

# Believers Eastern Church Liturgy



“**Shout for joy** to the LORD, all the earth.

**Worship** the LORD with **gladness**;  
come before Him with **joyful songs**.

Know that the LORD is God.

It is he who made us, and we are his;  
we are his people, the sheep of his pasture.

Enter his gates with **thanksgiving**  
and his courts with **praise**;  
give thanks to him and praise his name.

For the LORD is good and his love endures forever;  
his faithfulness continues through all generations.”

—Psalm 100:1–5



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AND  
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## PREFACE

✠ *In the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. Amen.*

While we maintain doctrinal purity tenaciously as taught by the apostles and early fathers of faith, authentic Christianity is far more than adherence to a set of doctrines. The life of the church is characteristically expressed in her worship (St John 4:23).

We must not forget, the reason for our gathering is to offer our praise and adoration to God who is on the throne, along with the holy angels and the saints in heaven. We enter into the world of mystery when we truly understand the truth that even though the church we worship is on earth, at the same time we also are mystically entering into the heavenly dimension (Isaiah 6:1–4; Revelation 4 and 5).

Going to church is our journey to be in the presence of the Holy Trinity along with the people of God. Worship is the “work of the people” of God as one body offering our worship to God who is the audience in our worship.

This is the reason, from the early centuries liturgical worship became the way of worship in the Holy Church. Liturgy of worship was composed of four parts: (1) People of God in reverence and humility gather for worship and adoration. (2) Liturgy of the Word, including reciting the Creed of the church, Scripture reading and teaching. (3) The kiss of peace and the Eucharist. (4) The sending out of the people of God to be the living witness for the living Christ and His Holy Church.

While the New Testament has little to say about the details of the *how* of worship, we have been given all the necessary guidelines as it was handed down to us from the early church fathers. That is why Believers Eastern Church follows the Liturgy of St James (brother of Christ) who was the first bishop of the church in Jerusalem.

The order of early church worship came from the original Jewish Christians in the first century. For the early church, those who were allowed to participate in the Eucharist were people who embraced the orthodox faith, lived Christ-honouring lives and were members of the Holy Church through sacrament of Holy Baptism. Believers Eastern Church follows the same pattern of the ancient church, with relevance for the time we live in.

The Bible is an eastern book. The narration of worship in Scripture can be best understood from the eastern worldview which has lots of images, pictures and visuals that our five senses can feel or touch. The western mindset is more abstract, logic and reason-based. In the biblical pattern of worship, which is eastern in its approach, it retains the mystery and awe in the worship of this almighty God, who sits on the throne. (Read Revelation chapter 4 and 5 to get a picture of it.)

Our knowledge of worship should lead us to become “partakers of His divine nature” (2 Peter 1:3–4). In other words, worship must become means for transformation of our inner life, that we may become more like our Lord (2 Corinthians 3:18, Romans 12:1–2; 8:29).

May the Holy Trinity be pleased to bless us with much grace and mercy that we may truly enter into the joy of worshipping in spirit and truth.

This Liturgy is published with the approval of The Synod of our church. Our prayer is that the Lord will use this publication for His glory and the building up of our members throughout the world. Amen.

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## ORDER OF PREPARATORY SERVICE

### [Part One]



[Stand]

[The madhbaha is veiled]

[The first part is the preparatory prayer by the choir, the priest and those who assist in the madhbaha are together. The priest leads the prayer while others participate in meditation and singleness of mind and heart, beseeching the mercy of the Lord]

### Gloria

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

**Congregation:** ✠ As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end—a-m-e-n.

**P:** Holy, Holy, Holy, the Lord Almighty! Heaven and earth are filled with Your glory, Hosanna in the highest!

**C:** Blessed is He who has come and is to come in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest!

[Repeat three times]

**P:** Holy are You, O God.

**C:** Holy are You, Almighty.

**P:** Holy are You, Immortal.

**C:** Crucified ✠ for us, Lord Messiah, have mercy on us.

**P:** Lord, have mercy on us.

**C:** Lord, be gracious to us. Lord, have mercy on us and accept our adoration and service.

**C: Praise to You, O Lord.**

**P:** Praise to You, O Creator.

**All: Praise to You Lord our Messiah for being merciful to us sinners. Bless O Lord.**

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

**P:** And now, as our Lord and Saviour taught us, let us humbly pray:

**P:** Our Father in Heaven

**All: Hallowed be Your name,  
Your kingdom come,  
Your will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.**

**Give us this day our daily bread,  
and forgive us our debts,  
as we forgive our debtors.**

**And do not lead us into temptation,  
but deliver us from the Evil One.**

**For Yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory  
forever. Amen.**

### **The Psalm of Repentance**

*[Recited by the priest and the assisting team, responsively]*

**P:** Have mercy upon me, O God, according to Your lovingkindness; according to the multitude of Your tender mercies, blot out my transgressions.

**C: Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin.**

**P:** For I acknowledge my transgressions, and my sin is always before me.

**C: Against You, You only, have I sinned, and done this evil in Your sight—that You may be found just when You speak, and blameless when You judge.**

**P:** Behold, I was brought forth in iniquity, and in sin my mother conceived me.

**C: Behold, You desire truth in the inward parts, and in the hidden part You will make me to know wisdom.**

**P:** Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean; wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.

**C: Make me hear joy and gladness, that the bones You have broken may rejoice.**

**P:** Hide Your face from my sins, and blot out all my iniquities.

**C: Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me.**

**P:** Do not cast me away from Your presence, and do not take Your Holy Spirit from me.

**C: Restore to me the joy of Your salvation, and uphold me by Your generous Spirit.**

**P:** Then I will teach transgressors Your ways, and sinners shall be converted to You.

**C: Deliver me from the guilt of bloodshed, O God, the God of my salvation, and my tongue shall sing aloud of Your righteousness.**

**P:** O Lord, open my lips, and my mouth shall show forth Your praise. For You do not desire sacrifice, or else I would give it; You do not delight in burnt offering.

**C: The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit, a broken and a contrite heart—these, O God, You will not despise. Barekmor.**

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

**C:** ✠ **As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end—a-m-e-n.**

## Prayer

**P:** O Lord God, who is merciful . . . is now and ever shall be, world without end.

**C:** **A-m-e-n.**

[Prayer before putting on the official vestments for the service]

**P:** My Lord and my God . . . In the name of Jesus, my Lord. Amen.

[Here the celebrant put on his vestments for service following the prayer for God's mercy and grace to represent himself before the Lord of glory and leading His Holy Church in worship and adoration]

[Here ends the first part of the preparatory service. The choir and the ministers disperse and all may get ready for the worship service]

## [Part Two]

[The priest himself does this part. He crosses himself and focuses on the service he is to lead. In all humility and reverence, he turns to the Lord and asks for His great grace to lead the people of God in holy worship]

**P:** Gracious and compassionate Father . . . in Jesus' name. A-m-e-n.

# FIRST SUNDAY ORDER OF WORSHIP

## THE GATHERING

### Call to Worship



[Stand]

[The madhbaha is veiled]

**Priest:** Let us stand and join . . . ourselves to worship the living God.

### Entrance Song

#### Gloria

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

**Congregation:** ✠ As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end—a-m-e-n.

**P:** O Lord Jesus Christ . . . have mercy on us.

**All:** We magnify You, O Lord Jesus. You are our King, the only begotten Son, Word of the Father, immortal in nature—without change—born of the Virgin Mary—You became man for the salvation of mankind. ✠ Crucified for our sins, buried and rose again, thus You broke the bonds of death, trampling hell and Satan under Your feet. You, Lord Jesus are One in the Holy Trinity, worshipped and glorified, equally with Your Father and the Holy Spirit—have mercy on us.

[Repeat three times]

**P:** Holy are You, O God.

**C:** Holy are You, Almighty.

**P:** Holy are You, Immortal.

**C:** Crucified ✠ for us, Lord Messiah, have mercy upon us.

**P:** Kyrie—Eleison.

**C:** Kyrie—Eleison.

**P:** Christe—Eleison.

**C:** Christe—Eleison.

**P:** Kyrie—Eleison.

**C:** Kyrie—Eleison.

**P:** ☩ Peace be with you all.

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

### Opening Prayer

**P:** O God of love and mercy . . . world without end (Hoso vabkool sban l’olmeen).

**C:** **A-m-e-n.**

### Adoration

**P:** Let us join our voices in singing praises to our God.

[The people worship the Lord through songs and hymns for fifteen minutes.  
During the worship, the leader will direct the people to sit or stand,  
as appropriate]

**P:** Please be seated.



[Sit]

## THE WORD

**P:** We confess to You our Lord . . . world without end (Hoso vabkool sban l’olmeen).

**C:** **A-m-e-n.**

**Deacon:** With reverence . . . the reading of the holy Word of God.

### First Lesson

**Reader:** The first lesson is . . . (verse) to (verse).

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

**C:** Thanks be to God.

### Responsorial Psalm

**R:** The Psalm for today . . . We will read it responsively.

**R:** Thanks be to God, barekmor.

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

**C:** ✠ As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be,  
world without end—**a-m-e-n.**

### Second Lesson

**R:** Let us give attention . . . verses (verse) to (verse).

**C:** Praise be to the name of the Lord of the apostles.  
**O Lord, grant us the grace to discern and understand  
Your holy Word.**

[After the reading, the people say]

**C:** Alleluia—alleluia—a-lle-lu-ia.



[Stand]

### Gospel Reading

**D:** Let us stand in reverence . . . Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ.

**P:** ✠ Peace be with you all.

[Congregation makes the sign of the cross ✠ by themselves and receives the blessings]

**C:** ✠ May the Lord make us worthy to listen to His Word.

**P:** The holy Gospel . . . (verse) to (verse).

**C: Blessed is He who has come and will come again. Praise to the Father who sent Him for our salvation. May His blessing be ever upon us.**

**P:** In the days of Jesus Christ . . . He taught in this manner (it happened in this way).

**C: So we believe.**

**P:** ✠ Peace be with you all.

[Congregation makes the sign of the cross ✠ by themselves and receives the blessings]

**C: ✠ And also with your spirit.**

**D:** Barekmor—Sthoumenkaal-os.

**C: Kyrie—Eleison.**

### Promeon

**P:** Let us pray to the Lord for His blessings and mercy.

**C: Merciful Lord, have mercy on us.**

**P:** Make us worthy . . . world without end (Hoso vabkool sban l'olmeen).

**C: A-m-e-n.**

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

**C: Merciful Lord, have Your grace upon us and help us.**

**P:** Holy and merciful God . . . world without end (Hoso vabkool sban l'olmeen).

**C: A-m-e-n.**

## Sedra

**P:** All powerful and loving . . . world without end (Hoso vabkool sban l'olmeen).

**C: A-m-e-n**—may the Lord accept your service and help us through your prayers.

## Adoration of the Trinity

**P:** ✠ May we always receive . . . from our merciful God.

**C: A-m-e-n.**

**P:** Feeble and sinners by nature, let us respond by saying, Amen.

**P:** ✠ Holy is the Holy Father (Kaadish Aabo Kaadheeso).

**C: A-m-e-n.**

**P:** ✠ Holy is the Holy Son (Kaadish Bro Kaadheeso).

**C: A-m-e-n.**

**P:** ✠ Holy is the living and Holy Spirit (Kaadish Roohayo Kaadheeso).

**C: A-m-e-n.**

## The Nicene Creed

**D:** In reverence and faith, let us affirm the Creed of the church.

**P:** We believe in one God,

**All: the Father Almighty,  
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 worlds;  
God of God, light of light,  
very God of very God,  
begotten, not made,  
being of one substance with the Father,  
by whom all things were made.  
Who, for us men and for our salvation,  
came down from heaven, ✠ [bowing]  
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the Virgin Mary,  
and was made man;  
and was crucified ✠ [bowing] also for us under Pontius Pilate;  
He suffered and died and was buried;  
and the third day He rose again, ✠ according to the  
Scriptures;  
and ascended into heaven,  
and sits at the right hand of the Father;  
and He shall come again, with glory,  
to judge the living and the dead;  
whose kingdom shall have 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 worshipped  
and glorified;  
who spoke by the prophets.  
We believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins;  
and we look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come.

