

**HOLY THURSDAY
LITURGY**

General Instructions

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

C: Celebrant

S – Server

A - Assembly

ENTRANCE HYMN

Congregation stands

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

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

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

A: Amen

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

A: Amen

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

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

Our Father who art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. Lead us not into temptation. But deliver us from the evil.

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

S: Let us pray, Peace be with us.

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

A: Amen

PSALMODY
PS. 135

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

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

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

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

C: But overthrew Pharaoh and his host in the
Red Sea,
For his steadfast love endures for ever;

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

C: To him who smote great kings,
And slew famous kings,
For his steadfast love endures for ever;

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

C: And gave their land as a heritage,
A heritage to Israel his servant,
For his steadfast love endures for ever.

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

C: And rescued us from our foes,
For his steadfast love endures for ever;

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

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

A: From the eternity and forever. Amen

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

S: Let us pray. Peace be with us.

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

A: Amen

OPTIONAL - Hymns of praises are sung

Celebrant blesses the incense

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

S: Amen

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

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

A: Amen

HYMN OF RESURRECTION

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

S: Let us pray, Peace be with us.

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

A: Amen

EVENING PRAYER STARTS

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

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Congregation sits

PSALM 140/141

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

community prays in two groups

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

PSALM 141/142

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

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

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

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

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

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

PSALM 118/119

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

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

PSALM 116/117

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

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

A: Amen.

Another hymn may be sung instead of the following

1. *Hear, O Lord of Israel*

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

2. *Come, let us adore him*

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

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

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

S: Let us pray, Peace be with us.

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

A: Amen.

EVENING PRAYER ENDS

Congregation stands

TRISAGION

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

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

S: Let us pray, Peace be with us.

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

A: Amen

READINGS

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

FIRST READING EXODUS 12: 01-20

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

Congregation sits

S: A reading from the book of Exodus.

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

C: May God bless + you

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

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

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

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

A: Praise be to the Lord, our God

SECOND READING
MALACHI 1: 10-14

S: A reading from the book of Malachi.

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

C: May God bless + you.

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

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

A: Praise be to the Lord, our God

HYMN OF PRAISE

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

A: Amen

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

EPISTLE

1 CORINTHIANS 11: 23-29

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

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

C: May Christ bless + you.

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

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

A: Praise be to Christ, our Lord.

Congregation stands

HYMN OF HALLELUIAH

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

GOSPEL

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

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

C: Peace be with you.

A: With you and with your spirit.

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

A: Glory to you Christ, our Lord.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

A: Glory to You Christ, our Lord.

HOMILY

Congregation sits

WASHING OF THE FEET

Congregation stands

S: Let us pray, peace be with us.

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

A: Amen

HYMN

A Hymn may be sung

Congregation sits

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

KARUZUTHA

Congregation stands

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

A: Lord, have mercy on us.

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

A: Lord, have mercy on us.

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

A: Lord, have mercy on us

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

A: Lord, have mercy on us

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

A: Lord, have mercy on us

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

A: Lord, have mercy on us

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

A: Lord, have mercy on us

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

A: Lord, have mercy on us

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

A: Lord, have mercy on us.

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

A: Lord, have mercy on us.

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

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

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

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

A: Amen

The Qurbana continues with Prayers of Imposition of Hands

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HYMN OF MYSTERIES

Come, Let us bless the Lord

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

Let us hope in the Lord

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

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HYMN OF EUCHARISTIC PRAISE

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

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COMMUNION INVITATION

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

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THANKSGIVING PRAYERS

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

A: Amen. Bless us, Lord.

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

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

A: Amen

PRAYER OF SEALING

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

A: Amen

FAREWELL PRAYER

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

