

## EASTER SUNDAY



**Jesus Christ rises from the dead** some time during the Saturday night (Sunday in Jewish Calendar) (before dawn) and makes five appearances on the day of His rising:

(1) to Mary Magdalene; (2) to the other women; (3) the two going to Emmaus; (4) to Simon Peter; (5) the ten apostles.

Five appearances are given subsequently during the forty days.

| Event   | Activities  |
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| Visit of the women to the tomb of Jesus<br>Mk. 16:1; Matt. 28:1 | They watch the tomb late on Sabbath (our Sat. afternoon; purchase the spices after the Sabbath ends at 6 PM |

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| <p>Earthquake, rolling away of the stone Matt. 28:2-4</p>                                | <p>Great earthquake in Jerusalem, angel of the Lord rolled away the stone, Roman soldiers became as dead men</p>                  |
| <p>Visit of the women to the tomb<br/>Mk. 16:2-8; Matt. 28:5-8; Lk. 24:1-8; Jn. 20:1</p> | <p>Women visit the tomb of Jesus. Angels announce that Jesus has risen.</p>   |
| <p>Mary Magdalene and women report to the apostles<br/>Lk. 24:9-12; Jn. 20:2-10</p>      | <p>The women report the happenings at the tomb of Jesus to the apostles, John and Peter run to the tomb and make observations</p> |
| <p>Appearance of Jesus to Mary Magdalene<br/>Mk. 16:9-11; Jn. 20:11-18</p>               |   |
| <p>Appearance of Jesus to the other women<br/>Matt. 28:9-10</p>                          | <p>The women worship the resurrected Jesus.</p>   |
| <p>Guards report to Jewish authorities<br/>Matt. 28:11-15</p>                            | <p>Soldiers were paid to keep quiet and lie about Jesus' body.</p>  |

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| Appearance to two on road to Emmaus<br>Mk. 16:12, 13;<br>Lk. 24:13-32           | Jesus reveals Himself to two disciples walking along the road. They recognize Him as He breaks bread and blesses it. |
| Appearance to Simon Peter Lk. 24:33-35; I Cor. 15:5                             | Two disciples give their report and hear of Jesus appearance to Simon.   |
| Appearance to disciples without Thomas<br>Mk. 16:14; Lk. 24:36-43; Jn. 20:19-25 | Jesus appears to all of the disciples except Thomas in the upper room.   |
| Appearance to Thomas and the disciples<br>Jn. 20:26-31; I Cor. 15:5             | Jesus appears to Thomas who then worships Jesus.   |
| Appearance to the seven disciples at the Sea of Galilee<br>John 21              | Miraculous catch of fish   |

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| <p>Appearance to over 500 in Galilee<br/>Mk. 16:15-18;<br/>Matt. 28:16-20; I Cor. 15:6</p>   | <p>Over 500 see Jesus and worship Him. Jesus gives His commission to His followers.</p>                    |
| <p>Appearance to James, the brother of Jesus<br/>I Cor. 15:7</p>                             |  |
| <p>Appearance to disciples with another commission<br/>Lk. 24:44-49;<br/>Acts 1:3-8</p>      | <p>Jesus teaches them He is the fulfillment of O. T. prophecies and another commission.</p>                |
| <p>Last appearance and the Ascension<br/>Mk. 16:19-20;<br/>Lk. 24:50-53;<br/>Acts 1:9-12</p> | <p>Jesus blessed those who were gathered and was taken up and a cloud received Him out of their sight.</p> |
| <p>Appears to Paul<br/>Acts 9:3-6; 1 Corinthians 15:8.</p>                                   |  |

## Hymns

- 1. "Jesus Christ Is Risen Today"**
- 2. Christ Arose**
- 3. Christ is Risen**
- 4. Christ is Risen! Hallelujah!**
- 5. Christ the Lord is Risen Today**
- 6. Come Let Us With Our Lord Arise**
- 7. He Lives**
- 8. Jesus Lives And So Shall I**

***ORDER OF SERVICE FOR THE FEAST OF  
RESURRECTION***

**(EASTER WORSHIP)**

L: This is the night in which our Lord Jesus Christ passed over from death to life.

