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### WHAT IS THE TRIDUUM?

The most solemn and joyful celebration of the Christian calendar is the period from Maundy Thursday through Holy Saturday. Worship services on these days or evenings are traditionally considered to be parts of a single extended liturgical event called the *Triduum* (Latin for "Three Days"). In the earliest days of the Christian church, the events we commemorate in the *Triduum* were celebrated in one day and night's continuous worship service called the *Pascha* (from the Greek transliteration of the Hebrew word for "Passover"). Saint Augustine called them as

“the most holy *Triduum* of the **crucified, buried, and risen Lord.**”

It includes Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and the Easter

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The first part of the *Triduum* begins on the evening of Maundy Thursday (also called Holy Thursday), during which Christians recall the events that took place the night Jesus was betrayed. The gospels of Matthew, Mark, and Luke concentrate on the institution of the Lord's Supper (Matthew 26:20-30; Mark 14:17-26; and Luke 22:14-35). The gospel of John focuses instead on the Lord's final teachings to His disciples, dramatically punctuated by His washing of their feet (John 13-17).

The Easter Triduum, is the culmination of the entire liturgical year, and probably is the most important time of the church calendar. Recalling the events of these days, our meditation is marked by sorrow and joy as we dwell on the mystery of our redemption and the gift of eternal life.

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### ORDER OF SERVICE FOR THURSDAY

L: Tonight we begin the Great Three Days of our Lord's passion, death and resurrection, the journey from the supper table to the cross, from the cross to Easter dawn.

We are followers in his way, exploring his truth, encountering his life.

This is the night when Christ gathered with his disciples in the upper room.

This is the night when Christ the Lamb of God gave himself into the hands of those who would betray him.

This is the night when Christ our Lord gave us this holy feast, that as we break the bread and drink the cup we may here proclaim his holy sacrifice, and come at the last to his table in heaven.

This is the night when Christ took a towel and washed the disciples' feet, showing us how to honor and serve one another in love.

This is the night for watching and prayer.

We give ourselves freely to the demands of these great days, confident that those who die in Christ will surely live with him.

#### Opening Worship

##### **Kauma**

*(All kaumas are to be repeated after the priest with prostration)*

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O Messiah, who saved us from our inequities through Your suffering, accept our worship and have mercy on us

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**All. Praise be to you, O Lord Jesus Christ. Glory be to your Father--and worship to the Holy Spirit. May your blessings and mercies --be with us sinners. May the doors of the heavenly Jerusalem be opened--and our prayers heard before your throne of grace. Praise be to you, O Lord Jesus Christ, --praise be to you, our eternal refuge. May your blessings be on us.**

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**(and hear our humble prayers before your throne of grace)**

**Sthu-thi-en---kar-tha-vee---sthu-thi-en-kar-tha-vee**

**(Glory to you of Lord, Glory to you)**

**Ni-thya---sa-ra-na-vu-me---sthu-thi-thee---ba-rek-mar**

**(Our eternal refuge, we glorify you, Bless us of Lord)**

### **Lord's 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 trespasses as we forgive those who trespass 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 forever.

Amen

L: O Lord, decorate our bodies with purity, souls with faith, and our minds with Your Word. Make us worthy to approach Your heavenly throne during this festival of Your Holy Passions with Holy thoughts, honorable actions, purity of mind, and for our redemption partake in the eternal and life-giving Holy Body and Blood in the all the days of our lives. Haso ...

P: **Amen**

### **Enyana**

L: O God, who according to His own will became a man and suffered for us....

P: **Have mercy upon us.**

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L: O God who fulfilled the divine mysteries, illustrations and parables in Yourself.....

P: **Have mercy upon us.**

L: O God, who was led to the earthly seat of justice as a criminal for our redemption ...

P: **Have mercy upon us.**

L: O God, who yielded to the fulfillment of the plans of kings and justices ...

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L: O God, who was handed over to the priests and crucified through a deceiving disciple....

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### Psalms

1. I look to the heaven call upon you , answer unto me, O Lord

2. **O Lord, I am crying unto you. I proclaimed that you are my hope and inheritance in the land of the living.**

3. Your Word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path. I have promised in Your name that I will obey your decrees.