A-m-e-n.



[Sit]

**P:** Please be seated.

## Prayers of the Church

**D:** This is the time for intercession. In faith, let us offer prayers and supplications to the Lord.

[After each prayer, the congregation responds “Kyrie Eleison”]

**D:** God our Father, we pray for the universal church. We pray for Your servant, our Metropolitan, for all episcopas, vicar generals, priests, deacon fathers, missionaries and all who give leadership to various activities of our church.

**C: Kyrie Eleison.**

**D:** O Lord, we pray for all that govern our country. Give them the grace to work for unity and peace and help them rule with justice and mercy.

**C: Kyrie Eleison.**

**D:** We pray for all the activities of our church; that we may work with true passion to fulfil the Great Commission You gave to Your Holy Church.

**C: Kyrie Eleison.**

**D:** Dear Lord Jesus, send Your word of forgiveness and healing to all those who are in various spiritual bondages, sickness and sufferings. May they too experience deliverance by believing in Your name.

**C: Kyrie Eleison.**

**D:** We remember the mother of our Lord, the blessed Virgin Mary, the holy prophets, the apostles, evangelists, the martyrs, and all the saints. Please give us grace that we may follow in their footsteps.

**C: Kyrie Eleison.**

**D:** Thank You, Lord, for St Thomas, the apostle You sent to India, the church fathers, and the three councils of Nicea, Constantinople and Ephesus. Grant us the grace to follow their deep devotion to You and their teachings.

**C: Kyrie Eleison.**

**D:** O Lord, the creator of the whole universe, we thank You for the beauty of Your creation and all the possibilities You have blessed us with in this universe. Please help us to be faithful stewards to protect and sustain it for the coming generations.

**C: Kyrie Eleison.**

**D:** Lord, at Your second coming, grant that we may be found worthy and be gathered into Your heavenly kingdom.

**C: Kyrie Eleison—Kyrie Eleison—Kyrie Eleison.**

**D:** Dear Lord, we thank You for answering our prayers.

**C: A-m-e-n.**

### **Birthday, Wedding Anniversary and Thanksgiving Prayers**

**P:** Those who are celebrating . . . give your thanksgiving offering.

### **Offertory**

[Offertory is collected while a song is sung by the choir and the congregation]

**P:** Let us now give . . . we do so out of love and a grateful heart.

### **Prayer**

**P:** God our Father in heaven . . . use it for Your glory. In Jesus' name.

**C: A-m-e-n.**

## Announcements

[Reading the orders and Shepherd's Letters from the Metropolitan, diocesan episcopa, circulars, announcements, notices from Synod Secretariat, fellowship meetings and programmes of the parish]

## Teaching of the Word

[Teaching of God's Word up to forty minutes]

## THE HOLY COMMUNION



[Stand]

## Prayer of Confession

**P:** As we prepare ourselves . . . forgiveness and cleansing.

[After spending a few moments in silence, all those who are participating in the Holy Communion repeat after the priest the prayer of confession]

**P:** Most merciful God, I confess that I have sinned against You in thought, word and deed, by what I have done, and by what I have left undone.

I have not loved You with my whole heart; I have not loved my neighbours as myself. I am truly sorry and humbly repent.

For the sake of Your son Jesus Christ, have mercy on me and forgive me, that I may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways, to the glory of Your name. O Lord, grant that the Holy Body and Holy Blood I partake may not bring me to condemnation, but to life everlasting. Amen.

## Absolution of Sin

**P:** Be assured, our merciful . . . and in newness of life.✠

[Bowing and making the sign of the cross ✠, the congregation says]

**C:** ✠ [bowing] **Thank You Lord for Your mercy.**

**P:** Pray with me . . . be acceptable and pleasing to the Lord.

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

**C:** ✠ **As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end—a-m-e-n.**

## **The Peace**

### **Prayer**

**P:** Dear Lord, help us . . . world without end (Hoso vabkool sban l'olmeen).

**C:** **A-m-e-n.**

**P:** ✠ Peace be with you all.

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

**D:** In the love of the Lord let us greet one another in peace.

**D:** Brothers and sisters . . . before the merciful Lord.

**C:** **Gracious Lord, to You, we bow our heads.** [Congregation bowing heads]

**D:** Brothers and sisters . . . and in the unity of the spirit.

### **First Blessing**

**P:** The love of God the Father . . . dearly beloved, forever.

[Congregation makes the sign of the cross ✠ by themselves and receives the blessings]

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

### **The Great Thanksgiving**

**P:** Let our minds and . . . right hand of God the Father.

**C:** **They are with You, O Lord, our God.**

**P:** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**C:** It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

**P:** All of creation . . . and proclaim—Koeanan Omerínan.

**C:** Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God Almighty,  
heaven and earth are full of His glory,  
hosanna in the highest;  
blessed is He who has come,  
and is to come  
in the name of the Lord,  
hosanna in the highest.

### Silent Meditation

**P:** The shadow of the cross . . . He did it for us.

**P:** [In silence] O Lord, my God . . . power of the Holy Spirit.

### Institution Narrative

**P:** When the sinless One . . . His holy hands and He gave thanks.

**C:** Bless, O Lord.

**P:** Blessed ☩☩☩ and sanctified . . . do this in remembrance of me.”

**C:** A-m-e-n.

**P:** In the same way . . . hands and He gave thanks.

**C:** Bless, O Lord.

**P:** Blessed ☩☩☩ and sanctified . . . for the forgiveness of sins.”

**C:** A-m-e-n.

### Memorial Acclamation

**P:** As often as you eat . . . Lord’s death until He comes.

**C:** Your death, O Lord, we commemorate,  
your resurrection we confess,  
and Your second coming we look for,  
may Your mercy be upon us all.

**P:** Lord Jesus . . . abundant mercy: Labuk Kaadh-Omero.

**C:** **O God, have mercy upon us. We give thanks, we glorify You and we worship You. Have mercy upon us and bless us.**

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

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

### **Second Blessing**

[Congregation makes the sign of the cross ✠ by themselves and receives the blessings]

**P:** My beloved brothers . . . with you all now and forever.

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

### **Invocation of the Holy Spirit**

**P:** Let us pray: God our Father . . . most Holy Body and Blood.

**C:** **A-m-e-n.**

**P:** Answer us, O Lord . . . us with Your blessings.

**C:** **Kyrie Eleison—Kyrie Eleison—Kyrie Eleison.**

### **Blessing the Bread**

**P:** May the Holy Spirit . . . our Lord Jesus Christ.

**C:** **A-m-e-n.**

### **Blessing the Wine**

**P:** May the Holy Spirit . . . our Lord Jesus Christ.

**C:** **A-m-e-n.**

**P:** Dear Lord, sanctify . . . world without end (Hoso vabkool sban l'olmeen).

**C:** **A-m-e-n.**

**P:** Let us now bring . . . the needs of our parish.

**P:** And now, as our Lord and Saviour taught us, let us humbly pray.

**P:** Our Father in Heaven

**All:** Hallowed be Your name,  
Your kingdom come,  
Your will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread,  
and forgive us our debts,  
as we forgive our debtors.  
And do not lead us into temptation,  
but deliver us from the Evil One.  
For Yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory  
forever. Amen.

**P:** ✠ Peace be with you all.

**C:** ✠ And also with your spirit.

### **Prayer**

**P:** O Lord Messiah . . . all our sins and debts.

**C:** A-m-e-n.

### **Third Blessing**

[Congregation makes the sign of the cross ✠ by themselves and receives the blessings]

**P:** The grace of the Holy Trinity . . . beloved, forever and ever.

**C:** ✠ And also with you. O holy and glorious Trinity, have mercy upon us.

**D:** With reverence and fear . . . in this Holy Sacrament.

**C:** O Lord, have mercy upon us and bless us.

**D:** Before receiving these . . . before the merciful Lord.

**C: To You, O Lord our God, we bow our heads.** [Congregation bowing heads]

**P:** The gifts of God for the people of God.

**C: A-m-e-n—barekmor.**

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

**C: As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end—a-m-e-n.**

**P:** The Holy Father, who created the world in His mercy, is with us.

**C: A-m-e-n.**

**P:** The one Holy Son, who saved us by His suffering, death and resurrection is with us.

**C: A-m-e-n.**

**P:** The one living Holy Spirit . . . both now and forever.

**C: A-m-e-n.**

### Receiving of the Holy Communion

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

**C: As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end—a-m-e-n.**

**P:** O Lord, we pray . . . in Your holy presence forever.

**C: A-m-e-n.**

**P:** May the mercies . . . and on them in both worlds forever.

**C: A-m-e-n. Lord be gracious and have mercy on us. Glory and praise be to You, O Lord, praise be to You, our everlasting refuge. Ha—lle—lu—jah.**

**P:** Dearly beloved, believing . . . how much He loved us.

[The congregation comes forward to receive the Holy Communion]

**P:** The Body and Blood of Christ.

[After receiving the Holy Communion, the communicants say, “Amen”  
and make the sign of the cross ✠]

**Communicant: Amen.** ✠



[Sit]

[After receiving the Holy Communion, the people return in reverence to their  
respective seats and remain seated until all have partaken of the Holy  
Communion]

## Post Communion Prayer



[Stand]

**P:** Let us all stand.

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

**C:** As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be,  
world without end—**a-m-e-n.**

**P:** Let us pray: Heavenly Father . . . world without end (Hoso  
vabkool sban P’olmeen).

**C:** All the earth shall bow before You, and every tongue  
shall praise Your name, which is above all other names.  
For You give life to the dead, and You are the hope of all  
who sleep in the grave. We praise You, O Lord, and give  
You thanks for Your mercy to us.

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

**C:** And also with your spirit. O Lord our God, source of all blessings, having received Your Holy Body and Blood, we bow our heads [congregation bowing heads] before You. Lord, bless this Your servant who has ministered in Your holy presence. Accept the praise and petition of Your people. Send us with Your blessings and peace.

## THE SENDING

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

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

### Benediction

[Congregation makes the sign of the cross ✠ by themselves and receives the blessings]

**P:** ✠ The eternal love . . . now and forever more.

**C:** ✠ May the Lord accept our worship and help us to live as worthy witnesses of His unfailing love. Amen, a-men, a-a—men.

(Or)

**P:** Dearly beloved, your . . . the Holy Spirit. Amen.

**C:** ✠ May the Lord accept our worship and help us to live as worthy witnesses of His unfailing love. Amen, a-men, a-a—men.



[Sit]

**P:** Please be seated.

[The congregation sits for a few moments in prayer and meditation]

**P:** Let us go forth . . . witnesses of our Lord Jesus Christ.

**C: A-m-e-n. Thanks be to God.**

[The congregation then goes out in reverence]



## SECOND SUNDAY ORDER OF WORSHIP

### THE GATHERING

#### Call to Worship



[Stand]

[The madhbaha is veiled]

**Priest:** Let us stand and join . . . ourselves to worship the living God.

#### Entrance Song

#### Gloria

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

**Congregation:** ✠ As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end—a-m-e-n.

**P:** O Lord Jesus Christ . . . have mercy on us.

**All:** We magnify You, O Lord Jesus. You are our King, the only begotten Son, Word of the Father, Immortal in nature—without change—born of the Virgin Mary—You became man for the salvation of mankind. ✠ Crucified for our sins, buried and rose again, thus You broke the bonds of death, trampling hell and Satan under Your feet. You, Lord Jesus are One in the Holy Trinity, worshipped and glorified, equally with Your Father and the Holy Spirit—have mercy on us.