The Church invites her members, dispersed throughout the world, to gather in vigil and prayer.

For this is the Passover of the Lord, in which through word and sacrament we share in his victory over death.

As we await the risen Christ, let us hear the record of God's saving deeds in history, recalling how he saved his people in ages past and in the fullness of time sent his Son to be our Redeemer.

Let us pray that through this Easter celebration God may bring to perfection in each of us the saving work he has begun.

L: For this is the Passover feast,  
when Christ, the true Lamb of God, is slain  
whose blood consecrates the homes of all the faithful.  
**All Glory to you for ever.**

L : This is the night when you first saved our ancestors,  
freeing Israel from her slavery

and leading her safely through the sea.

**All Glory to you for ever.**

L: This is the night when Jesus Christ vanquished hell,  
broke the chains of death  
and rose triumphant from the grave.

**All Glory to you for ever.**

L: This is the night when all who believe in him are freed from sin,  
restored to grace and holiness, and share the victory of Christ.

**All Glory to you for ever.**

L: This is the night that gave us back what we had lost;  
beyond our deepest dreams

**All Glory to you for ever.**

### **The Kauma - Adoration.**

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

**P: As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, to the end of ages.  
Amen.**

L: Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God of power and might, heaven and earth are full  
of your Glory. Hosanna in the highest.

**P: Blessed is he that has come and is to come again in the name of the  
Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

L: Holy art Thou, O God.\*

**P: Holy art Thou, Almighty Lord.\***

L: Holy art Thou, Immortal Lord.\*

**P: O Lord, the Messiah, who was crucified † for us, have mercy on us.\***  
*(\*Repeat three times)*

L: O Lord, have mercy on us.

**P: O Lord, have mercy on us and bless us.**

L: O Lord, accept our prayers and worship, and have mercy on us.

**P: Glory be to you, O God.**

L: Glory be to you, O Creator.

**P: O Christ the King, who has compassion on your sinful servants, have mercy on us, glory be to You. Bless us, O Lord.**

### **Lords Prayer**

L: Our Father in heaven..

**P: Hallowed be Your Name, Your kingdom come, Your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are Yours, now and for ever. Amen**



## Prayer

L: O Omnipotent Lord, Our God, at Your will You accepted death and burial; through Your death You gave us life; and through Your resurrection You gave us hope for our resurrection. O Lord, while we are celebrating Your glorious resurrection, make us holy, and help us to be worthy to worship the Father, Son and Holy Spirit in the company of heavenly armies. Now and for evermore....

**P: Amen**

L: God has delivered us from the dominion of darkness  
and has given us a place with the saints in light.  
You have received the light of Christ;  
walk in this light all the days of your life.

**All Shine as a light in the world to the glory of God the Father.**

Grant, Lord,  
that we who are baptized into the death  
of your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ  
may continually put to death our evil desires  
and be buried with him;  
and that through the grave and gate of death  
we may pass to our joyful resurrection;  
through his merits,  
who died and was buried and rose again for us,  
your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

**All Amen.**

L: Almighty God,  
You have made us for yourself,  
and our hearts are restless till they find their rest in you:  
pour your love into our hearts and draw us to yourself,  
and so bring us at last to your heavenly city  
where we shall see You face to face;  
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord.

**All Amen.**

L: God, the giver of life,  
whose Holy Spirit wells up within your Church:  
by the Spirit's gifts equip us to live the gospel of Christ and make us eagerto do  
your will,  
that we may share with the whole creation the joys of eternal life;  
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,  
;who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever].

**All Amen.**

L: Lord of all life and power,  
who through the mighty resurrection of your Son  
overcame the old order of sin and death  
to make all things new in him:  
grant that we, being dead to sin  
and alive to you in Jesus Christ,  
may reign with him in glory;  
to whom with you and the Holy Spirit

be praise and honour, glory and might,  
now and in all eternity.

*All Amen*

### **Litany**

**L:** We should ask for blessings from the Messiah, who brought joy to heaven and earth, and exuberance to His holy church.

**P: Bless us, O Lord.**

**L:** We should ask for blessings from the Messiah, who shamed the Jews that crucified him, and brought happiness to His believers.

