trust in you—in you alone. You are the One who sustains us, and we are so grateful for this time to spend with you, Heavenly Father. Almighty God, you are everything to us, and without you we are nothing. We come here to worship you with all our hearts and with all our strength. Draw us closer to you as we study your Word. Please give us your understanding and heal our hurting hearts with your Spirit. We truly want to be more like you. Please give us the grace and the strength to walk in your ways. Heavenly Father, you promised that you would be here in our midst when we are gathered in your name, so we trust that you are here among us and that you are changing us. For your glory, O Lord, we pray.

**C: Amen.**



[sit]

**A P:** Please be seated.

## Prayer of Confession

**P:** Beloved brothers and sisters, allow the Holy Spirit to reveal to you those sins and failures that hurt the Lord. Let us confess our sins to our God who is abundant in mercy to forgive all those who truly repent and trust in his promise. Let us now examine ourselves in silence and humbly confess our sins to the Almighty God.

[After a time of silence, the priest says the following:]

**P:** Let us all join together in the following prayer:

**All: Almighty God, our Heavenly Father, we have sinned against you and against one another in our thoughts, in our words, in our deeds, in the evil we have done, in the good we have not done, through ignorance, through weakness and through our own deliberate disobedience. We are truly sorry and repent of all our sins. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, who died for us, forgive us of all our sins and help us to serve you in the power of your Spirit for the glory of your name. Amen.**

## Assurance of Forgiveness

[With the right hand extended toward the people, the priest announces the assurance of forgiveness.]

**P:** Almighty God, who freely forgives all who repent and turn to him, now fulfil in every contrite heart the promise of redeeming grace—remitting all our sins and cleansing us from an evil conscience through the perfect sacrifice of Christ Jesus our Lord.

**C: Amen.**

[With right hand extended:]

**P:** The peace and grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

**C: And with your spirit.**

## Adoration

**P:** Let us join our voices in praise and worship to our God.

[The congregation praises and worships the Lord through songs and hymns for 30 minutes.]

[During the worship, the leader will direct the congregation to sit or stand, as appropriate.]

## Prayer

**P:** Let us pray.

[Joins hands.]

**P:** We praise you for all that you have done for us. Thank you for the splendour of the creation, the stars in the sky, the ocean so vast, for the wonder of life and for the mystery of love and faith. We thank you for our family, friends and for all the love and care we experience from so many that surround us on every side. Continue to give us grace to walk with the risen Christ and demonstrate his love to others. In the name of Jesus our Lord, we pray.

**C: Amen.**

[sit]

**A P:** Please be seated.



**Liturgy of the Word**

[Selected passages are read as per the lectionary.]

[sit]

**¶ Old Testament**

**Deacon:** Let us give attention to the reading of the Old Testament, taken from the book of [name of the book], chapter [chapter number], verses [verse] to [verse].

[After reading the passage, the deacon says the following:]

**D:** This is the Word of the Lord.

**All: Amen.**

**Epistle**

**D:** Let us give attention to the reading of the Epistle written by Saint (name of the apostle, name of the Epistle, chapter [chapter number], verses [verse] to [verse]).

[After reading the passage, the deacon says the following:]

**D:** This is the Word of the Lord.

**All: Amen.**

**Gospel**

[stand]

**¶ P:** Let us stand for the reading of the Gospel of our Lord.

[With right hand extended:]

**P:** Peace be with you all.

**C: And with your spirit.**

**P:** With reverence, let us listen to the reading of the holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, written by Saint Matthew/Mark/Luke/John, chapter [chapter number], verses [verse] to [verse].

[After reading the passage, the priest says:]

**P:** This is the Gospel of our Lord.

**C: Amen.**

[With right hand extended toward the people, the priest says:]

**P:** Peace be with you all.

**Profession of Faith**

**P:** Let us now confess the Creed of the church with reverence and faith.

**P:** I believe in one God, the Father Almighty,

**C:** Maker of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only begotten Son of God, begotten of the Father before all worlds;

God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God,

Begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made.