[Repeat three times]

**P:** Holy are You, O God.

**C:** Holy are You, Almighty.

**P:** Holy are You, Immortal.

**C:** Crucified ✠ for us, Lord Messiah, have mercy upon us.

**P:** Kyrie—Eleison.

**C:** Kyrie—Eleison.

**P:** Christe—Eleison.

**C:** Christe—Eleison.

**P:** Kyrie—Eleison.

**C:** Kyrie—Eleison.

**P:** ☩ Peace be with you all.

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

**Opening Prayer**

**P:** Eternal God and loving Father . . . now and forever (Hoso vabkool sban l’olmeen).

**C:** **A-m-e-n.**

(Or)

**P:** Eternal God and loving Father . . . world without end (Hoso vabkool sban l’olmeen).

**C:** **A-m-e-n.**

**Adoration**

**P:** Let us join our voices in singing praises to our God.

[The people worship the Lord through songs and hymns for fifteen minutes.  
During the worship, the leader will direct the people to sit or stand,  
as appropriate]

**P:** Please be seated.



[Sit]

**THE WORD**

**P:** We confess to You our Lord . . . world without end (Hoso vabkool sban l’olmeen).

**C:** **A-m-e-n.**

**Deacon:** With reverence . . . the reading of the holy Word of God.

## First Lesson

**Reader:** The first lesson is . . . (verse) to (verse).

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

**C:** Thanks be to God.

## Responsorial Psalm

**R:** The Psalm for today . . . We will read it responsively.

**R:** Thanks be to God, barekmor.

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

**C:** ✠ **As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end—a-m-e-n.**

## Second Lesson

**R:** Let us give attention . . . (verse) to (verse).

**C:** **Praise be to the name of the Lord of the apostles.  
O Lord, grant us the grace to discern and understand  
Your holy Word.**

[ After the reading, the people say ]

**C:** Alleluia—alleluia—a-lle-lu-ia.



[Stand]

## Gospel Reading

**D:** Let us stand in reverence . . . Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ.

**P:** ✠ Peace be with you all.

[Congregation makes the sign of the cross ✠ by themselves  
and receives the blessings]

**C:** ✠ **May the Lord make us worthy to listen to His Word.**

**P:** The holy Gospel . . . (verse) to (verse).

**C: Blessed is He who has come and will come again. Praise to the Father who sent Him for our salvation. May His blessing be ever upon us.**

**P:** In the days of Jesus Christ . . . He taught in this manner (it happened in this way).

**C: So we believe.**

**P:** ✠ Peace be with you all.

[Congregation makes the sign of the cross ✠ by themselves and receives the blessings]

**C: ✠ And also with your spirit.**

**D:** Barekmor—Sthoumenkaal-os.

**C: Kyrie—Eleison.**

### Promeon

**P:** Let us pray to the Lord for His blessings and mercy.

**C: Merciful Lord, have mercy on us.**

**P:** Make us worthy . . . world without end (Hoso vabkool sban l'olmeen).

**C: A-m-e-n.**

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

**C: Merciful Lord, have Your grace upon us and help us.**

**P:** Holy and merciful . . . world without end (Hoso vabkool sban l'olmeen).

**C: A-m-e-n.**

## Sedra

**P:** All powerful and loving God . . . world without end (Hoso vabkool sban l’olmeen).

**C: A-m-e-n—**may the Lord accept your service and help us through your prayers.

## Adoration of the Trinity

**P:** ✠ May we always receive . . . from our merciful God.

**C: A-m-e-n.**

**P:** Feeble and sinners by nature, let us respond by saying, Amen.

**P:** ✠ Holy is the Holy Father (Kaadish Aabo Kaadheeso).

**C: A-m-e-n.**

**P:** ✠ Holy is the Holy Son(Kaadish Bro Kaadheeso).

**C: A-m-e-n.**

**P:** ✠ Holy is the living and Holy Spirit (Kaadish Roohayo Kaadheeso).

**C: A-m-e-n.**

## The Nicene Creed

**D:** In reverence and faith, let us affirm the Creed of the church.

**P:** We believe in one God,

**All: the Father Almighty,  
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 worlds;  
God of God, light of light,**

**very God of very God,  
begotten, not made,  
being of one substance with the Father,  
by whom all things were made.**

**Who, for us men and for our salvation,  
came down from heaven, ✠ [bowing]  
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the Virgin Mary,  
and was made man;  
and was crucified ✠ [bowing] also for us under Pontius Pilate;  
He suffered and died and was buried;  
and the third day He rose again, ✠ according to the  
Scriptures;  
and ascended into heaven,  
and sits at the right hand of the Father;  
and He shall come again, with glory,  
to judge the living and the dead;  
whose kingdom shall have 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 worshipped  
and glorified;  
who spoke by the prophets.  
We believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic church.**

**We acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins;  
and we look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come.**

**A-m-e-n.**



[Sit]

**P:** Please be seated.

## Prayers of the Church

**D:** This is the time for intercession. In faith, let us offer prayers and supplications to the Lord.

[After each prayer, the congregation prays responsively]

**D:** Father, we pray for Your holy universal church; the spiritual fathers, and our spiritual father, our Metropolitan and all the bishops.

**C: That we all may be one in love and be faithful ministers of Your Word and Sacraments.**

**D:** We pray for the priests, deacon fathers, missionaries of the Holy Church; leaders of all departments and for the faithful members of the church; that they may truly and humbly serve You.

**C: That they will serve You in the power of the Holy Spirit and remain faithful to the church and Christ, and through their service, Your name may be glorified by all people and everywhere and by all people.**

**D:** Lord of all, we pray for all who govern and hold authority in our nation and the nations around the world.

**C: That there may be justice and peace on earth.**

**D:** We pray for all the outreach programmes and charity services of our church and each parish.

**C: That through our witness and good deeds, many will come to know You and Your name will be glorified.**

**D:** Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble.

**C: That they may be delivered from their distress.**

**D:** Lord our God, we pray for our parents and children. Grant every one Your grace and holy desire to train the children in Your ways and guide each one to choose serving You, the most honourable desire in life.

**C:** Grant us the strength and wisdom O Lord to lead our children to live in devotion to Your Word and grant the children the holy desire to follow You and know You.

**D:** We praise You for Your saints who have entered into Your presence.

**C:** May we also come to share in Your heavenly kingdom.

**D:** O God, creator of the whole world, we are grateful to You for Your great mercy in creating and sustaining this universe. Help us to realise that You have made us responsible to sustain all creatures and enable us to be good stewards in fulfilling our responsibilities. Help us to take care of this earth You gifted to us, protect and love all birds, animals and plants and to understand the glory of Your creation.

**C:** Make us worthy to take care of the earth You have gifted to us.

**D:** Dear Lord, we thank You for answering our prayers.

**C:** A-m-e-n.

## **Birthday, Wedding Anniversary and Thanksgiving Prayers**

**P:** Those who are celebrating . . . give your thanksgiving offering.

### **Offertory**

[Offertory is collected while a song is sung by the choir and the congregation]

**P:** Let us now give . . . we do so out of love and a grateful heart.

### **Prayer**

**P:** Our Father . . . In Jesus' name.

**C:** A-m-e-n.

## Announcements

[Reading the orders and Shepherd's Letters from the Metropolitan, diocesan episcopa, circulars, announcements, notices from Synod Secretariat, fellowship meetings and programmes of the parish]

## Teaching of the Word

[Teaching of God's Word up to forty minutes]

## THE HOLY COMMUNION



[Stand]

## Prayer of Confession

**P:** As we prepare ourselves . . . forgiveness and cleansing.

[After spending a few moments in silence, all those who are participating in the Holy Communion repeat after the priest the prayer of confession]

**P:** Most merciful God, I confess that I have sinned against You in thought, word and deed, by what I have done, and by what I have left undone.

I have not loved You with my whole heart; I have not loved my neighbours as myself. I am truly sorry and humbly repent.

For the sake of Your son Jesus Christ, have mercy on me and forgive me, that I may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways, to the glory of Your name. O Lord, grant that the Holy Body and Holy Blood I partake may not bring me to condemnation but to life everlasting. Amen.

(Or)

**P:** Merciful Father, like wandering sheep, I have strayed away from You by following my own ways. I have made You sad by my evil desires. I am truly sorry for my sins and ask You to forgive me. Restore me according to Your promise in Your Word.

Grant, O merciful Father, that hereafter I may live a godly and righteous life for Your glory. O Lord, grant that the Holy Body and Holy Blood, I partake may not bring me to condemnation but to life everlasting. Amen.

### **Absolution of Sin**

**P:** Be assured, our merciful . . . and in newness of life. ✠

[Bowing and making the sign of the cross ✠, the congregation says]

**C:** ✠ [bowing] **Thank You Lord for Your mercy.**

**P:** Pray with me . . . be acceptable and pleasing to the Lord.

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

**C:** ✠ **As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end—a-m-e-n.**

### **The Peace**

#### **Prayer**

**P:** Dear Lord, help us . . . world without end (Hoso vabkool sban l'olmeen).

**C:** **A-m-e-n.**

**P:** ✠ Peace be with you all.

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

**D:** In the love of the Lord let us greet one another in peace.

**D:** Brothers and sisters . . . before the merciful Lord.

**C: Gracious Lord, to You, we bow our heads** [Congregation bowing heads]

**D:** Brothers and sisters . . . , and in the unity of the spirit.

### **First Blessing**

**P:** The love of God the Father . . . dearly beloved, forever.

[Congregation makes the sign of the cross ✠ by themselves and receives the blessings]

**C: ✠ And also with your spirit.**

### **The Great Thanksgiving**

**P:** Let our minds and . . . right hand of God the Father.

**C: They are with You, O Lord, our God.**

**P:** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**C: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

**P:** Father, all powerful . . . our salvation in Christ: Koecan Omerínan.

**C: Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God Almighty,  
heaven and earth are full of His glory,  
hosanna in the highest;  
blessed is He who has come,  
and is to come  
in the name of the Lord,  
hosanna in the highest.**

### **Silent Meditation**

**P:** Let us quiet our hearts . . . and meditate on it.

**P:** [In silence] O Lord, my God . . . the power of the Holy Spirit.

### **Institution Narrative**

**P:** When the sinless One . . . His holy hands and He gave thanks.

**C: Bless, O Lord.**

**P:** Blessed ✠✠✠ and sanctified . . . do this in remembrance of me.”

**C:** **A-m-e-n.**

**P:** In the same way . . . hands and He gave thanks.

**C:** **Bless, O Lord.**

**P:** Blessed ✠✠✠ and sanctified . . . for the forgiveness of sins.”

**C:** **A-m-e-n.**

### **Memorial Acclamation**

**P:** As often as you eat . . . Lord’s death until He comes.

**C:** **Your death, O Lord, we commemorate,  
your resurrection we confess,  
and Your second coming we look for,  
may Your mercy be upon us all.**

**P:** Lord Jesus . . . mercy upon us: Labuk Kaadh-Omero.

**C:** **O God, have mercy upon us. We give thanks, we glorify  
You and we worship You. Have mercy upon us and bless  
us.**

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

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

### **Second Blessing**

[Congregation makes the sign of the cross ✠ by themselves and receives the blessings]

**P:** My beloved brothers . . . with you all now and forever.

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

### **Invocation of the Holy Spirit**

**P:** Let us pray: God our Father . . . most Holy Body and Blood.

**C:** **A-m-e-n.**

**P:** Answer us, O Lord . . . us bless us with Your blessings.

**C:** Kyrie Eleison—Kyrie Eleison—Kyrie Eleison.

### **Blessing the Bread**

**P:** May the Holy Spirit . . . our Lord Jesus Christ.

**C:** **A-m-e-n.**

### **Blessing the Wine**

**P:** May the Holy Spirit . . . our Lord Jesus Christ.

**C:** **A-m-e-n.**

**P:** Dear Lord, sanctify . . . world without end (Hoso vabkool sban l'olmeen).

**C:** **A-m-e-n.**

**P:** Let us now bring . . . the needs of our parish.

**P:** And now, as our Lord and Saviour taught us, let us humbly pray:

**P:** Our Father in Heaven

**All:** **Hallowed be Your name,**

**Your kingdom come,**

**Your will be done,**

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

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

**and forgive us our debts,**

**as we forgive our debtors.**

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

**but deliver us from the Evil One.**

**For Yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory  
forever. Amen.**

**P:** ✠ Peace be with you all.

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

### Prayer

**P:** O Lord Messiah . . . all our sins and debts.

**C:** **A-m-e-n.**

### Third Blessing

[Congregation makes the sign of the cross ✠ by themselves and receives the blessings]