**P: Bless us, O Lord.**

**L:** We should ask for blessings from the Messiah, who brought joy for His disciples through his resurrection and brought peace on people at all levels.

**P: Bless us, O Lord.**

**L:** We should ask for blessings from the Messiah, who brought joy through His resurrection to the women, who went to perfume His holy body.

**P: Bless us, O Lord.**

**L:** We should ask for blessings from the Messiah, who informed the women that He is risen and commanded to spread the news to His disciples.

**P: Bless us, O Lord.**

**L:** We should ask for blessings from the blessed Lord, who gave us life through His resurrection and would take us to heaven.

**P: Bless us, O Lord.**

**L:** We should ask for blessings from the God the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, for bringing us joy through the celebration of His resurrection.

**P: Bless us, O Lord.**

### **Petition**

**L:** Behold, it is fitting and honorable to praise the Almighty, to sing praises to Him, seek His mercy at dawn and to present our faithfulness to Him by night. O Lord, hear our prayers in the mornings while we come prepared to Your presence. O Lord, show mercy upon us and forgive our sins. O Holy One, extend Your right hand upon us and in Your holy name, heal us from the sickness of sinfulness. We ask all these in Your precious name.

**P: Amen.**

**First Lesson :** Isaiah Ch. 60

**L:** O God, give us Your grace to come to Your throne dressed in the elegance of good deeds and adorned by honorable actions. O Lord, make us worthy to praise and adore You, Father and Holy Spirit, like the disciples who are celebrating with You. Now and evermore.

**P: Amen.**

### **Ekaba**

**L:** Let us praise the Triune God, the Father, Son, and the Holy Spirit.

**P: Amen.**

### **Praise for the Trinity**

**L:** Praise be to the Trinity, praise be to the Trinity;  
we praise the uncreated, self-existent, eternal, adorable, and triune God.

**P: Amen.**

**Psalm 2 and Psalm 16:8-11**  
**Responsive Reading**

L: Why do the nations conspire and the peoples plot in vain?

P: **The kings of the earth take their stand and the rulers gather together against the Lord and His Anointed One.**

L: Let us break their chains they say and throw off their fetters.

P: **The One enthroned in heaven laughs, the Lord scoffs at them.**

L: Then He rebukes them in His anger and terrifies them in His wrath.

P: **I have installed my king on Zion, my holy hill.**

L: I will proclaim the decree of the Lord. He said to me, "You are my Son, today I have become your Father."

P: **"Ask of me and I will make the nations your inheritance, the ends of the earth your possession."**

L: "You will rule them with an iron scepter; you will dash them to pieces like pottery."

P: **Therefore you kings, be wise. Be warned, you rulers of the earth.**

L: Serve the Lord with fear and rejoice with trembling.

P: **Kiss the Son, lest He be angry and be destroyed in your way, for His wrath can flare up in a moment. Blessed are all who take refuge in Him.**

L: I have set the Lord always before me because He is at my right hand, I will not be shaken.

P: **Therefore my heart is glad and my tongue rejoices; my body will also rest secure.**

L: Because You will not abandon me to the grave nor will You let Your Holy One see decay.

P: **You have made known to me the path of life; You will fill me with the**

**joy in Your presence with eternal pleasures at your right hand.**

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

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

### **Angels Praises**

**L:** Weak and sinful as we are, we bring praises to You like the angels above.

**P:** **May there be praises in heaven, peace on earth and unity among us. Almighty Father, heavenly king, and creator of all, we worship you and adore you, and bring You praises because You are worthy of all praises. O Messiah, the one among the trinity with the Father and the Holy Spirit, who came to take away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us. O Savior of the world, lend Your ear to our humble supplications. O the One who is seated at the right hand of the heavenly Father, You alone are the Holy one, we pray that You be merciful to us and bless us. We ascribe praise to You our Lord, the Messiah together with the Holy spirit, for You have glorified the Father. Amen**

**L:** O Lord, the Messiah, we pray that You shut not the door of Your blessings against us.

**P:** **O Lord, we confess that we are sinners; bless us.**

**L:** O Lord, Your love brought You down among us so that our death would be averted by Your death.

**P:** **O Lord, shower your blessings upon us. Amen.**

**Second Lesson :** 1 Corinthians 15:1-17

### **Prayer**

L: O Lord, we are in exuberant joy from Your resurrection. May Your peace, love, and care, dwell among us. Give us Your grace to adore Your crucifixion, and proclaim Your resurrection. O Lord and eternal God, help us to praise Your lordship and receive the joy in your kingdom.

