

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.

For this is the Passover feast, when Christ, the true Lamb of God, is slain whose blood consecrates the homes of all the faithful.

A//: 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.**

A//: 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.

Lord's Prayer

**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.

And lead us not into temptation,

But deliver us from evil.

**For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
for ever and 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.

**L: Grant, Lord,
that we who are baptized into the death of your Son our Savior
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 eager to 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

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 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, together with 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 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 humankind
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 humankind. 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 humankind
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 humankind.

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 suvisheshamithil 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 - barekumaar**

**(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

L: O God, who is served by the angels
P: **You are Holy.**

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
of 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

**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!**

**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.

**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.**

**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.**

The 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 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.**

Closing Declaration of Faith

L: Alleluia. Christ is risen.

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

L: 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.

L: God has claimed us as his own.

A// : He has brought us out of darkness. He has made us light to the world.

L: Alleluia. Christ is risen.

A// : He is risen indeed. Alleluia.

L: He has defeated the powers of death.

All : **Alleluia.**

L: Jesus turns our sorrow into dancing.

All : **Alleluia.**

L: He has the words of eternal life.

All : **Alleluia.**

L: 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.**

All: Halleluiah

Come Jesus come

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