**P:** The grace of the Holy Trinity . . . beloved, forever and ever.

**C:** ✠ **And also with you. O holy and glorious Trinity, have mercy upon us.**

**D:** With reverence and fear . . . in this Holy Sacrament.

**C:** **O Lord, have mercy upon us and bless us.**

**D:** Before receiving these . . . before the merciful Lord.

**C:** **To You, O Lord our God, we bow our heads.** [Congregation bowing heads]

**P:** The gifts of God for the people of God.

**C:** **A-m-e-n—barekmor.**

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

**C:** **As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end—a-m-e-n.**

**P:** The Holy Father, who created the world in His mercy, is with us.

**C:** **A-m-e-n.**

**P:** The one Holy Son, who saved us by His suffering, death and resurrection is with us.

**C:** **A-m-e-n.**

**P:** The one living Holy Spirit . . . both now and forever.

**C:** **A-m-e-n.**

## Receiving of the Holy Communion

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

**C:** As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be,  
world without end—**a-m-e-n.**

**P:** O Lord, we pray . . . in Your holy presence forever.

**C:** **A-m-e-n.**

**P:** May the mercies . . . and on them in both worlds forever.

**C:** **A-m-e-n. Lord be gracious and have mercy on us. Glory and praise be to You, O Lord, praise be to You, our everlasting refuge. Ha—lle—lu—jah.**

**P:** Dearly beloved, believing . . . how much He loved us.

[The congregation comes forward to receive the Holy Communion]

**P:** The Body and Blood of Christ.

[After receiving the Holy Communion, the recipients say, “Amen” and sign themselves with the sign of the cross ✠]

**Communicant:** **Amen.** ✠



[Sit]

[After receiving the Holy Communion, the people return in reverence to their respective seats and remain seated until all have partaken of the Holy Communion]

## Post Communion Prayer



[Stand]

**P:** Let us all stand.

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

**C:** As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end—a-m-e-n.

**P:** Let us pray: Heavenly Father . . . world without end (Hoso vabkool sban l'olmeen).

**C:** All the earth shall bow before You, and every tongue shall praise Your name, which is above all other names. For You give life to the dead, and You are the hope of all who sleep in the grave. We praise You, O Lord, and give You thanks for Your mercy to us.

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

**C:** And also with your spirit. O Lord our God, source of all blessings, having received Your Holy Body and Blood, we bow our heads [congregation bowing heads] before You. Lord, bless this Your servant who has ministered in Your holy presence. Accept the praise and petition of Your people. Send us with Your blessings and peace.

## THE SENDING

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

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

### Benediction

[Congregation makes the sign of the cross ✠ by themselves and receives the blessings]

**P:** ✠ The eternal love . . . now and forever more.

**C:** ✠ May the Lord accept our worship and help us to live as worthy witnesses of His unfailing love. Amen, a-men, a-a—men.

(Or)

**P:** Dearly beloved, your . . . the Holy Spirit. Amen.

**C:** ✠ **May the Lord accept our worship and help us to live as worthy witnesses of His unfailing love. Amen, a-men, a-a—men.**



[Sit]

**P:** Please be seated.

[The congregation sits for a few moments in prayer and meditation]

**P:** Let us go forth in peace to love and serve others, thus becoming the effective witnesses of our Lord Jesus Christ.

**C: A-m-e-n. Thanks be to God.**

[The congregation then goes out in reverence]



# THIRD SUNDAY ORDER OF WORSHIP

## THE GATHERING

### Call to Worship



[Stand]

[The madhbaha is veiled]

**Priest:** Let us stand and join . . . ourselves to worship the living God.

### Entrance Song

#### Gloria

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

**Congregation:** ✠ As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end—a-m-e-n.

**P:** O Lord Jesus Christ . . . have mercy on us.

**All:** We magnify You, O Lord Jesus. You are our King, the only begotten Son, Word of the Father, Immortal in nature—without change—born of the Virgin Mary—You became man for the salvation of mankind. ✠ Crucified for our sins, buried and rose again, thus You broke the bonds of death, trampling hell and Satan under Your feet. You, Lord Jesus are One in the Holy Trinity, worshipped and glorified, equally with Your Father and the Holy Spirit—have mercy on us.

[Repeat three times]

**P:** Holy are You, O God.

**C:** Holy are You, Almighty.

**P:** Holy are You, Immortal.

**C:** Crucified ✠ for us, Lord Messiah, have mercy upon us.

**P:** Kyrie—Eleison.

**C:** Kyrie—Eleison.

**P:** Christe—Eleison.

**C:** Christe—Eleison.

**P:** Kyrie—Eleison.

**C:** Kyrie—Eleison.

**P:** ☩ Peace be with you all.

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

### Opening Prayer

**P:** Our loving and gracious Lord . . . forever and ever.

**C:** **A-m-e-n.**

(Or)

**P:** Our loving and gracious Lord . . . world without end (Hoso vabkool sban l’olmeen).

**C:** **A-m-e-n.**

### Adoration

**P:** Let us join our voices in singing praises to our God.

[The people worship the Lord through songs and hymns for fifteen minutes.  
During the worship, the leader will direct the people to sit or stand,  
as appropriate]

**P:** Please be seated.



[Sit]

### THE WORD

**P:** We confess to You our Lord . . . world without end (Hoso vabkool sban l’olmeen).

**C:** **A-m-e-n.**

**Deacon:** With reverence . . . the reading of the holy Word of God.

### First Lesson

**Reader:** The first lesson is . . . (verse) to (verse).

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

**C: Thanks be to God.**

### Responsorial Psalm

**R:** The Psalm for today is . . . We will read it responsively.

**R:** Thanks be to God, barekmor.

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

**C: ✠ As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be,  
world without end—a-m-e-n.**

### Second Lesson

**R:** Let us give attention . . . (verse) to (verse).

**C: Praise be to the name of the Lord of the apostles.  
O Lord, grant us the grace to discern and understand  
Your holy Word.**

[After the reading, the people say]

**C: Alleluia—alleluia—a-lle-lu-ia.**



[Stand]

### Gospel Reading

**D:** Let us stand in reverence . . . Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ.

**P:** ✠ Peace be with you all.

[Congregation makes the sign of the cross ✠ by themselves and receives the blessings]

**C: ✠ May the Lord make us worthy to listen to His Word.**

**P:** The holy Gospel . . . (verse) to (verse).

**C: Blessed is He who has come and will come again. Praise to the Father who sent Him for our salvation. May His blessing be ever upon us.**

**P:** In the days of Jesus Christ . . . He taught in this manner (it happened in this way).

**C: So we believe.**

**P:** ✠ Peace be with you all.

[Congregation makes the sign of the cross ✠ by themselves and receives the blessings]

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**D:** Barekmor—Sthoumenkaal-os.

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**P:** Make us worthy . . . world without end (Hoso vabkool sban l'olmeen).

**C: A-m-e-n.**

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

**C: Merciful Lord, have Your grace upon us and help us.**

**P:** Holy and merciful God . . . world without end (Hoso vabkool sban l'olmeen).

**C: A-m-e-n.**

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**C: A-m-e-n.**

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and of all things visible and invisible.**

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**the only begotten Son of God,  
begotten of the Father before all worlds;  
God of God, light of light,  
very God of very God,  
begotten, not made,  
being of one substance with the Father,  
by whom all things were made.**

**Who, for us men and for our salvation,  
came down from heaven, ✠ [bowing]  
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the Virgin Mary,  
and was made man;  
and was crucified ✠ [bowing] also for us under Pontius Pilate;  
He suffered and died and was buried;  
and the third day He rose again, ✠ according to the  
Scriptures;  
and ascended into heaven,  
and sits at the right hand of the Father;  
and He shall come again, with glory,  
to judge the living and the dead;  
whose kingdom shall have no end.**

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**the lord and giver of life;  
who proceeds from the Father;  
who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped  
and glorified;  
who spoke by the prophets.  
We believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic church.**

We acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins;  
**and we look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come.  
A-m-e-n.**



**P:** Please be seated.

## Prayers of the Church

**D:** This is the time for intercession. In the power of the Holy Spirit and in union with Christ, let us pray to the Father.

[After each prayer, the congregation prays responsively]

**D:** Heavenly Father, we pray for the church in our nation and throughout the world.

**C: That by our godliness and love, people near and far will come to the knowledge of Christ our Lord.**

**D:** God our Father, we pray for our beloved Metropolitan, our bishops, priests, deacon fathers, missionaries and sisters of our church.

**C: That they will be guided by your Word and the Holy Spirit to shepherd the people of God.**

**D:** We pray for all who bear authority in the affairs of our lives that You will grant them wisdom and understanding and that will work for establishing peace and harmony among people.

**C: Please guide them that they may fulfil their responsibilities with justice and mercy.**

**D:** God of all souls, we pray for various ministries of our church: the Bridge of Hope projects, the work among the leper colonies, the widows and the orphans; the poor, the hungry, the destitute and the oppressed.

**C: That in Your mercy and grace, You will guide all leaders with wisdom and strength and You will provide the finances to carry out these ministries and help us to do our part to be the answer to their need.**

**D:** God of eternal life, we remember and pray for all children and young of the Holy Church. Help each one that they will walk in love with Your church, be committed to the Holy Word, faith and traditions and established and grounded in serving You and being Your witness.

**C: That You will enable us to be responsible to lead them to be lovers of Your Word and the church, acknowledging that each one of them is Your precious gift to us.**

**D:** Lord, the giver of life and master of all creation, the earth we live in and everything in is Your gift for us. Help us, O Lord, to protect all the water sources You have given us and that we might be able to take care of all the plants and trees to flourish and grow. Help us to keep the place we live and the surrounding always clean and that we may become worthy to sustain the glory of Your creation.

**C: Give us wisdom and knowledge to understand the glory of Your creation to watch over it and make it productive.**

**D:** Dear Lord, we thank You for answering our prayers.

**C: A-m-e-n.**

### **Birthday, Wedding Anniversary and Thanksgiving Prayers**

**P:** Those who are celebrating . . . give your thanksgiving offering.

### **Offertory**

[Offertory is collected while a song is sung by the choir and the congregation]

**P:** Let us now give . . . we do so out of love and a grateful heart.

### **Prayer**

**P:** Let us pray: Our Father in Heaven . . . we humbly pray.

**C: A-m-e-n.**

(Or)

**P:** Our loving heavenly Father . . . Lord and master, Jesus Christ, we pray.

**C: A-m-e-n.**

## Announcements

[Reading the orders and Shepherd's Letters from the Metropolitan, diocesan episcopa, circulars, announcements, notices from Synod Secretariat, fellowship meetings and programmes of the parish]

## Teaching of the Word

[Teaching of God's Word up to forty minutes]

## THE HOLY COMMUNION



[Stand]

## Prayer of Confession

**P:** As we prepare ourselves . . . His forgiveness and cleansing.

[After spending a few moments in silence, all those who are participating in the Holy Communion repeat after the priest the prayer of confession]

**P:** Most holy and loving Father, I acknowledge and confess before You my sinful nature—prone to wander away from You and seek my own way.

I have been slothful in doing good and hating what is wrong. You alone know how often I have sinned in wasting my gifts and in forgetting Your love. Please have mercy upon me who is sorrowing for all the wrongs I have done. Teach me to hate what You hate. Cleanse me from secret faults and forgive all my sins.