4. **Lord, I have humbled myself. Make me come alive according to Your promises. Lord, please favor the words of my mouth and teach me your righteousness.**

5. All nations ! Praise the Lord for His grace has strengthened us. He is truly our Lord forever. **You are worthy of praise- Barekumor**

6. Glory be to the Father, Son and the Holy Spirit

7. **As it was in the beginning, so now, and for ever more. Amen.**

L: In this evening, all mysteries and parables of the prophets were fulfilled and the hidden mysteries were revealed.

P: Lord will raise a prophet like me among your brothers. The soul that does not listen to him will be destroyed from the people.

L: He is the prophet, priest, sacrifice, offering and offerer, recipient of the offering and the fulfillment of the divine mysteries.

P: This evening, our Lord ate the Passover meal at the great mansion. The disciples became joyful in the divine mysteries that were entrusted to them.

L: Our Lord took the bread, blessed, broke it, and proclaimed that it is His body. He took the wine, praised, sanctified it and proclaimed that it was His Blood.

P: The Master and the disciples ate it and proceeded to the Mount of Olives to receive His

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teachings.

### Promeon

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

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

L: Help us Lord, to continually offer praise and thanksgiving. O Lord, who became a sacrifice by his own will, a priest who offers the sacrifices, a Master who receives the sacrifice, who fulfilled the illustrations and parables, the great Messiah who sealed the eternal truths, we bring praise, honor and glory at this time of prayer and worship and in all days of our life. Haso.....

**P: Amen**

### Sedara

L: O Messiah, who in the light of righteousness that illuminate all humans, the one who enlightens all with the divine wisdom of light, and the one who became a body to enlighten Your creation! On this last Passover evening, everything foretold in the scriptures were fulfilled in You. On this evening, You, the Passover that delights everyone, ate Passover with Your disciples. On this evening that shares a boundary of both covenants, You removed the old and established the new. On this evening You washed the feet of the disciples and illustrated the examples of humility. On this evening, You divided and gave from Your mighty hands, the life-giving body and blood to the disciples, and established the new covenant. On this evening, You revealed the scheme of Judas, the deceiver, to the faithful disciples.

O Lord, the Messiah, we pray to You on this evening. Liberate us from the suffering, envy and anger. Enlighten our minds with the sprouting seed of Your divine teaching and remove our thoughts of envy and deceptive actions. Help us to experience divine communion among our fellow men. Make us worthy to be holy and partake in Your life-giving holy supper. Through this communion, may You dwell in us and us in You and may we remain illuminated with Godly radiance. We bring praise and glory to You, Father and Holy Spirit. Haso...

**P: Amen**

### Kukkaya

Moosayin naalil mesrayenil yisraeliar

Panthiru gothrangal pessahaa kunjaadinei bhakshicchu

(In the days of Moses, the twelve tribes of the israel ate the passover lamb)

Innu zehion maalikamuriyil

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Daivakunjaadin pesahaa baliyaam  
(Today in zion upper house, the lamb of God gave himself as **sacrifice**)

Puthu niyamatthin virunniney israaelin  
Gothrangalil ninnulla panthiru sleehanmaar  
Anubhavicchavar aanandicchallo  
(The twelve Apostles from the tribes of Israel ate with the lamb and rejoiced together)

Halleluiah u halleluah.

### Subhaha

Daiva sutha kunjaadey - kristhu naathaa!  
Thiru sabhayaam manavaattikku - chitha manavaalaa  
(O Jesus Christ, Son of God, Lamb of God. You are the suitable bride groom of the Holy Church)

Thava prithu mahatwa raajyamaayathil  
Ghoshicchidum nin kalyaanathintey  
Virunnin visuddha panthi kalil ellam njangal  
chernaanandicchiduvaan njangaley yogyaraakka  
(Make us worthy to celebrate among those who are called to be the guests in the celebration of the marriage of the lamb in your father's kingdom.)

Halleluiah u halleluiah  
Natha anugrahichengaley thunakkenamey  
(Lord, bless us and help us)

L: O Messiah, we call upon Your mercy. May Your mercy help us to celebrate this festival that marks the end of the old covenant and the beginning of the new covenant in holiness and may our souls be strengthened by Your Holy Body and Blood.

P: **Amen**

### Bathed Hasa

1. Njangalkaai etta nin kashtatha thaazhcha  
Karthavey vazhtha petta thaaka (Response)  
(Lord may all the pain and suffering which you took on our behalf be praised.)

