# - Blessing of the Thaali -

The Syrian Catholic Thaali is a gold heart-shaped pendant embossed with a cross, the symbol of Christianity. The heart symbolizes the concept of love and the cross symbolizes Christ's suffering and resurrection. The cross on the Thaali is made with 21 small balls. This 21 is the result of the multiplication of three with seven, i.e., three persons of the trinity and seven sacraments. The threads for the Thaali are taken from the "Manthrakodi." Seven pieces of threads are taken, and they are folded into three. The bridegroom ties the Thaali on the neck of the bride. This kind of knot is known as a male knot (Aankettu) symbolizing the stability of marriage. Every woman considers the Thaali to be the most prestigious token of love offered to her by her husband during the ceremony

# -Blessing of the Manthrakodi -

"Manthra" means specially blessed and "kodi" means new cloths. The placing of the Manthrakodi upon the bride's head symbolizes Rebecca who took a veil and covered herself when she first saw Isaac. This was an act of humility, chastity and devotion to her lifelong partner united in marriage by God (Genesis 24:16). The groom, henceforth, accepts the responsibility to care for and cherish his bride. At this segment of the wedding, a designated woman from the groom's family, traditionally the sister of the groom, stands behind the bride, signifying the departure of the bride from her father's home and her reception into the home of her husband.

# THE ORDER OF THE SYRO-MALABAR OURBANA

# **SERVICE OF INTRODUCTION**

CEL: As Our Lord commanded
On the Feast of Passover.
Let us gather in His Holy Name
In unity, let us offer this sacrifice.

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

**HYMN OF ANGELS** 

CEL: Glory to God in the highest. (x3)

ALL: Amen. (x3)

CEL: Peace and hope to all people on earth, always and forever.

ALL: Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

CEL: Our Father, who art in Heaven Hallowed be Thy Name, Thy Kingdom come. Holy, holy, Thou art holy.

ALL: Our Father, who art in Heaven, Heaven and Earth are full of Thy glory. Angels and men sing out Thy glory, holy, holy, Thou art holy. Our Father, who art in Heaven, hallowed be Thy Name. Thy Kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth, as it is in Heaven. Give us this day our Daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespassed against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory forever. Amen, Amen, Amen.

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

ALL: From eternity and forever. Amen

CEL: Our Father, who art in Heaven,

ALL: Our Father, who art in Heaven, Heaven and Earth are full of Thy glory. Angels and men sing out Thy glory, holy, holy, Thou art holy.

SER: Let us pray. Peace be with us.

# **OPENING PRAYER**

CEL: Lord God, You have called these servants to be united in Holy Matrimony and to live in union of hearts. Graciously enrich this bride and the groom with Your heavenly gifts, and help them form an ideal family that observes Your commandments. Enable us, O Lord, to administer this sacrament worthily for Your glory and for the good of the whole human race. The Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, Lord of all, forever.

## ALL: Amen.

## **PSALM 45 & 128**

CEL: Hear, O daughter, consider, and incline your ear to me Forget your people and your father's house, (that) the King might desire your beauty

ALL: Rejoice O Church, the Saviour's spouse,
God the eternal has chosen you
As His spouse by divine love
He is your Lord, honor Him.

CEL: All glorious is the king's daughter Threaded with gold is her raiment In embroidered apparel she is led to the king Her maids are presented to him ALL: With joy and gladness they are led Into the palace of the king I will make your name renowned Through all generations

CEL: Your wife will be like a fruitful vine, Your children like young olive plants around Your table, thus shall be The man be blessed who fears the Lord

ALL: The Lord bless you from Zion All the days of your life Rejoice O church, the saviour's spouse, God has chosen you by love

CEL: Glory to the Father be Son and Spirit equally ALL: From eternity and now And forevermore. Amen

SER: Peace be with us.

# PREPARATION FOR THE HYMN OF RESURRECTION

CEL: Lord our God, for all the helps and blessings You have bestowed on us and for which we can never be grateful enough, we offer You never-ending praise and glory in the Church, crowned like a spouse with every goodness and grace. You are the Creator and Lord of all. The Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, forever.

## ALL: Amen

# **HYMN OF RESURRECTION**

CEL: Lord I have washed and purified my hands and walked in procession around Your altar.

# ALL: Lord of all we bow and praise You

Jesus Christ we glorify You

For You give man glorious resurrection And You are the One who saves his soul

CH: Glory be to the Father and to the Son, and to the Holy

Spirit. From eternity and forever. Amen.

# ALL: Lord of all we bow and praise You

Jesus Christ we glorify You

For You give man glorious resurrection

And You are the One who saves his soul

SER: Let us pray. Peace be with us.

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

# ALL: Amen

# SERVICE OF THE WORD OF GOD

**TRISAGION** 

SER: Brothers and sisters

Raise your voices and glorify the living God.