For the sake of Your dear Son, please help me to live in Your light and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your name. O Lord, grant that the Holy Body and Holy Blood I partake may not bring me to condemnation but to life and eternal life. Amen.

## Absolution of Sin

**P:** Be assured, our merciful . . . and in newness of life. ✠

[Bowing and making the sign of the cross ✠, the congregation says]

**C:** ✠ [bowing] **Thank You Lord for Your mercy.**

**P:** Pray with me . . . be acceptable and pleasing to the Lord.

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

**C:** ✠ **As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end—a-m-e-n.**

## The Peace

### Prayer

**P:** Dear Lord, help us . . . world without end (Hoso vabkool sban l'olmeen).

**C:** **A-m-e-n.**

**P:** ✠ Peace be with you all.

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**D:** Brothers and sisters . . . before the merciful Lord.

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## First Blessing

**P:** The love of God the Father . . . dearly beloved, forever.

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

## The Great Thanksgiving

**P:** Let our minds and . . . right hand of God the Father.

**C:** They are with You, O Lord, our God.

**P:** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**C:** It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

**P:** All powerful God . . . praising You and saying: Koeanan Omerínan.

**C:** Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God Almighty,  
heaven and earth are full of His glory,  
hosanna in the highest;  
blessed is He who has come,  
and is to come  
in the name of the Lord,  
hosanna in the highest.

## Silent Meditation

**P:** When the hour came . . . for me that He suffered.

(Or)

**P:** Let us pause and remember . . . let us meditate on it.

**P:** [In silence] O Lord, my God . . . power of the Holy Spirit.

## Institution Narrative

**P:** When the sinless One . . . His holy hands and He gave thanks.

**C:** Bless, O Lord.

**P:** Blessed ✠✠✠ and sanctified . . . do this in remembrance of me.”

**C:** A-m-e-n.

**P:** In the same way . . . hands and He gave thanks.

**C: Bless, O Lord.**

**P:** Blessed ✠✠✠ and sanctified . . . for the forgiveness of sins.”

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### **Memorial Acclamation**

**P:** As often as you eat . . . Lord’s death until He comes.

**C: Your death, O Lord, we commemorate,  
your resurrection we confess,  
and Your second coming we look for,  
may Your mercy be upon us all.**

**P:** Lord, we remember . . . abundant mercy: Labuk Kaadh-Omero.

**C: O God, have mercy upon us. We give thanks, we glorify  
You and we worship You. Have mercy upon us and bless  
us.**

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

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

### **Second Blessing**

[Congregation makes the sign of the cross ✠ by themselves and receives the blessings]

**P:** My beloved brothers . . . with you all now and forever.

**C: ✠ And also with your spirit.**

### **Invocation of the Holy Spirit**

**P:** Let us pray: God our Father . . . most Holy Body and Blood.

**C: A-m-e-n.**

**P:** Answer us . . . us with Your blessings.

**C: Kyrie Eleison—Kyrie Eleison—Kyrie Eleison.**

### **Blessing the Bread**

**P:** May the Holy Spirit . . . our Lord Jesus Christ.

**C: A-m-e-n.**

### **Blessing the Wine**

**P:** May the Holy Spirit . . . our Lord Jesus Christ.

**C: A-m-e-n.**

**P:** Dear Lord, sanctify . . . world without end (Hoso vabkool sban Polmeen).

**C: A-m-e-n.**

**P:** Let us now bring . . . the needs of our parish.

**P:** And now, as our Lord and Saviour taught us, let us humbly pray:

**P:** Our Father in Heaven

**All: Hallowed be Your name,**

**Your kingdom come,**

**Your will be done,**

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

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

**and forgive us our debts,**

**as we forgive our debtors.**

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

**but deliver us from the Evil One.**

**For Yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory  
forever. Amen.**

**P:** ☩ Peace be with you all.

**C:** ☩ And also with your spirit.

## Prayer

**P:** O Lord Messiah . . . all our sins and debts.

**C:** **A-m-e-n.**

## Third Blessing

[Congregation makes the sign of the cross ✠ by themselves and receives the blessings]

**P:** The grace of the Holy Trinity . . . beloved, forever and ever.

**C:** ✠ **And also with you. O holy and glorious Trinity, have mercy upon us.**

**D:** With reverence and fear . . . in this Holy Sacrament.

**C:** **O Lord, have mercy upon us and bless us.**

**D:** Before receiving these . . . before the merciful Lord.

**C:** **To You, O Lord our God, we bow our heads.** [Congregation bowing heads]

**P:** The gifts of God for the people of God.

**C:** **A-m-e-n—barekmor.**

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

**C:** **As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end—a-m-e-n.**

**P:** The Holy Father, who created the world in His mercy, is with us.

**C:** **A-m-e-n.**

**P:** The one Holy Son, who saved us by His suffering, death and resurrection is with us.

**C:** **A-m-e-n.**

**P:** The one living Holy Spirit . . . both now and forever.

**C:** **A-m-e-n.**

## Receiving of the Holy Communion

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

**C:** As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end—**a-m-e-n.**

**P:** O Lord, we pray . . . in Your holy presence forever.

**C:** **A-m-e-n.**

**P:** May the mercies . . . and on them in both worlds forever.

**C:** **A-m-e-n. Lord be gracious and have mercy on us. Glory and praise be to You, O Lord, praise be to You, our everlasting refuge. Ha—lle—lu—jah.**

**P:** Dearly beloved, believing . . . how much He loved us.

[The congregation comes forward to receive the Holy Communion]

**P:** The Body and Blood of Christ.

[After receiving the Holy Communion, the communicants say, “Amen” and make the sign of the cross ✠]

**Communicant:** **Amen.** ✠



[Sit]

[After receiving the Holy Communion, the people return in reverence to their respective seats and remain seated until all have partaken of the Holy Communion]

## Post Communion Prayer



[Stand]

**P:** Let us all stand.

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

**C:** As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end—**a-m-e-n.**

**P:** Let us pray: O Lord our God . . . world without end (Hoso vabkool sban l'olmeen).

**C:** All the earth shall bow before You, and every tongue shall praise Your name, which is above all other names. For You give life to the dead, and You are the hope of all who sleep in the grave. We praise You, O Lord, and give You thanks for Your mercy to us.

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

**C:** And also with your spirit. O Lord our God, source of all blessings, having received Your Holy Body and Blood, we bow our heads [congregation bowing heads] before You. Lord, bless this Your servant who has ministered in Your holy presence. Accept the praise and petition of Your people. Send us with Your blessings and peace.

## THE SENDING

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

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

### Benediction

[Congregation makes the sign of the cross ✠ by themselves and receives the blessings]

**P:** ✠ The eternal love . . . now and forever more.

**C:** ✠ **May the Lord accept our worship and help us to live as worthy witnesses of His unfailing love. Amen, a-men, a-a—men.**

(Or)

**P:** Dearly beloved, your . . . the Holy Spirit. Amen.

**C:** ✠ **May the Lord accept our worship and help us to live as worthy witnesses of His unfailing love. Amen, a-men, a-a—me-n.**



[Sit]

**P:** Please be seated.

[The congregation sits for a few moments in prayer and meditation]

**P:** Let us go forth . . . witnesses of our Lord Jesus Christ.

**C:** **A-m-e-n. Thanks be to God.**

[The congregation then goes out in reverence]



## FOURTH SUNDAY ORDER OF WORSHIP

### THE GATHERING

#### Call to Worship



[Stand]

[The madhbaha is veiled]

**Priest:** Let us stand and join . . . ourselves to worship the living God.

#### Entrance Song

##### Gloria

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

**Congregation:** ✠ As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end—a-m-e-n.

**P:** O Lord Jesus Christ . . . have mercy on us.

**All:** We magnify You, O Lord Jesus. You are our King, the only begotten Son, Word of the Father, Immortal in nature—without change—born of the Virgin Mary—You became man for the salvation of mankind. ✠ Crucified for our sins, buried and rose again, thus You broke the bonds of death, trampling hell and Satan under Your feet. You, Lord Jesus are One in the Holy Trinity, worshipped and glorified, equally with Your Father and the Holy Spirit—have mercy on us.

[Repeat three times]

**P:** Holy are You, O God.

**C:** Holy are You, Almighty.

**P:** Holy are You, Immortal.

**C:** Crucified ✠ for us, Lord Messiah, have mercy upon us.

**P:** Kyrie—Eleison.

**C:** Kyrie—Eleison.

**P:** Christe—Eleison.

**C:** Christe—Eleison.

**P:** Kyrie—Eleison.

**C:** Kyrie—Eleison.

**P:** ☩ Peace be with you all.

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

**Opening Prayer**

**P:** O Lord, You promised . . . world without end (Hoso vabkool sban l’olmeen).

**C:** **A-m-e-n.**

(Or)

**P:** O Lord, there is no one like You . . . world without end (Hoso vabkool sban l’olmeen).

**C:** **A-m-e-n.**

**Adoration**

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

[The people worship the Lord through songs and hymns for fifteen minutes.  
During the worship, the leader will direct the people to sit or stand,  
as appropriate]

**P:** Please be seated.



[Sit]

**THE WORD**

**P:** We confess to You our Lord . . . world without end (Hoso vabkool sban l’olmeen).

**C:** **A-m-e-n.**

**Deacon:** With reverence . . . the reading of the holy Word of God.

## First Lesson

**Reader:** The first lesson . . . (verse) to (verse).

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

**C: Thanks be to God.**

## Responsorial Psalm

**R:** The Psalm for today . . . We will read it responsively.

**R:** Thanks be to God, barekmor.

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

**C:** ✠ **As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end—a-m-e-n.**

## Second Lesson

**R:** Let us give attention . . . (verse) to (verse).

**C: Praise be to the name of the Lord of the apostles.  
O Lord, grant us the grace to discern and understand  
Your holy Word.**

[After the reading, the people say]

**C: Alleluia—alleluia—a-lle-lu-ia.**



[Stand]

## Gospel Reading

**D:** Let us stand in reverence . . . Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ.

**P:** ✠ Peace be with you all.

[Congregation makes the sign of the cross ✠ by themselves and receives the blessings]

**C:** ✠ **May the Lord make us worthy to listen to His Word.**

**P:** The Holy Gospel . . . (verse) to (verse).

**C:** **Blessed is He who has come and will come again. Praise to the Father who sent Him for our salvation. May His blessing be ever upon us.**

**P:** In the days of Jesus Christ . . . He taught in this manner (it happened in this way).

**C:** **So we believe.**

**P:** ✠ Peace be with you all.

[Congregation makes the sign of the cross ✠ by themselves and receives the blessings]

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

**D:** Barekmor—Sthoumenkaal-os.

**C:** **Kyrie—Eleison.**

### Promeon

**P:** Let us pray to the Lord for His blessings and mercy.

**C:** **Merciful Lord, have mercy on us.**

**P:** Make us worthy, dear Lord . . . world without end (Hoso vabkool sban l'olmeen).

**C:** **A-m-e-n.**

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

**C:** **Merciful Lord, have Your grace upon us and help us.**

**P:** Holy and merciful God . . . world without end (Hoso vabkool sban l'olmeen).

**C:** **A-m-e-n.**

### Sedra

**P:** O Lord our God . . . world without end (Hoso vabkool sban Polmeen).

**C:** **A-m-e-n**—may the Lord accept your service and help us through your prayers.

### Adoration of the Trinity

**P:** ✠ May we always receive . . . from our merciful God.

**C:** **A-m-e-n.**

**P:** Feeble and sinners by nature, let us respond by saying, Amen.

**P:** ✠ Holy is the Holy Father (Kaadish Aabo Kaadheeso).

**C:** **A-m-e-n.**

**P:** ✠ Holy is the Holy Son (Kaadish Bro Kaadheeso).

**C:** **A-m-e-n.**

**P:** ✠ Holy is the living and Holy Spirit (Kaadish Roohayo Kaadheeso).

**C:** **A-m-e-n.**

### The Nicene Creed

**D:** In reverence and faith, let us affirm the Creed of the church.

**P:** We believe in one God,

**All:** **the Father Almighty,  
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 worlds;  
God of God, light of light,**

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

Who, for us men and for our salvation,  
came down from heaven, ✠ [bowing]  
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the Virgin Mary,  
and was made man;  
and was crucified ✠ [bowing] also for us under Pontius Pilate;  
He suffered and died and was buried;  
and the third day He rose again, ✠ according to the  
Scriptures;  
and ascended into heaven,  
and sits at the right hand of the Father;  
and He shall come again, with glory,  
to judge the living and the dead;  
whose kingdom shall have 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 worshipped  
and glorified;  
who spoke by the prophets.  
We believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins;  
and we look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come.  
A-m-e-n.