2. Vanchaka drohiyaam yudaavintey  
Paadangal naathaa nee kazhuki,  
Snehatthodey thudachennalum  
Avanullilirunna drohamaam paapam

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Ottum kazhuka pettillallo

(Response)

(You did wash the feet of the traitor Judas and wiped it with love. Yet the sin in his innermost soul did not wash away.)

3. Aayathu poley jalasnaanaadi

Baahya karma aachaarathaal

Paapa karakal neengi chittham

Suddha makunnillennadiyaarey

Nee grahippicchu suddheekarikka. (Response)

(In the same manner, you have taught us that, water baptism and all other similar external rituals cannot wash away the stain of sin and make the mind holy, you alone can make us holy)

4. Daasanmaar mesa kkarikkey

Rajavaayon ninnavarey

Sushrooshicchathaam aa raathriyiley

Bhakshanamethra manoharam

Ennu njangal chinthichidunnu (Response)

(You who being a King stood at the tables like a servant and served that night. How great would have been that food?)

5. Thalippeen raktham hridayangalil

Labhikkum raksshaa bhaagyam nuenam

Puli maaviney akattin vegam

Irippeen panthiyil pesahaye naam

Bhujikkaam gamikkaam Canaan dese (Response)

(If you sprinkle the blood in your heart, you will surely be saved. Remove all the leaven from your fast and sit in the banquet and eat so that we may go to the land of Canaan.)

6. Daiva janamey priya sodararey

Namukkai thanney baliyaay nalki

Thantey maamsa rakthangalaaley

Nammey yoji ppiccha suthanum

thaathanum, roohayikkum sthothram paadaam. (Response)

(Dear brothers and all who are the people of God, Jesus died and gave himself as sacrifice for us. Let us partake of his body and blood and be reconciled. Let the name of the Father, Son and the Holy Spirit be praised.)

## Ba Ousa of Mar Aprem

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Anugrahicchavayin pankum nin

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Rajyohariyum nal kenamey (Response)  
(O Lord who suffered much pain for our sake, bless us and make us partakers of your kingdom.)

2. Than kara thalamathil van kaatale  
Vahicchirikkunna daivasuthan  
Sishyarin paadamgal kazhukeeduvaan  
Thottiyil vellamedutthathum  
Thejasankiyay oodutthiduvon  
Oorumaal arayil chuttiyathum  
Dahippikkum thee jwaalayaayon  
sishyarin mumpil kuniyunnathum  
Athuyunnatharaam ireynmaar  
Kandavar vismayicheedunnu (Response)

(One who holds the whole oceans, the son of God, took water in a bucket to wash the feet of the disciples. One who is covered with clothes of brightness covered himself with a servant cloth around his waist. The One who is the burning fire bowed himself before the disciples. The fiery angels looked at these and were astonished.)

3. Minnal -uduttha sraphenmaar  
Thanmukha sobhayilanthicchu  
Chirakaal mukhangal moodeedum  
Divya jyothirmayanaam than  
Yonaa suthanaam semeyontey  
Munpil thala kuniccheeduvathu  
Sraapha ganagal kandittu  
Aayavarettam bhramicchu (Response)

(The one in whose front the Seraphims who themselves are clothed in lightnings and who covers their faces with their wings because of your brightness, bowed down before Simon the son of John. The whole Seraphims were astonished.)

4. Njan ninney kazhukeedaaykil  
Ninakkennod ohariy yethum  
Illennaruleettaayavane kazhuki suddhi cheythavanaam  
Sakala visuddhiyin urave nee  
Enney kazhuki veluppicchu  
Ninnudey pandiyil adiyaanum  
Ohary thannaruleedanamey (Response)

(Having said to Simon that "If I don't wash you, you will not have any share with me", you washed Simon and cleansed him. O Lord who is the source of all holiness, wash me white as snow and make me sit among your guest and give your servants a share in your kingdom.)

5. Namaskaram kelkunnavaney

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Yaachanakal nalkunnavaney  
Njangalin prarthanakal kettu  
Yachanakal nalkeedanamey.

(Response)

(O You who hears our supplications,  
O You who answers our petitions,  
Hear our prayers and grant us our requests.

### Prayer

L: Our Lord Jesus Christ, shut not the door of your blessing against us.

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

L: O Lord, Your love has brought You down to us so that our death might be averted by Your death.