# ALL: Holy God

Holy Mighty One Holy Immortal One Have mercy on us

CH: Glory be to the Father and to Son, and to the Holy Spirit. From eternity and forever, Amen.

# **ALL:** Holy God

Holy Mighty One Holy Immortal One Have mercy on us

SER: Let us pray. Peace be with us.

CEL: Glorious, Mighty, Immortal, and Holy God, You are pleased to dwell in the Holy ones. We beseech You, look upon us, pardon us, and show us compassion according to Your nature. The Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, the Lord of all, forever.

#### ALL: Amen.

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

## FIRST READING

Genesis 1:26-28 or Genesis 2:18-24 or Isaiah 61:10-11 or Proverbs 31:10-31 or Sirach 26:1-4,13-17

SER: A reading from the book of \_\_\_\_ Chapter \_\_\_Verses\_\_\_ to \_\_\_ . Bless me, my Lord.

CEL: May God bless you. (†)
(After the reading from the Old Testament)

# ALL: Praise be to the Lord, our God.

CEL: O Lord, Sovereign, knowing everything, You are the source of every grace and blessing, and the amazing provider for all in Your household. We beseech You to look upon us, to bless us, and to show us mercy in accordance with Your nature. The Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, the Lord of all, forever.

## ALL: Amen.

## SECOND READING

Ephesians 5:20-33 or 1 Peter 3:1-7

SER: Brothers and sisters, a reading from the \_\_\_\_\_ (Letter to the Ephesians Chapter 5 Verses 20 to 33)or (First letter of Peter chapter 3 verses 1 to 7). Bless me, my Lord.

CEL: May Christ bless you. (中)

(After the Reading)

ALL: Praise be to Christ, our God.

## HYMN OF ALLELUIA

ALL: Alleluia, sing Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia. (x2)
My heart is stirred by a noble theme
As I sing my ode to the king
My tongue is the pen of a nimble scribe
Alleluia, sing Alleluia, Alleluia

CH: Glory be to the Father, to the Son and to the Holy Spirit. As it was in the beginning, Let it be forever, Amen.

ALL: Alleluia, sing Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia. (x2)

THE GOSPEL READING

St John 2: 1-11 or St. Mathew 19: 3-6 or St. Mark 10:2-9

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

CEL: Peace (★) be with you.

ALL: With you and with your spirit.

CEL: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, proclaimed by \_\_\_\_\_

ALL: Glory to You Christ, Our Lord.

ALL: (at the end of the Gospel reading) Glory to You Christ, Our Lord.

(Please be seated)

# **HOMILY**

(After the Homily, the congregation stands)

# **KAROZUTHA**

SER: In reverence and exultation, let us pray for this bride and groom, to be united in holy matrimony, saying: "Lord, have mercy on them."

# ALL: Lord, have mercy on them.

SER: O Heavenly Bridegroom, who offered His life for His bride, the Church, bless this couple to live a life of sacrifices in mutual love and unity, we pray.

# **ALL:** Lord, have mercy on them.

SER: O Christ, who invites all to the spiritual banquet of the Word of God, bless this couple to be partakers of the heavenly banquet, having lived an exemplary family life according to Your precepts, we pray.

# ALL: Lord, have mercy on them.

SER: O Christ, who taught the indissolubility of marriage, bless this couple to live a happy married life of chastity and fidelity, we pray.

# ALL: Lord, have mercy on them.

SER: O Christ, who favored the bride and the groom in the marriage feast at Cana with Your presence, bless this couple to live a life of prayer, trusting in Your help and relishing your graceful presence, we pray.

# ALL: Lord, have mercy on them.

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

# ALL: Lord, our God, we commend ourselves to you.

CEL: Lord God, bless this bride and groom to lead with success the married life they begin in joy and hope. Fill them with Your peace and make them worthy to obtain the everlasting crown You have promised Your servants. Be gracious to the parents and the dear ones who raised this couple in Your love, and bless all who participate in this sacred ceremony. Father, Son and Holy Spirit, Lord of all, forever.

## ALL: Amen.

SER: Dear brethren, the bride and the groom are going to be united through the sacrament of matrimony. The celebrant begins to pray for himself to administer this sacrament worthily. Let us all pray in silence.

CEL: O God, who in the beginning, blessed man with a life-partner, we praise Your eternal providence. Strengthen me, Your servant, to administer worthily this sacrament that binds this bride and groom in love. Shower upon me Your abundant graces. Father, Son and Holy Spirit, Lord of all, forever.

#### ALL: Amen.

# THE SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

# ANANDIKKUKA PRIYA PUTHREE (BASED ON PSALM 98:2,4)

CH: Aanandikkuka priya puthree Aathma vibhuushitha manavaatti Nineyithaa thiru manavaalan Manavarayinkal nayichalloo

> Than thiru raktha sariirangal Sthriidhanamaayi ninakkeki Nine labhikkan swayameevam Kurisil paavana baliyayi.