Who, for us men and for our salvation, came down from heaven,  
✠ and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary, and was  
made man;

And was crucified ✠ also for us under Pontius Pilate;

He suffered and was buried;

And the third day he rose again, ✠ according to the Scriptures;

And ascended into heaven, and sits on the right hand of the

Father;

And he shall come again, with glory, to judge the quick and the  
dead;

Whose Kingdom shall have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Ghost, the Lord and Giver of Life;

Who proceeds from the Father and the Son;

Who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified;

Who spoke by the prophets.

And I believe one holy catholic and apostolic church.

I acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins;

And I look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the  
world to come.

Amen.

## Giving of Peace

**P:** Let us turn to the brothers or sisters next to you and greet one  
another with a hug/holy kiss.

[sit]  
**P:** Please be seated.

## Intercession

**P:** Let us prepare our hearts for a time of intercessory prayer. May the  
Lord enable us to pray according to his will.

[After sharing each prayer request, the congregation should pray two by two by hold-  
ing hands, or all stand and pray out loud in unison, or making small groups of three or  
four and each one praying, etc.]

**P/D:** Let us pray for all the Bishops who lead and guide the holy church  
throughout the nations of the world, especially our spiritual father, the  
honourable Metropolitan, Dr. K.P. Yohannan, all our Bishops, our  
Vicar Generals, priests, deacons, missionaries and heads of different  
departments. Let us ask our Heavenly Father to give his grace to lead  
the church with wisdom and in the power of the Holy Spirit.

[Congregation prays.]

**P/D:** Lord, we thank you so much for hearing our prayer.

**All: Amen.**

**P/D:** Let us pray for God's holy church throughout the world and for  
all the Bishops who are called to lead and guide the people. Pray that  
love, unity and forgiveness be marked in the witness to the world that  
the world may know we are God's true disciples.

[Congregation prays.]

**P/D:** Lord, we thank you for hearing our prayers in your mercy.

**All: Amen.**



**P/D:** Let us remember all who exercise authority in our nation and society, especially the honourable President, the Prime Minister, the members of parliament, judges and all who hold offices in the country. Let us ask the Lord to help each one to trust him and to grant them the wisdom and strength to fulfil their responsibility with justice and peace for all peoples.

[Congregation prays.]

**P/D:** Lord, we thank you for hearing our prayer.

**All: Amen.**

**P/D:** Let us remember all our loved ones here present with us and those who have not been able to join us. Ask the Lord to be with them and watch over them. Let us pray for the healing of those who are sick and for the comfort of the sorrowing. Bring them back to us that they too may worship you with your people.

[Congregation prays.]

**P/D:** Lord, we thank you for hearing us in your mercy.

**All: Amen.**

**P/D:** Like Hebrews 13:7 says, remember those saints who have gone before us: holy prophets, the apostles, church fathers and martyrs. Let us ask the Lord for grace to follow their example and glorify God through our lives. Pray for one another. Share your burden with the brother or sister sitting next to you. Hold hands as a sign of unity and faith and pray together.

[Congregation prays.]

**P/D:** Jesus our Lord, we thank you for hearing our prayer.

**All: Amen.**

[Here the priest will mention any special needs, such as healing for the sick, individual needs or events of the local church, the Diocese and the church in its wider fellowship. He also will share any current needs in the country or state.]

[The priest will pray for these requests in his own words and conclude the intercession with the following:]

**P/D:** Our Heavenly Father, thank you for hearing our prayers and answering them in the name of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ.

**All: Amen.**

### **The Lord's Prayer**

[stand]

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**P:** As our Lord and Saviour taught us, we humbly pray:

**P:** Our Father in heaven,

**C: Hallowed be your name.**

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**On earth as it is in heaven.**

**Give us this day our daily bread.**

**And forgive us our debts,**

**As we forgive our debtors.**

**And do not lead us into temptation,**

**But deliver us from the evil one.**

**For yours is the Kingdom and the power and the glory forever.**  
**Amen.**



## Blessing

[With right hand extended:]

**P:** Peace be with you all.

**C:** *And with your spirit.*

[sit]

**A P:** Please be seated.

## Offertory

**P:** Let us prepare to give to the Lord from what he has already given to us. God loves a cheerful giver. Let us give back to him out of love and a grateful heart. Let us give to him even our very lives.