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Amen

**Lesson:** Gen. 22:1-14  
Heb. Ch 5 : 1-11

### **Suthara (Petition)**

L: O truth and the only perfect love, You came down from heaven because of Your love of people, You showed us the path for perfection and humility, Your strength created everything and Your words restored them, our Messiah who is the giver of life and holiness, one the day you celebrated the Passover at the mansion, You chose to rise up to demonstrate the message of humility, You dressed yourself with the towel on the waist as a servant, carried the basin of water and washed their feet. Teach us to serve each other like You in the unity of love and innocent humility. Cleanse us from the all impurities of our soul. Remove from us bitterness, anger, envy, irritable behavior, quarrel, division, loose talk, and inappropriate actions. May You satisfy us in the exuberance of celebrating Your festival, be delighted in the fruits of Your gospel, and to present praise and glory to You, Father and Holy Spirit. Haso...

P: **Amen**

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**P: Amen**

### Kukaya

Pesahaa naal sandhyayilesu sehion maalikayil  
Sishyaarodorumicchanthya pesahaa bhujicchidumpol  
Appamonnedutthu vaazhthittangudaney  
Draaksha rasavum sthothram cheythavarkaay  
Sooshmathaodanubhavicchiduvaan kodutthathin pinnaaley  
En maranam inganey ningal njaan varey ortheeduveen  
Halleluiah ennarulee naathan

(In the evening of the Pascal Day Jesus entered the upper room in Jerusalem along with his disciples to eat the Passover. During the supper he took bread and gave thanks and then took the Wine and gave thanks and gave it to his disciples saying, "Do this in remembrance of me until I come.")

### Subhaha

Esaw naathaa, lokatthin paapam chumannoney  
Oonamilla daiva kunjaadey sthuthi ninakkenneykum  
Ee rathriyil nee gatha samena thoppil  
Anavathi vyathakal sahicchum ninam viyarthum  
"Abba thaathaa ennil nin nakattanamee kaasaa"  
En paapangal nee chumannitee vannam karanjayyo  
Halleluiah ninnudey vyathinkal

(O Lord Jesus, the lamb of God without blemish, who takes away the sin of the world, to you be all praise. This night you went into the Garden of Gathsemene and suffered great agony in your spirit and blood came out as sweat and you cried out "Abba Father, if it is possible, take away this cup from me.". You cried out thus loud carrying all my great and innumerable sins on you with pain. So we praise you.)

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Pesahaa virunnu orukkee sishyar  
Velippaadaalum marmangalaalum  
Nibiyanmaar chonna sadrisyamellam  
Thannil thanney niravetteedunnu (Response)

(The Passover banquet was prepared for Mesiah, the King of Kings by the disciples. All the revelations and mysteries that are told through similies and parables through the prophets were fully fulfilled in Him.)

3. Athyunnathantey vatsala jaathan  
Mannidatthil daasanaayi  
Manmaraayor mumpil ninnu  
Bhakshana neram sishya paadam  
Daasaneypoley kazhukeedinaan (Response)

(The beloved Son of the Most High came to this earth as a servant and stood before the beings of the earth and at the time of the eating of the food, washed their feet.)

4. Sneham, vinayam sishyarkellam  
Maathruka aakkee kaanicchoduvil  
Puthiyoru niyamam elpiccha seham  
Ithupol ningal en maranatheyy  
Orttheeduveen-nnaruly cheythaan (Response)

(He gave them a new commandment of love and humility to his disciples and became an example for that and told them to remember his death in this manner)

5. Ningaliloruvan yudarkenney  
Elpicchidemenn aruleeya neraam  
Vala bhaaga sutharaam sishya ganangal  
Ee sandhya yinkal dukha kadailil  
Muzhukeettayyo vilapicheedunnu (Response)

(When He told them that "One of you will betray me to the Jews", the disciples who would be on his right side were very sad and cried.)

6. Ennudey dheham ningalkaai njaan  
Arpikkunnu baliyaay kroosil  
Paapa vimochanam athinen raktham  
Chintheedunnu sakalarkkumaayi  
Bhoojippaam kudippeen njaan varuvolam (Response)

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(And Jesus said, "I give my body for you as a sacrifice on the cross. My blood is sufficient for the redemption from sin of the whole humankind. Remember my death burial and resurrection and the second coming as you eat this bread and the wine.")