[Sit]

**P:** Please be seated.

### **Prayers of the Church**

**D:** This is the time for intercession. In the power of the Holy Spirit and in union with Christ, let us pray to the Father.

[After the prayer, the congregation prays responsively]

**D:** Heavenly Father, we pray for the Holy Church spread all over the world for the proclamation of the Gospel and the witness of Your kingdom, that You will keep us in love, unity and oneness in purpose and life.

**C: O Lord, have mercy on us.**

**D:** We pray for Your rich blessings, wisdom and anointing upon our spiritual father, our Metropolitan, our episcopas, priests, deacon fathers, missionaries and leaders of various institutions of our church.

**C: O Lord, have mercy on us.**

**D:** We pray for the peace and stability of all peoples and for the leaders of our nation and nations.

**C: O Lord, have mercy on us.**

**D:** Heavenly Father, we pray that all of us Your children will live an exemplary life in all avenues of life and be servants of Your Gospel in the places of our work so that all may see You through our life and witness.

**C: O Lord, have mercy on us.**

**D:** We pray for the blessing of our homes, relatives, friends and neighbours that we will produce the fruit of the Holy Spirit and live worthy of Your kingdom.

**C: O Lord, have mercy on us.**

**D:** O Lord who heals and comforts, we pray for the sick and suffering and all who minister to their needs. Kindly guide them and us to trust in You and be delivered from all weaknesses by Your mercies and grace.

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**D:** Lord, we pray for all our children to grow in devotion, love and reverence to You and the church. Grant them the divine wisdom and grace to live a life pleasing and serving You.

**C: O Lord, have mercy on us.**

**D:** O Lord, our creator, You not only created all that is, and You trusted us with the stewardship to take care of Your earth and protect it. Please forgive us for our negligence and for causing much damage to our environment. We pray, You please give us the grace to wake up to our God-given responsibility and do all we can to be good stewards of the earth and the environment You blessed us with.

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(Or)

Gracious God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who forgives all those who truly repent and turn to You, we humbly confess our sins and ask for Your mercy. We have not loved You with a pure

heart. Neither have we loved our neighbours as ourselves. We have not done justly, nor loved mercy, nor walked humbly with You, our Father.

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

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**C:** **Amen—barekmor.**

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

**C:** **As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end—a-m-e-n.**

**P:** The Holy Father, who created the world in His mercy, is with us.

**C:** **A-m-e-n.**

**P:** The one Holy Son, who saved us by His suffering, death and resurrection is with us.

**C:** **A-m-e-n.**

**P:** The one living Holy Spirit . . . both now and forever.

**C:** **A-m-e-n.**

### **Receiving of the Holy Communion**

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

**C:** **As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end—a-m-e-n.**

**P:** O Lord, we pray . . . in Your holy presence forever.

**C:** **A-m-e-n.**

**P:** May the mercies . . . and on them in both worlds forever.

**C:** **A-m-e-n. Lord be gracious and have mercy on us. Glory and praise be to You, O Lord, praise be to You, our everlasting refuge. Ha—lle—lu—jah.**

**P:** Dearly beloved, believing . . . how much He loved us.

[The congregation comes forward to receive the Holy Communion]

**P:** The Body and Blood of Christ.

[After receiving the Holy Communion, the communicants say, “Amen”  
and make the sign of the cross ✠]

**Communicant:** **Amen. ✠**



[Sit]

[After receiving the Holy Communion, the people return in reverence to their respective seats and remain seated until all have partaken of the Holy Communion]

## Post Communion Prayer



[Stand]

**P:** Let us all stand.

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

**C:** **As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end—a-m-e-n.**

**P:** Let us pray: O Lord our God . . . world without end (Hoso vabkool sban l’olmeen).

**C:** **All the earth shall bow before You, and every tongue shall praise Your name, which is above all other names. For You give life to the dead, and You are the hope of all who sleep in the grave. We praise You, O Lord, and give You thanks for Your mercy to us.**

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

**C:** **And also with your spirit. O Lord our God, source of all blessings, having received Your Holy Body and Blood, we bow our heads [congregation bowing heads] before You. Lord, bless this Your servant who has ministered in Your holy presence. Accept the praise and petition of Your people. Send us with Your blessings and peace.**

## THE SENDING

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

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

### Benediction

[Congregation makes the sign of the cross ✠ by themselves and receives the blessings]

**P:** ✠ The eternal love . . . now and forever more.

**C:** ✠ **May the Lord accept our worship and help us to live as worthy witnesses of His unfailing love. Amen, a-men, a-a—men.**

(Or)

**P:** Dearly beloved, your . . . the Holy Spirit. Amen.

**C:** ✠ **May the Lord accept our worship and help us to live as worthy witnesses of His unfailing love. Amen, a-men, a-a—me-n.**



[Sit]

**P:** Please be seated.

[The congregation sits for a few moments in prayer and meditation]

**P:** Let us go forth . . . witnesses of our Lord Jesus Christ.

**C:** **A-m-e-n. Thanks be to God.**

[The congregation then goes out in reverence]



## FIFTH SUNDAY ORDER OF WORSHIP

### THE GATHERING

#### Call to Worship



[Stand]

[The madhbaha is veiled]

**Priest:** Let us stand and join . . . ourselves to worship the living God.

#### Entrance Song

#### Gloria

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

**Congregation:** ✠ As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end—a-m-e-n.

**P:** O Lord Jesus Christ . . . have mercy on us.

**All:** We magnify You, O Lord Jesus. You are our King, the only begotten Son, Word of the Father, Immortal in nature—without change—born of the Virgin Mary—You became man for the salvation of mankind. ✠ Crucified for our sins, buried and rose again, thus You broke the bonds of death, trampling hell and Satan under Your feet. You, Lord Jesus are One in the Holy Trinity, worshipped and glorified, equally with Your Father and the Holy Spirit—have mercy on us.

[Repeat three times]

**P:** Holy are You, O God.

**C:** Holy are You, Almighty.

**P:** Holy are You, Immortal.

**C:** Crucified ✠ for us, Lord Messiah, have mercy upon us.

**P:** Kyrie—Eleison.

**C:** Kyrie—Eleison.

**P:** Christe—Eleison.

**C:** Christe—Eleison.

**P:** Kyrie—Eleison.

**C:** Kyrie—Eleison.

**P:** ☩ Peace be with you all.

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

### Opening Prayer

**P:** Dear Lord, we are so grateful . . . world without end (Hoso vabkool sban l’olmeen).

**C:** **A-m-e-n.**

(Or)

**P:** Dear Lord, You are gracious . . . world without end (Hoso vabkool sban l’olmeen).

**C:** **A-m-e-n.**

### Adoration

**P:** Let us join our voices in singing praises to our God.

[The people worship the Lord through songs and hymns for fifteen minutes.  
During the worship, the leader will direct the people to sit or stand,  
as appropriate]

**P:** Please be seated.



[Sit]

## THE WORD

**P:** We confess to You our Lord . . . world without end (Hoso vabkool sban l’olmeen).

**C:** **A-m-e-n.**

**Deacon:** With reverence . . . the reading of the holy Word of God.

## First Lesson

**Reader:** The first lesson is . . . (verse) to (verse).

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

**C: Thanks be to God.**

## Responsorial Psalm

**R:** The Psalm for today is . . . We will read it responsively.

**R:** Thanks be to God, barekmor.

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

**C:** ✠ **As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end—a-m-e-n.**

## Second Lesson

**R:** Let us give attention . . . (verse) to (verse).

**C: Praise be to the name of the Lord of the apostles.  
O Lord, grant us the grace to discern and understand  
Your holy Word.**

[After the reading, the people say]

**C: Alleluia—alleluia—a-lle-lu-ia.**



[Stand]

## Gospel Reading

**D:** Let us stand in reverence . . . Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ.

**P:** ✠ Peace be with you all.

[Congregation makes the sign of the cross ✠ by themselves and receives the blessings]

**C:** ✠ **May the Lord make us worthy to listen to His Word.**

**P:** The holy Gospel . . . (verse) to (verse).

**C: Blessed is He who has come and will come again. Praise to the Father who sent Him for our salvation. May His blessing be ever upon us.**

**P:** In the days of Jesus Christ . . . He taught in this manner.

**C: So we believe.**

**P:** ✠ Peace be with you all.

[Congregation makes the sign of the cross ✠ by themselves and receives the blessings]

**C: ✠ And also with your spirit.**

**D:** Barekmor—Sthoumenkaal-os.

**C: Kyrie—Eleison.**

### Promeon

**P:** Let us pray to the Lord for His blessings and mercy.

**C: Merciful Lord, have mercy on us.**

**P:** Make us worthy, dear Lord . . . world without end (Hoso vabkool sban l'olmeen).

**C: A-m-e-n.**

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

**C: Merciful Lord, have Your grace upon us and help us.**

**P:** Holy and merciful God . . . world without end (Hoso vabkool sban l'olmeen).

**C: A-m-e-n.**

### Sedra

**P:** O Lord our Messiah . . . world without end (Hoso vabkool sban l'olmeen).

**C: A-m-e-n—may the Lord accept your service and help us through your prayers.**

### Adoration of the Trinity

**P:** ✠ May we always receive . . . from our merciful God.

**C:** **A-m-e-n.**

**P:** Feeble and sinners by nature, let us respond by saying, Amen.

**P:** ✠ Holy is the Holy Father (Kaadish Aabo Kaadheeso).

**C:** **A-m-e-n.**

**P:** ✠ Holy is the Holy Son (Kaadish Bro Kaadheeso).

**C:** **A-m-e-n.**

**P:** ✠ Holy is the living and Holy Spirit (Kaadish Roohayo Kaadheeso).

**C:** **A-m-e-n.**

### The Nicene Creed

**D:** In reverence and faith, let us affirm the Creed of the church.

**P:** We believe in one God,

**All:** **the Father Almighty,  
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 worlds;  
God of God, light of light,  
very God of very God,  
begotten, not made,  
being of one substance with the Father,  
by whom all things were made.**

**Who, for us men and for our salvation,**

came down from heaven, ✠ [bowing]  
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the Virgin Mary,  
and was made man;  
and was crucified ✠ [bowing] also for us under Pontius Pilate;  
He suffered and died and was buried;  
and the third day He rose again, ✠ according to the  
Scriptures;  
and ascended into heaven,  
and sits at the right hand of the Father;  
and He shall come again, with glory,  
to judge the living and the dead;  
whose kingdom shall have 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 worshipped  
and glorified;  
who spoke by the prophets.  
We believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins;  
and we look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come.  
A-m-e-n.



[Sit]

**P:** Please be seated.

## Prayers of the Church

**D:** This is the time for intercession. In the power of the Holy Spirit and in union with Christ, let us pray to the Father.

[After the prayer, the congregation prays responsively]

[After sharing each prayer request, the congregation should pray two by two, holding hands, or should stand and pray out loud in unison, or should make small groups of three or four and each one has to pray]

**D:** Let us pray for our beloved Metropolitan and episcopas and all the clergies who minister in local parishes. Let us also pray for the gift of the Holy Word, the grace of the Sacraments and fellowship among God's people.