**P: Amen.**

### **Enyana**

L: God, the Messiah, willingly accepted death, and through his death saved our ways from idol worship.

**P: May all the nations come, kneel down and adore Him.**

L: God, the Messiah, who delighted the human race through His resurrection and gave joy to the world by presenting Himself as the true light.

**P: May all the nations come, kneel down and adore Him.**

L: God, the Messiah, who caused the heavenly angels to be at His tomb and announced the good news of His resurrection to the women who sought Him at the tomb.

**P: May all the nations come, kneel down and adore Him.**

L: Let us wake up from our slumber and adore the Messiah who rose from the tomb and redeemed the world.

**P: May all the nations come, kneel down and adore Him.**

### **Promeon**

L: Let us pray to the Lord for His grace and mercy.

**P: Merciful Lord, bless us and have mercy on us.**

L: Help us O Lord, to eternally offer praise and thanksgiving. O Lord, You accepted death in flesh to give life to us who are destined for eternal death; You are the life giver even though You remained with the dead; O Lord, You plundered the strong fortress of death; You enslaved the powers that

enslaved mankind and freed the human race; O Lord, You rose from the dead as the first born who attained freedom from destruction; O Lord You saved mankind from eternal destruction, to You who is resurrection and life, belong honor, glory and worship at this time of service and all the days of our lives forever and ever...

**P: Amen.**

### **Sedra**

**L:** While You are ever-living, and giver of life, Your love brought You down to bear death on the cross, chose to be in the tomb to release us from the depths of dungeon. O Lord, our Messiah, You came down to a human death. You looked upon us in mercy and gave life to us who suffered death and destruction. On this day, while we commemorate your resurrection, we thank You and praise you for all the mercy that You offered to us. Lord you gave your life for us; remained among the dead for three days; You have destroyed the cruel death and freed the slaves of this world. O Lord, You rose up without seeing decay of this world and allowed us to rise with You. Your redemption brought peace to the separation that the devil brought forth between God the Father and the human race. O Lord, You reconciled the gap between the heavenly and the earthly; the blood and the water that drained from Your pierced side eternally diffused the great snake's venom. The life, from Your shed blood, promised eternal life and eternal kingdom to mankind. Your resurrection renewed and gave life to us, the children of Adam that You made in Your own image. Your victory brought joy to the heavenly and exuberance to the earthly. On the day of Your resurrection, the celestial came down to honor you, the angels came down to Your tomb, and the celestial reconciled with the people below in glory. The celestial joined mankind and sang in harmony. We join the godly singer, David, in singing aloud, "Behold, this is the day the Lord hath



made." Come, let us join together to participate in this joy. This is the great festival of joy. Today, the angels deliver the message of joy to mankind. Today the crucifiers are lamenting, but the disciples are rejoicing; the crucifiers are in sorrow but the holy church is joyfully celebrating. Today we have hope of eternal life. The one who was counted among the dead, awakened the dead on His command, and delighted His creation.

O Lord, on this day you rose up from the dead, we plead that you accept the prayers and petitions of your sinful and unworthy people, and grant us pardon for our mistakes and forgiveness for our sins. In the abundance of your blessing, we pray that you cure the sick, offer comfort for the lamenting, provide satisfying meals for the hungry, joy of salvation for everyone, peace and reconciliation for the furious and wrathful, offer relief for the frightened, maturity for the youth, comfort for the old, integrity for the married, will power for the celibates, generosity for the affluent, help for the orphans and widows, and a spirit of justice for the powerful. We pray for obedience of the soldiers, wisdom for the bishops, noble character for the clergy, purity of life for the deacons, forgiveness for the sinners, and reprieve for the wronged. We pray that You offer everlasting peace and harmony to all the children of the church. O Lord, make us worthy to join the company of angels, disciples, and women who glorified You at the tomb and help us to greet You in spotless garment on the great day of Your second coming. We offer praise and honor to You, Father and the Holy Spirit, now and for evermore...