7. Paisaachikaney audicchenney  
viduvicchavanaam sneha kadaley  
Neyen pesahaa - njaan nin adima  
Jeevitha kaalam muzhuvan ninney  
Sevippaanaai kripa arulename (Response)

(O the ocean of love, who drove out the evil and redeemed me, you are my Passover and I am your slave. Give me grace to dedicate all my life to serve you.)

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(O Lord who suffered much pain for our sake, bless us and make us partakers of your kingdom.)

2. Manna pozhiyum paalayathil  
Mannaa Mannaa ennisrael  
Sakthanmaaruday poshaname  
Nullasathodu chollunnu  
Bhujikkunnavaruday vaayilathu  
Ruchikkunnu theyn kattayekaal  
Puthuthaayulloru balamavarkku  
Labhikkunnu vazhi yaathrakku  
Pirupirupillaathappozh avar  
Nadakkunnu maru bhoomiyathil  
Paara pilarnnu nadhikku samam  
Jalamavarudey pinmpozhukukayaal  
Paanam cheythavarathil ninnu  
adimayin viduthalenthaa tcharyam. (Response)

(Manna came down all over around the tents. All Israel called it manna, the food of the strong with all joy. In the mouth of the eaters, it tasted better than honey. It gave extra strength for their journey. Thus they travelled for a time without murmuring though the desert. The rock split and water flowed like a river and the rock followed them. They drank from it and was given freedom in a wondrous way.)

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3. Saatthaantadimayin nukamathiney  
Thakarhengaley veededutthoney  
Swargatthin ninnayaacha mahaa  
Jeevaahaaramaam mannaaye!  
Enthoru marmam ninnilengal  
Kaanunnu nin mesa thannil  
Nallavan nee thaannadiyaar  
Ruchicchariyunnen manuvela!  
Puthubalam ninnaal labhikkunnu  
Piru piruppellaam akalunnu (Response)

(Today you are the living manna that came down from heaven so that we may be redeemed from the bondage of Satan. Oh Redeemer, we see this same great mystery on the table and we have tasted and known that you are good. We regain new strength every day. All our murmuring has passed away. )

4. Kripayin nadiyil ninnadiyaar  
Kulikkunnu vediparnnidaan  
Poshippaan kudicchidunnu  
Viduthalin bhaagyam labhikkunnu  
Rakshayin modam thannengaley  
Ekshithiyil nadattheedanamey  
Ninakkum thaathanum roohaykum  
Sthuthi yundaakatte nneykum (Response)

(We drink of the river of your grace and get washed to be made holy. We drink from it to be growing in strength and enjoy the great blessing of being redeemed every day. Give us the joy of your salvation all the days of our lives. May God the Father, Son and the Holy Spirit be praised.)

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**(Glory to you of Lord, Glory to you)**

**Ni-thya---sa-ra-na-vu-me---sthu-thi-thee---ba-rek-mar**

**(Our eternal refuge, we glorify you, Bless us of Lord)**

### **Lord's 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 trespasses as we forgive those who trespass 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 forever.

Amen

**Gospel Mathew 26:14-46**

### **THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

L: Merciful God, on this, the night he was betrayed, your Son Jesus Christ washed his disciples' feet. As we commit ourselves to following his example of love and service, teach us

## THE TRIDUUM

humility.

*P: God of grace, hear our prayer.*

L: On this night, Jesus prayed for his disciples to be one. As we grieve for the divisions in the church, unite us.

*P: God of grace, hear our prayer.*

L : On this night, Jesus prayed for those who would come to believe through the disciples' message. As we take up the mission of the church, renew our zeal.

*P: God of grace, hear our prayer*

L: On this night, Jesus commanded his friends to love, but he suffered rejection himself. As we open our hearts to the rejected and the unloved, fill us with your love.

*P: God of grace, hear our prayer.*

L: On this night, Jesus reminded his people that, if the world hated them, it had hated him first. As we face our own fears, we pray for those who are persecuted for their faith; give us your peace.

*P: God of grace, hear our prayer.*

L: On this night, Jesus loved his friends to the very end,  
As we open our hearts to all who face darkness tonight,  
we pray for the sick, those who mourn, those trapped by violence, addiction, or pain: give healing and hope.

*P: God of grace, hear our prayer.*

L: Faithful God, these are the prayers of your Church. We offer them trusting and hoping in you. Hear and help us, challenge and change us, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

*P: 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,**