[The congregation prays, ending with the leader saying "Amen"]

**D:** Let us pray for the renewal of the church and to grow in love, faith and in passion for souls that have not known the Lord Jesus.

[The congregation prays, ending with the leader saying "Amen"]

**D:** Let us pray for peace, justice and reconciliation throughout our nation and the world. Pray for human rights of all peoples to be honoured and for the succour of the oppressed. Let us also give thanks to the Lord for granting us the privilege to represent Him to those in need in our world.

[The congregation prays, ending with the leader saying "Amen"]

**D:** Let us pray for all who are in authority in our country and all nations. Pray that God would grant them wisdom to fulfil their responsibilities with justice and mercy and maintain the rights and privileges of all peoples as given in the constitution.

[The congregation prays, ending with the leader saying "Amen"]

**D:** Let us pray for our local community and for the health and protection of each of them. Let us pray for the young and elderly, for families and for those deserted and dejected. Let us give thanks for to the Lord for His blessings so freely given to us.

[The congregation prays, ending with the leader saying "Amen"]

**D:** Let us pray for those who are in need—for the sick, sorrowing and bereaved. Let us pray for all who bring comfort, ease and healing to the hurting and suffering. Let us give thanks to God for love and friendship and for all that enriches our daily lives.

[The congregation prays, ending with the leader saying “Amen”]

**D:** Now for the next few minutes, let us pray for one another.

**D:** Dear Lord, we thank You for answering our prayers.

**C: A-m-e-n.**

### **Birthday, Wedding Anniversary and Thanksgiving Prayers**

**P:** Those who are celebrating . . . give your thanksgiving offering.

### **Offertory**

[Offertory is collected while a song is sung by the choir and the congregation]

**P:** Let us now give . . . we do so out of love and a grateful heart.

### **Prayer**

**P:** Dear Lord Jesus . . . Jesus Christ, our Lord, we pray.

**C: A-m-e-n.**

(Or)

**P:** Dear Lord Jesus . . . Jesus our Lord, we pray.

**C: A-m-e-n.**

### **Announcements**

[Reading the orders and Shepherd’s Letters from the Metropolitan, diocesan episcopa, circulars, announcements, notices from Synod Secretariat, fellowship meetings and programmes of the parish]

### **Teaching of the Word**

[Teaching of God’s Word up to forty minutes]

## THE HOLY COMMUNION



[Stand]

### Prayer of Confession

**P:** As we prepare ourselves . . . forgiveness and cleansing.

[After spending a few moments in silence, all those who are participating in the Holy Communion repeats after the priest the prayer of confession]

**P:** Most holy and loving Father, I acknowledge and confess before You my sinful nature—prone to wander away from You and seek my own way.

I have been slothful in doing good and hating what is wrong. You alone know how often I have sinned in wasting my gifts and in forgetting Your love. Please have mercy upon me who is sorrowing for all the wrongs I have done. Teach me to hate what You hate. Cleanse me from secret faults and forgive all my sins.

For the sake of Your dear Son, please help me to live in Your light and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your name. And make me worthy to partake without condemnation of Your most pure Mysteries, for the remission of my sins, and unto life everlasting. Amen.

(Or)

**P:** Eternal God, in whom I live and move and have my very being, I come before You knowing that You know me so well, and I can hide nothing from You. It is my sins that keep me from seeing Your face and from hearing Your tender voice. I have forgotten Your mercy in the blindness of my heart. Cleanse me, I ask, of all my sins. Deliver me from my proud thoughts and vain desires.

I want to walk in lowliness and meekness so that I may experience the life of my Lord Jesus, who invited me to follow Him. I confess before You my sins and confide in Your grace for cleansing and wholesomeness in my inner life to walk in Your ways, to the glory of Your name. And make me worthy to partake without condemnation of Your most pure Mysteries, for the remission of my sins, and unto life everlasting. Amen.

## Absolution of Sin

**P:** Be assured, our merciful . . . and in newness of life.✠

[Bowing and making the sign of the cross ✠, congregation says]

**C:** ✠ [bowing] **Thank You Lord for Your mercy.**

**P:** Pray with me . . . acceptable and pleasing to the Lord.

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

**C:** ✠ **As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end—a-m-e-n.**

## The Peace

### Prayer

**P:** Dear Lord, help us . . . world without end (Hoso vabkool sban l'olmeen).

**C:** **A-m-e-n.**

**P:** ✠ Peace be with you all.

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

**D:** In the love of the Lord let us greet one another in peace.

**D:** Brothers and sisters . . . before the merciful Lord.

**C:** **Gracious Lord, to You, we bow our heads.** [Congregation bowing heads]

**D:** Brothers and sisters . . . and in the unity of the spirit.

### First Blessing

**P:** The love of God the Father . . . dearly beloved, forever.

[Congregation makes the sign of the cross ✠ by themselves and receives the blessings]

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

## The Great Thanksgiving

**P:** Let our minds and hearts . . . right hand of God the Father.

**C:** They are with You, O Lord, our God.

**P:** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**C:** It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

**P:** It is truly right and just . . . joyful celebration: Koeanan Omerínan.

**C:** Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God Almighty,  
heaven and earth are full of His glory,  
hosanna in the highest;  
blessed is He who has come,  
and is to come  
in the name of the Lord,  
hosanna in the highest.

## Silent Meditation

**P:** The shadow of the cross . . . He did it for us.

**P:** [In silence] O Lord, my God . . . power of the Holy Spirit.

## Institution Narrative

**P:** When the sinless One . . . His holy hands and He gave thanks.

**C:** Bless, O Lord.

**P:** Blessed ✠✠✠ and sanctified . . . do this in remembrance of me.”

**C:** A-m-e-n.

**P:** In the same way . . . hands and He gave thanks.

**C:** Bless, O Lord.

**P:** Blessed ✠✠✠ and sanctified . . . for the forgiveness of sins.”

**C:** A-m-e-n.

### Memorial Acclamation

**P:** As often as you eat . . . Lord's death until He comes.

**C:** Your death, O Lord, we commemorate,  
your resurrection we confess,  
and Your second coming we look for,  
may Your mercy be upon us all.

**P:** Lord, we remember . . . abundant mercy: Labuk Kaadh-Omero.

**C:** O God, have mercy upon us. We give thanks, we glorify  
You and we worship You. Have mercy upon us and bless  
us.

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

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

### Second Blessing

[Congregation makes the sign of the cross ✠ by themselves and receives the blessings]

**D:** My beloved brothers . . . you all now and forever.

**C:** ✠ And also with your spirit.

### Invocation of the Holy Spirit

**P:** Let us pray: God our Father . . . most Holy Body and Blood.

**C:** A-m-e-n.

**P:** Answer us, O Lord . . . us with Your blessings.

**C:** Kyrie Eleison—Kyrie Eleison—Kyrie Eleison.

### Blessing the Bread

**P:** May the Holy Spirit . . . our Lord Jesus Christ.

**C:** A-m-e-n.

## **Blessing the Wine**

**P:** May the Holy Spirit . . . our Lord Jesus Christ.

**C: A-m-e-n.**

**P:** Dear Lord, sanctify . . . world without end (Hoso vabkool sban Polmeen).

**C: A-m-e-n.**

**P:** Let us now bring . . . needs of our parish.

**P:** As our Saviour, the Lord Jesus taught us, we are bold to pray:

**P:** Our Father in Heaven

**All: Hallowed be Your name,**

**Your kingdom come,**

**Your will be done,**

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

**give us this day our daily bread,**

**and forgive us our debts,**

**as we forgive our debtors.**

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

**but deliver us from the Evil One.**

**For Yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory  
forever. Amen.**

**P: ✠** Peace be with you all.

**C: ✠** And also with your spirit.

## **Prayer**

**P:** O Lord Messiah . . . all our sins and debts.

**C: A-m-e-n.**

### Third Blessing

[Congregation makes the sign of the cross ✠ by themselves and receives the blessings]

**P:** The grace of the Holy Trinity . . . beloved, forever and ever.

**C:** ✠ **And also with you. O holy and glorious Trinity, have mercy upon us.**

**D:** With reverence and fear . . . in this Holy Sacrament.

**C:** **O Lord, have mercy upon us and bless us.**

**D:** Before receiving these . . . before the merciful Lord.

**C:** **To You, O Lord our God, we bow our heads.** [The congregation bowing heads]

**P:** The gifts of God for the people of God.

**C:** **A-m-e-n—barekmor.**

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

**C:** **As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end—a-m-e-n.**

**P:** The Holy Father, who created the world in His mercy, is with us.

**C:** **A-m-e-n.**

**P:** The one Holy Son, who saved us by His suffering, death and resurrection is with us.

**C:** **A-m-e-n.**

**P:** The one living Holy Spirit . . . both now and forever.

**C:** **A-m-e-n.**

## Receiving of the Holy Communion

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

**C:** As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be,  
world without end—**a-m-e-n.**

**P:** O Lord, we pray . . . in Your holy presence forever.

**C:** **A-m-e-n.**

**P:** May the mercies . . . and on them in both worlds forever.

**C:** **A-m-e-n. Lord be gracious and have mercy on us. Glory  
and praise be to You, O Lord, praise be to You, our  
everlasting refuge. Ha—lle—lu—jah.**

**P:** Dearly beloved, believing . . . how much He loved us.

[The congregation comes forward to receive the Holy Communion]

**P:** The Body and Blood of Christ.

[After receiving the Holy Communion, the communicants say, “Amen”  
and make the sign of the cross ✠]

**Communicant:** **Amen. ✠**



[Sit]

[After receiving the Holy Communion, the people return in reverence  
to their respective seats and remain seated until all have partaken of the  
Holy Communion]

## Post Communion Prayer



[Stand]

**P:** Let us all stand.

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

**C:** **As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end—a-m-e-n.**

**P:** Let us pray: O Lord our God . . . world without end (Hoso vabkool sban l’olmeen).

**C:** **All the earth shall bow before You, and every tongue shall praise Your name, which is above all other names. For You give life to the dead, and You are the hope of all who sleep in the grave. We praise You, O Lord, and give You thanks for Your mercy to us.**

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

**C:** **And also with your spirit. O Lord our God, source of all blessings, having received Your Holy Body and Blood, we bow our heads [congregation bowing heads] before You. Lord, bless this Your servant who has ministered in Your holy presence. Accept the praise and petition of Your people. Send us with Your blessings and peace.**

## THE SENDING

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

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

### Benediction

[Congregation makes the sign of the cross ✠ by themselves and receives the blessings]

**P:** ✠ The eternal love . . . now and forever more.

**C:** ✠ **May the Lord accept our worship and help us to live as worthy witnesses of His unfailing love. Amen, a-men, a-a—men.**

(Or)

**P:** Dearly beloved, your . . . the Holy Spirit. Amen.

**C:** ✠ **May the Lord accept our worship and help us to live as worthy witnesses of His unfailing love. Amen, a-men, a-a—me-n.**



[Sit]

**P:** Please be seated.

[The congregation sits for a few moments in prayer and meditation]

**P:** Let us go forth . . . witnesses of our Lord Jesus Christ.

**C:** **A-m-e-n. Thanks be to God.**

[The congregation then goes out in reverence]



# SUNDAY ORDER OF WORSHIP WITHOUT HOLY COMMUNION

## THE GATHERING

### Call to Worship



[Stand]

[The madhbaha is veiled]

**Priest:** Let us stand and join . . . ourselves to worship the living God.

### Entrance Song

#### Gloria

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

**Congregation:** ✠ As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end—a-m-e-n.

**P:** O Lord Jesus Christ . . . have mercy on us.

**All:** We magnify You, O Lord Jesus. You are our King, the only begotten Son, Word of the Father, Immortal in nature—without change—born of the Virgin Mary—You became man for the salvation of mankind. ✠ Crucified for our sins, buried and rose again, thus You broke the bonds of death, trampling hell and Satan under Your feet. You, Lord Jesus are One in the Holy Trinity, worshipped and glorified, equally with Your Father and the Holy Spirit—have mercy on us.