**P: Amen.**

KUKAYA

Ella divasangalil valuthu njaayar dinam thanney  
Iha paramaakey srishtikalum modikkunnee dinam  
(Of all the days, Sunday is the greatest day, the day when all creation rejoice)

Daiva thronos ithil mahima pedunnu  
Rakshayin suvishamithil ariyikkunnu.  
(The thrones of heaven are glorified and the good news of salvation is being declared.)

Jeevikal maricchavark aaswaasam prathyaasayu mundaai  
Kabaryl ninniha kartthaavum uyirthezhunettee dinam  
Halleluia sabha modikkunnu - barkumaar  
(This day brings hope to all living and to the dead because Jesus, our Lord rose from his tomb alive. Praise the Lord. The Church rejoices. Bless us O Lord.)

Slaama slaama adutthavarkum doorasthanmaarkum  
Masihaa kabaryl ninnuyirthu chithariyorey cherthu  
(For those who are near and also to those who were far, the good news that Messiah did rise from the dead was told.)

Thommaa semeyon viswasicchavaruracchu  
Vyaakulam dukham avarey vittodi  
(Thomas and Simeon believed and their sadness disappeared.)

Kaiaaphaavo thala thaazhthi koottam murayidunnu  
Sabhayum mariyaam snehitharum sthothram paadeedunnu  
(Caiaphas and his gathering cried out loud. Church and all the friends of Mary sang praises.)

Halleluiah uyarpinnudayonnu

Naathaa anugrahiccheygalley thunakkanamey.

(Praise of Jesus, the Lord of Resurrection. Lord bless and help us.)

### **Ethra**

**L:** O Lord, who gave life to the dead and raised the dead through Your resurrection, who freed us from the power of death and comforted the saved, and defeated the devil through your resurrection, we come to Your throne and plead that you accept our prayers to remove our sinful desires and make “Your Holy and life giving spirit” spread into our body. We pray that You purify our inner thoughts that we may radiate goodness through our actions. O Lord our God, we offer praise and thanksgiving now and forever.

**P: Amen**

### **Mar Jacob's Prayer**

**L:** O Son of God, who by Your glorious resurrection has preserved Your church from straying, grant her Your peace and protect her by the beaming light of the cross.

**P: The Mighty one, who conquered death after His death on the cross, rose from the tomb on the third day. His burden was removed after He stayed in the tomb for three days. The one who suffered rose up without damnation.**

**L:** Glory to the Father who raised His Son with might, Glory to the Son who rose from the dead on His will; Glory to the Holy spirit, who honored Him with triumph from the dead; Praise be to the triune God almighty.

**P: O God of peace, who comforted those in heaven and on earth, comfort your church, and protect her children by the beaming light of the cross.**

**Gospel** Luke: 24:1-12

ANTHEM: "The Old Rugged Cross"

PROFESSION OF FAITH:

The Song of The First Born (Col. 1:15-20)

L Christ is the image of the invisible God,  
the first born over all Creation;

P For in him all things were made, in heaven and on earth, visible and  
invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities,

L All things were created through him and for him.

P Christ is before all things and in him all things hold together.  
He is the head of the body, the church.

L He is the beginning, the first born from among the dead,  
that in everything he might be pre-eminent.

P: In him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell,  
and through him to reconcile to himself all things,  
whether things on earth or things in heaven,  
making peace by the blood of his cross.

L: God of resurrection  
of life and death  
rebirth

**All: Renew our hearts and minds**

L: God of promise  
of all beginnings  
and all endings

**All: Renew our hearts and minds**

L: God of hope  
of new growth  
and harvest

**All: Renew our hearts and minds**

*Affirmation*

What a strange paradox; the King is coming, the people rejoice, singing ‘Hosanna in the highest!’ yet fail to understand that the King they welcome is the Servant King, the King who washes his disciples’ feet, the King who came not with an army but a weapon so powerful that not even death could resist, the sacrificial love of God laid out upon a Cross.