[The worship team leads in a song while the offering is taken by the ushers. After the offering is brought to the altar, the priest offers a prayer of blessing for the offering and for the people.]

## Prayer

**P:** Let us pray.

**P:** Our Father in heaven, thank you for being our loving Father who cares for us. Thank you for your promise to meet every need we have. Forgive us for the times we doubt your Word and worry about our material needs. Even in our struggles and suffering, you made us rich by the peace and hope we have in our Lord Jesus Christ. Obeying your Word to bring our tithes and offerings, we now give with joy, knowing you bless the joyful giver. Fulfill your promise to bless us as we obey your Word. Please accept our offering and use it for your glory. In the name of Jesus, our Lord, we pray.

**C: Amen.**

or

Dear Lord Jesus, you are the Lord of our lives. Blood was the price you paid to purchase us, and we are not our own. All that we are, all that we have are yours. Thank you for this awesome privilege to be your sons and daughters. We don't have to worry about our material needs, for you promised to provide for and protect us. We count it our privilege and joy to give our offerings as an expression of love to you. You mean more to us than all the material things that soon will perish forever. Please accept our tithes and offerings and bless your people according to your riches in glory through Jesus Christ our Lord. In the name of Jesus, our Lord, we pray.

**C: Amen.**

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## Closing Prayer

[Stand]

**P:** Let us all stand for prayer and benediction.

[With right hand extended:]

**P:** The peace and the grace of our Lord, Jesus Christ, be with you all.

**C: And with your spirit.**

**P:** Let us pray.

[Joins hands.]

**P:** Dear Jesus, thank you for keeping your promise by being with us throughout this worship service. We felt your presence, we heard your voice, we experienced your love, we feel cleansed on the inside and we are made strong in your grace. Thank you for allowing us to come to worship you. Dear Lord, as we go out of this house of yours, please help us not to forget what we have seen, felt and heard. May we represent you well during this whole week in our homes, neighbourhoods, workplaces and wherever you send us. In the precious name of Jesus Christ, our Lord, we pray.

**C: Amen.**

## Benediction

[With right hand extended, the priest makes the sign of the Cross ✠ as he pronounces the final blessing using one of the following benedictions:]

**P:** May the peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God and of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. And may the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ abound and multiply in you. And may the Holy Spirit guide and keep you continually in the newness of his life in all your ways now and always. ✠

**C: Amen.**

or

**P:** May the Lord bless you and keep you. May the Lord make his face shine upon you and be gracious to you. May the Lord lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace. ✠

**C: Amen.**

or

**P:** May God shine his face upon you and be amongst you. And now the blessings, peace, joy and communion of the Triune God Almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, be with you now and always. ✠

**C: Amen.**

or

**P:** May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God the Father and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with all of us and continue to multiply and abound in us now and forevermore. ✠

**C: Amen.**



## Doxology

**All:**

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise him, all creatures here below;  
Praise him above, ye heavenly host;  
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.  
Amen.

<sup>[sit]</sup>  
**A P:** Please be seated.

[After the Doxology, the congregation sits for a few moments in prayer and meditation.]

## Dismissal

**P:** The service has ended. Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

**All: Amen.**

## APPENDIX ONE

### THE TEN COMMANDMENTS

And God spoke all these words, saying: I am the LORD your God ...

1. You shall have no other gods before Me.
2. You shall not make for yourself a carved image—any likeness of anything that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth.
3. You shall not take the name of the LORD your God in vain.
4. Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy.
5. Honor your father and your mother.
6. You shall not murder.
7. You shall not commit adultery.
8. You shall not steal.
9. You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.
10. You shall not covet your neighbor's house; you shall not covet your neighbor's wife, nor his male servant, nor his female servant, nor his ox, nor his donkey, nor anything that is your neighbor's.

—Exodus 20:2–17, NKJV