[Repeat three times]

**P:** Holy are You, O God.

**C:** Holy are You, Almighty.

**P:** Holy are You, Immortal.

**C:** Crucified ✠ for us, Lord Messiah, have mercy upon us.

**P:** Kyrie—Eleison.

**C:** Kyrie—Eleison.

**P:** Christe—Eleison.

**C:** Christe—Eleison.

**P:** Kyrie—Eleison.

**C:** Kyrie—Eleison.

**P:** ✠ Peace be with you all.

**C:** ✠ And also with your spirit.

### Opening Prayer

**P:** O God of love and mercy . . . world without end (Hoso vabkool sban l’olmeen).

**C:** A-m-e-n.

### Adoration

**P:** Let us join our voices in singing praises to our God.

[The people worship the Lord through songs and hymns for fifteen minutes.  
During the worship, the leader will direct the people to sit or stand,  
as appropriate]

**P:** Please be seated.



[Sit]

### THE WORD

**P:** We confess to You our Lord . . . world without end (Hoso vabkool sban l’olmeen).

**C:** A-m-e-n.

**Deacon:** With reverence . . . the reading of the holy Word of God.

## First Lesson

**Reader:** The first lesson is . . . (verse) to (verse).

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

**C:** Thanks be to God.

## Responsorial Psalm

**R:** The Psalm for today is . . . We will read it responsively.

**R:** Thanks be to God, barekmor.

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

**C:** ✠ **As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be,  
world without end—a-m-e-n.**

## Second Lesson

**R:** Let us give attention . . . (verse) to (verse).

**C:** Praise be to the name of the Lord of the apostles.  
**O Lord, grant us the grace to discern and understand  
Your holy Word.**

[After the reading, the people say]

**C:** Alleluia—alleluia—a-lle-lu-ia.



[Stand]

## Gospel Reading

**D:** Let us stand in reverence . . . Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ.

**P:** ✠ Peace be with you all.

[Congregation makes the sign of the cross ✠ by themselves and receives the blessings]

**C:** ✠ **May the Lord make us worthy to listen to His Word.**

**P:** The holy Gospel . . . (verse) to (verse).

**C:** **Blessed is He who has come and will come again. Praise to the Father who sent Him for our salvation. May His blessing be ever upon us.**

**P:** In the days of Jesus Christ . . . He taught in this manner (it happened in this way).

**C:** **So we believe.**

**P:** ✠ Peace be with you all.

[Congregation makes the sign of the cross ✠ by themselves and receives the blessings]

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

**D:** Barekmor—Sthoumenkaal-os.

**C:** **Kyrie—Eleison.**

### Promeon

**P:** Let us pray to the Lord for His blessings and mercy.

**C:** **Merciful Lord, have mercy on us.**

**P:** Make us worthy, dear Lord..world without end (Hoso vabkool sban l'olmeen).

**C:** **A-m-e-n.**

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

**C:** **Merciful Lord, have Your grace upon us and help us.**

**P:** Holy and merciful God . . . world without end (Hoso vabkool sban l'olmeen).

**C:** **A-m-e-n.**

### Sedra

**P:** All powerful and loving God . . . world without end (Hoso vabkool sban l'olmeen).

**C: A-m-e-n**—may the Lord accept your service and help us through your prayers.

### Adoration of the Trinity

**P:** ✠ May we always receive . . . from our merciful God.

**C: A-m-e-n.**

**P:** Feeble and sinners by nature, let us respond by saying, Amen.

**P:** ✠ Holy is the Holy Father (Kaadish Aabo Kaadheeso).

**C: A-m-e-n.**

**P:** ✠ Holy is the Holy Son (Kaadish Bro Kaadheeso).

**C: A-m-e-n.**

**P:** ✠ Holy is the living and Holy Spirit (Kaadish Roohayo Kaadheeso).

**C: A-m-e-n.**

### The Nicene Creed

**D:** In reverence and faith, let us affirm the Creed of the church.

**P:** We believe in one God,

**All:** the Father Almighty,  
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 worlds;  
God of God, light of light,  
very God of very God,  
begotten, not made,

being of one substance with the Father,  
by whom all things were made.

Who, for us men and for our salvation,  
came down from heaven, ✠ [bowing]  
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the Virgin Mary,  
and was made man;  
and was crucified ✠ [bowing] also for us under Pontius Pilate;  
He suffered and died and was buried;  
and the third day He rose again, ✠ according to the  
Scriptures;  
and ascended into heaven,  
and sits at the right hand of the Father;  
and He shall come again, with glory,  
to judge the living and the dead;  
whose kingdom shall have 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 worshipped  
and glorified;  
who spoke by the prophets.  
We believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins;  
and we look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come.

**A-m-e-n.**



[Sit]

**P:** Please be seated.

## Prayers of the Church

**D:** This is the time for intercession. In faith, let us offer prayers and supplications to the Lord.

[After each prayer, the congregation responds “Kyrie Eleison”]

**D:** God our Father, we pray for the universal church. We pray for Your servant, our Metropolitan, for all episcopas, vicar generals, priests, deacon fathers, missionaries and all who give leadership to various activities of our church.

**C: Kyrie Eleison.**

**D:** O Lord, we pray for all that govern our country. Give them the grace to work for unity and peace and help them rule with justice and mercy.

**C: Kyrie Eleison.**

**D:** We pray for all the activities of our church: That we may work with true passion to fulfil the Great Commission You gave to Your Holy Church.

**C: Kyrie Eleison.**

**D:** Dear Lord Jesus, send Your word of forgiveness and healing to all those who are in various spiritual bondages, sickness and sufferings. May they too experience deliverance by believing in Your name.

**C: Kyrie Eleison.**

**D:** We remember the mother of our Lord, the blessed Virgin Mary, the holy prophets, the apostles, evangelists, the martyrs, and all the saints. Please give us grace that we may follow in their footsteps.

**C: Kyrie Eleison.**

**D:** Thank You, Lord, for St Thomas, the apostle You sent to India, the church fathers, and the three councils of Nicea, Constantinople and Ephesus. Grant us the grace to follow their deep devotion to You and their teachings.

**C: Kyrie Eleison.**

**D:** O Lord, the creator of the whole universe, we thank You for the beauty of Your creation and all the possibilities You have blessed us with in this universe. Please help us to be faithful stewards to protect and sustain it for the coming generations.

**C: Kyrie Eleison.**

**D:** Lord, at Your second coming, grant that we may be found worthy and be gathered into Your heavenly kingdom.

**C: Kyrie Eleison—Kyrie Eleison—Kyrie Eleison.**

**D:** Dear Lord, we thank You for answering our prayers.

**C: A-m-e-n.**

**Birthday, Wedding Anniversary and Thanksgiving Prayers**

**P:** Those who are celebrating . . . give your thanksgiving offering.

**Offertory**

[Offertory is collected while a song is sung by the choir and the congregation]

**P:** Let us now give . . . we do so out of love and a grateful heart.

**Prayer**

**P:** Let us pray: God our Father . . . In Jesus' name.

**C: A-m-e-n.**

**Announcements**

[Reading the orders and Shepherd's Letters from the Metropolitan, diocesan episcopa, circulars, announcements, notices from Synod Secretariat, fellowship meetings and programmes of the parish]

**Teaching of the Word**

[Teaching of God's Word up to forty minutes]



[Stand]

## Closing Prayer

**P:** Dear Father, it is true . . . world without end (Hoso vabkool sban Polmeen).

**C:** And also with your spirit. Lord, bless this Your servant who has ministered in Your holy presence. Accept the praise and petition of Your people. Send us with Your blessings and peace.

## THE SENDING

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

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

## Benediction

[Congregation makes the sign of the cross ✠ by themselves and receives the blessings]

**P:** ✠ The eternal love of God . . . now and forever more.

**C:** ✠ May the Lord accept our worship and help us to live as worthy witnesses of His unfailing love. Amen, a-men, a-a—men.

(Or)

**P:** May the peace of God . . . you in all your ways and always.

**C:** ✠ May the Lord accept our worship and help us to live as worthy witnesses of His unfailing love. Amen, a-men, a-a—me-n.

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[Sit]

**P:** Please be seated.

[The congregation sits for a few moments in prayer and meditation]

**P:** Let us go forth . . . witnesses of our Lord Jesus Christ.

**C: A-m-e-n. Thanks be to God.**

[The congregation then goes out in reverence]

## Appendix: The Meaning of Words Used in Christian Liturgy

The meaning of the Syrian (Aramaic), Greek, Hebrew and French words which are used in Christian liturgies.

Word	Language	Meaning
Amen	Hebrew	True, so be it.
Aabo, Aboon	Syrian	Our Father.
Barekmor	Syrian	Lord, bless us! This term is used to ask permission to the priest in worship and to request the priest to begin the prayers. Primarily, this is used at the end of Trinitarian praise, the Lord's Prayer and the Nicene Creed. It is also used when receiving the blessing and on hearing the church bells.  Bishops greet each other by saying Barekmor. Bishops use the term 'Alohen Barek' to return greetings to priests and the people.
Bro	Syrian	Son.
Chalice	French	A cup shaped vessel to pour wine.
Episcopa	Greek	One who oversees. It is used to denote the bishops.
Hallelujah	Hebrew	Praise be to God! (In the original, it means 'Praise God'.)
Hosanna	Hebrew	Save us now!
Hoso vabkool sban l'olmeen	Syrian	As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end.
Kablana	Syrian	Lid for paten and chalice.
Kaadheeso	Syrian	The Holy One.
Koenan Omerinan	Syrian	They shout and say.

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Kurbana/Qurbana	Syrian	The general meaning of sacrifice, submission, offering and the thing offered. It is <i>Kurobo</i> in western Syriac and <i>Kurbana</i> in Eastern Syriac. The English word for the same is <i>eucharist</i> . The word eucharist is derived from the Greek word <i>Evuchariste</i> meaning ‘to show gratitude by thanksgiving’.
Kyrie—Eleison	Greek	Lord, have mercy upon us; Lord, show Your grace upon us. Kyrie: O Lord! Eleison: Have mercy upon us! Kyrie+Eleison: Lord, have mercy upon us.
Labuk Kaadh-Omero	Syrian	When she (the church) tells your Father.
Madhbaha	Syrian	The place of sacrifice, altar. The word is derived from the Syrian word <i>dbebah</i> . It means to submit the sacrifice of praise and worship. The word madhbaha is used to denote the sacred place where the Holy Communion is conducted in Christian churches.
Maundy	English	Commandment. <i>Mande</i> in old French means that which is commanded. The word <i>mandatum</i> is used in Latin for ‘commandment’. ‘Maundy’ in English is derived from these words. The new commandment of the Lord in St John 13:13 is known as ‘mandate covenant’ ( <i>mandatum novum</i> ). As the Lord had washed the feet of his disciples on Passover to symbolize servant leadership, the day (Thursday) on

		which He gave this new covenant is known as Maundy Thursday.
Messiah	Hebrew	The anointed.
Moron	Syrian	Our Lord.
Thablitha	Syrian	A rectangular shaped wooden plaque sanctified and separated for use in Holy Communion. This is also known as 'travelling thronos'. During the Holy Communion, the casa and pilasa are placed on the sanctified Thablitha.
Paten	English	The flattened bowl used to carry the bread.
Promeon	Greek	Preface (the short introductory prayers).
Rooha	Syrian	Spirit.
Sedra	Syrian	Row, group (a group of prayers, a long prayer in the liturgy).
Sosappa	Syrian	The veil that covers the chalice. It reminds us of the cloth that was draped over the body of the Lord after His death.
Sthoumenkalos	Greek	Let us stand in the proper manner (with reverence).