Lord God, as we sing our ‘Hosannas’ today may we remember also that which you were riding toward; the suffering and rejection, pain and humiliation, the cruel Cross. And let us look forward to the joy of Easter Day when you rose from death to reign forever.

Help us, as we daily lay our lives before you, to live the resurrection life that acknowledges Jesus as Lord and King over our lives.

**Prayer of St. Hippolytus (AD 190-236)**

Christ is Risen: The world below lies desolate

Christ is Risen: The spirits of evil are fallen

Christ is Risen: The angels of God are rejoicing

Christ is Risen: The tombs of the dead are empty

Christ is Risen indeed from the dead,

the first of the sleepers,  
Glory and power are his forever and ever

## **Nisibene Hymn 36:17,18, of St. Ephrem the Syrian**

O Jesus, King,  
receive my supplication,  
and consider my supplication,  
as a pledge to You.  
For you, O living King,  
have gone forth and gone up,  
out of Hell,  
as Conqueror.

Woe to those who have rejected you;  
For, to evil spirits and demons,  
You are sorrow,  
to Satan and to Death,  
You are pain,  
To Sin and Hell,  
You are mourning.

Yet, joy has come today,  
for those who are born anew.  
On this great day therefore,  
We give great glory to You,  
who died and is now alive,  
that to all you may give  
life and resurrection!

## **Saint Gregory the Great's Easter Prayer**

It is only right,  
with all the powers of our heart and mind,  
to praise You Father  
and Your Only-begotten Son,  
Our Lord Jesus Christ:  
Dear Father, by Your wondrous  
condescension of loving-kindness toward us,  
Your servants, You gave up Your Son.  
Dear Jesus You paid the debt of Adam  
for us to the Eternal Father by  
Your Blood poured forth in loving-kindness.  
You cleared away the darkness of sin  
By Your magnificent and radiant Resurrection,  
You broke the bonds of death  
and rose from the grave as a Conqueror.  
You reconciled heaven and earth.  
Our life had no hope of eternal happiness  
before You redeemed us.  
Your Resurrection has washed away our sins,  
restored our innocence and brought us joy.  
How inestimable is the tenderness  
of Your love!



## **EASTER PROCLAMATION: THE EXULTET**

**The "Exultet" is an ancient hymn of the church, an Easter proclamation which recounts the saving acts of God in the Old and New Testaments. Historically, the Exultet was sung only once each year at the beginning of the Paschal (Easter) Vigil Service. That service began on Saturday night in darkness and ended on Easter Sunday morning in the light. (Source *Reformed Worship*)**

Rejoice, heavenly choirs of angels.  
Rejoice, all creation around God's throne.

Jesus Christ, our King, is risen!  
Sound the trumpet of salvation.

Rejoice, O earth, in shining splendor,  
Radiant in the brightness of your King.

Christ has conquered! Glory fills you!  
Darkness vanishes for ever.

This is our Passover feast when Christ,  
the true Lamb, is slain,  
whose blood consecrates  
the homes of all believers.

This is the night when you, Lord our God,  
first saved our ancestors in the faith;  
you delivered the people of Israel

from their slavery  
and led them dry-shod through the sea.

This is the night when Christ broke  
the chains of death  
and rose triumphant from the grave.

This is the night truly blessed, when heaven is wedded to earth,  
and all creation is reconciled with God.

Therefore, Father, in the joy of this night,  
receive our sacrifice of praise and  
thanksgiving.

Let us sing with joy,  
joining the mighty chorus  
of all God's people!

Hymn: Alleluia! Alleluia!

1 Alleluia, alleluia!  
Hearts to heaven and voices raise.  
Sing to God a hymn of gladness,  
sing to God a hymn of praise.  
He who on the cross a victim  
for the world's salvation bled,  
Jesus Christ, the king of glory,  
now is risen from the dead.

2 Alleluia, Christ is risen!  
Death at last has met defeat.  
See the ancient powers of evil  
in confusion and retreat.

Once he died and once was buried;  
now he lives forevermore—  
Jesus Christ, the world's Redeemer,  
whom we worship and adore.

3 Christ is risen, Christ and first fruits  
of the holy harvest field,  
which will all its full abundance  
at his second coming yield.  
Then the golden ears of harvest  
will their heads before him wave,  
ripened by his glorious sunshine  
from the furrows of the grave.

4 Alleluia, alleluia!  
Glory be to God on high;  
alleluia! to the Savior,  
who has won the victory;  
alleluia! to the Spirit,  
fount of love and sanctity:  
alleluia, alleluia!  
to the triune Majesty.

How blessed is this day, when earth and heaven are joined and humankind is reconciled to God. May the light of Jesus shine continually to drive away all darkness. May Christ, the Morning Star who knows no setting, find his light ever burning in our hearts—he who gives his light to all creation, and who lives and reigns for ever and ever. Amen.

**(Book of Common Prayer -1979, the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States of America.)**

Blessed are you, Lord God of our salvation,  
to you be praise and glory for ever.

As once you ransomed your people from Egypt  
and led them to freedom in the promised land,  
so now you have delivered us from the dominion of darkness  
and brought us into the kingdom of your risen Son.

May we, the first fruits of your new creation,  
rejoice in this new day you have made,  
and praise you for your mighty acts.

Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

**Blessed be God for ever.**

**Common Worship**

O God, who for our redemption gave your only-begotten Son to the death of the cross, and by his glorious resurrection delivered us from the power of our enemy: Grant us so to die daily to sin, that we may evermore live with him in the joy of his resurrection; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Almighty God, who through your only-begotten Son Jesus Christ overcame death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life: Grant that we, who celebrate with joy the day of the Lord's resurrection, may be raised from the death of sin by your life-giving Spirit; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Alleluia. Christ is risen.

**All He is risen indeed. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

Praise the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

**All He has given us new life and hope  
by raising Jesus from the dead.**

God has claimed us as his own.

**All He has brought us out of darkness.**

**He has made us light to the world.**

Alleluia. Christ is risen.

**All He is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

Jesus Christ is risen from the dead.

**All Alleluia.**

He has defeated the powers of death.

**All Alleluia.**

Jesus turns our sorrow into dancing.

**All Alleluia.**

He has the words of eternal life.

**All Alleluia.**

I am the first and the last, says the Lord, and the living one;

I was dead, and behold I am alive for evermore.

**All Alleluia.**

**L: Jesus is coming soon**

**All: Alleluia, come Jesus come.**

### **Lord's Prayer**

L: Our Father in heaven..

**P: Hallowed be Thy Name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen**

### **Nicene Creed**

**L: Let us affirm our faith in the Nicene Creed:**

**We believe in the one true God, the Father Almighty.**

**P: Maker of heaven and earth**

**and of all things visible and invisible.**

**We believe in one Lord Jesus Christ,**

**the only begotten son of God, begotten of the father before all world, 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. He was crucified also for us in the days of Pontius Pilate, suffered and died and was buried. The third day he rose again, ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the father. He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead and of his Kingdom there will be no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit,**

**the Lord and giver of life,**

**who proceeds from the Father,**

**who with the Father and the Son together is**

**worshiped and glorified,**

**who spoke by the prophets and apostles.**

**We believe in one Holy, catholic and apostolic Church;**

**we acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins and  
look forward to  
the resurrection of the dead and  
the new life of the world to come. Amen.**

**Hoothama  
Closing Prayer**

**L:** O Lord, our God glory be to You, for ever glory be to You. O Lord Christ, in Your compassion and abundant grace, hear our prayers and accept our worship. O Lord God, help us to be eternally cleansed. O Lord may our service be honorable, our worship pleasing, and our petitions acceptable. O Lord, may Your blessings, mercies, help and all your divine gifts come on us and dwell among us forever.

**P: Amen**

**Benediction**

**L:** The peace of God, which passes all understanding keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of the triune God, the Father, Son and Holy Spirit, be with you, among you, protect you from all harm, and make you worthy of His gifts.

**P: Amen**

## APPENDIX

The Syrian origin is well reflected in several key liturgical terms that we have opted to retain for cherishing original liturgy. Some of the common words and its meaning are presented below for deeper understanding and appreciation of our origin.

|               |   |                    |
|---------------|---|--------------------|
| Abo           | = | Father             |
| Aboon         | = | Our father         |
| Adamo de seno | = | Until I come       |
| Ahai          | = | My brethren        |
| Aloho         | = | God                |
| Aman amen     | = | So be it , with us |
| Amen          | = | So be it           |

Basmo, Daaabo, Udabro Varooho, Kaadeesho  
= In the name of the Father, Son, and the

Holy Spirit

|                                   |   |                                  |
|-----------------------------------|---|----------------------------------|
| Baarekmaar                        | = | Bless O Lord                     |
| Bausa.                            | = | Supplication                     |
| Batthraihun mena oolam ol meename | = | Forever in the two worlds, Amen. |
| Barekmor                          | = | Bless me O Lord                  |
| Beskudissa                        | = | Place of Holiness                |
| Bovoosa                           | = | Songs of intercession            |
| Bro                               | = | Son                              |
| Burksa                            | = | That which is blessed            |



|                                 |   |  |
|---------------------------------|---|--|
| Caasa                           | = | Cup  |
| Damo                            | = | Blood  |
| Danaha                          | = | Rising ( the son of righteousness arose at the time of baptism at Jordan ) |
| Dukarono                        | = | Remembrance  |
| Ekbo/Ekaba                      | = | Foot or Stanza   |
| Enyana                          | = | Responsory   |
| Ethro                           | = | Prayer with incense  |
| Episcopos                       | = | Bishop   |
| Evengelion ( greek )            | = | Gospel   |
|                                 |   |  |
| Haleluyya                       | = | Praise the Lord  |
| Hoosoyo                         | = | A prayer of propitiation   |
| Hoothomo                        | = | Concluding prayer of the Holy Qurbana                                      |
| Hoso vabu Koola Suban la-olmeen | = | Now and always and for ever and ever                                       |
| Hoshovab Kools Banlolmin        | = | Now and for evermore   |
| Hoothama                        | = | Closing Seal   |
|                                 |   |  |
| Kadeesanmar                     | = | Saints   |
| Kadeesathaloho                  | = | Holy Art Thou O God  |
| Kadeeso                         | = | Saint  |
| Kahanenmar                      | = | Priests  |
| Kahnoosa                        | = | Priestly Job   |
| Kaseeso                         | = | Priest ( Elder)  |
| Kauma                           | = | A Prayer Said in Standing Posture, Usually an Introductory Prayer With the |

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Kolos = Hymns  
Kukilion = A verse of Psalms  
Kurriyelaayisso = Lord, have mercy  
Kymtha = Resurrection Koyen  
Omarrin = To shout in jubilation

Kurbana = Offering

Labook Kaadmooran = when church tells her Father  
Luthiniya = Petition responding with corresponding words

Madrsha = Hymn  
Manesso = Song of Praise  
Masumoor = Psalms  
Mavurba = Glorification ( Song of Mary )

Mena olam vada mela olam ol meenameen  
= As it was from the beginning and shall be forever and  
ever. Amen

Moran esraham Melayin = O lord have mercy Up on us  
Moran Husrahem Melayin = O Lord with kindness have mercy upon  
us

Morio = Lord  
Morio rahem Melyn Uaderen = Lord have Mercy upon us and help us  
Msheeho = He who is anointed

Peelaasa = Paten

Rooho = Spirit  
 Rusma = Sign ( Benediction )  
 Roohaad Kudsha = Holy Spirit  
 Promeon = Introduction to Sedra  
 Qurbana = Offering, Communion  
 Sedra = Order, Line, A long series of Prayers  
 Sleeba = Cross  
 Sthauman Kaalos = Let us stand in reverence  
 Subaho Labo Lebaro Vala Rooho Kadisso  
 = Glory be to the Father, to the Son and  
 the Holy Spirit  
 Subaho Lok Moran = Glory to u O Lord  
 Subaho Lok Sabran Lo-Olam = Praise to you Our helper forever