Aanandikkuka priya puthrii...

Aathma vishudhi pakarnniidan Ninnil thankrupa varshikkum Ninpriya suthare valarthanai Hrudayanandam nalkumavan

Aanandikkuka priya puthrii...

## MARRIAGE CONTRACT

CEL: (Groom Name), in compliance with the Law of Christ and in accord with the teachings of the Church, with free will and full consent, do you take (Bride Name) as your wife?

GRM: Yes, I do.

CEL: (Bride Name), in compliance with the Law of Christ and in accord with the teachings of the Church, with free will and full consent, do you take (Groom Name) as your husband?

BRD: I do.

CEL: (To the witnesses) Are you the witnesses to this?

WIT: Yes, we are.

CEL: (To the couple) As a symbol of this nuptial covenant, you may now join your right hands. (While they do so, the celebrant blesses them)

CEL: May the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob be with you. May our Lord, Jesus Christ, bind you in Holy Matrimony to a family life of love and oneness of minds. In the name of the Father (†) and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit forever.

(The celebrant sprinkles holy water over the couple)

## ALL: Amen.

# **BLESSING OF THAALI**

CEL: O Lord, You by your death on the cross, have earned the church as your bride, bless (†) this Thaali, that unites the bride and the groom in mutual trust and love. May this Thaali, the very symbol of unity, bind them to indivisible love and fullness of fidelity. May the cross, embossed on it, give them strength to bear cheerfully the sorrows of life and to lead a life pleasing to You. May this also be a symbol of their fidelity. (The celebrant sprinkles holy water over the Thaali)

## ALL: Amen.

## **BLESSING OF THE RINGS**

CEL: O Lord God, bless these rings the bride and the groom exchange as symbol of their mutual love and fidelity. In the name of the Father and of the Son (†) and of the Holy Spirit. (The celebrant sprinkles holy water over the rings)

## ALL: Amen.

# **BLESSING OF MANTHRAKODI**

**CEL:** O merciful Lord, who adorns the human soul with the enduring mantle of grace, bless (†) this Manthrakodi. Help this bride and groom put You on through their mutual love and self-giving. O Lord, who clothed the Holy Church, Your Bride, in the mantle of glory, make this couple worthy to put on the robe of glory in heaven after a life of sanctity on earth. (The celebrant sprinkles holy water over the Mathrakodi)

#### ALL: Amen.

### MANGALLYA SAUBHAYAMEGAN

CH: Mangallya saubhayamegan Mannine vinnodu cherkan Kalyana Rubanakum Yeshu Nadhan Karuna Varsham pozhiyunnu

Yuesepithavum Kanyambikayum Omalsudhanam Eeshoyum Kudumbamam yahuvedhiyil Athma arppam cheithupol Arpanam cheyyan kudumbamakan Bhavukam Nerunnitha

Satgunnavathiyam Sarayumoppam Subhayavanam Thobiayssum Pavanam snehavedhiyil Thangalil onnayee Theerunathupol Thanayai Enayai sashikalakan Bhayukam Nerunnitha

(During this hymn, the celebrant sprinkles holy water over the Manthrakodi, then he takes the Thaali and gives it to the groom, who ties it around the neck of the bride. The bride and the groom mutually put the rings on their fingers. Then, the celebrant gives the Manthrakodi to the bridegroom, who puts it over the head of the bride)

(The bride and the bridegroom, placing their right hands on the open Bible, pronounce the following pledge prompted by the celebrant)

**B&G**: We pledge, by the Holy Gospel, to live in love and fidelity, and with oneness of mind, in joy and sorrow, in wealth and want, in health and sickness, from this day, till the hour of our death. May the almighty God, help us to live, in accord with this promise.

**SER**: (*To the couple*) Brethren, bow your heads and receive the blessing.

**CEL:** May God Almighty bless you. May He enrich you with internal beauty and the gifts of the Holy Spirit. May Christ, the head of the Church, be always your sovereign and protector. May He be your friend in all your doings, and tone up your life with all mental, physical and temporal well-being. May He help you receive gladly the children God may deign to bless you with and lead them in the path of holiness. And may He make you worthy to offer Him praise, worship and thanksgiving forever.

# ALL: Amen.

# THE QURBANA CONTINUES

(The congregation stands)

SER: Bless us, O Lord. Brothers and Sisters, bow your heads for the imposition of hands and receive the blessing.

(Everybody bows. The celebrant bows and says the following prayer in a low voice)

CEL: Lord, our God! Extend Your merciful right hand over the universal and apostolic

Church. Protect it from every danger, visible and invisible. In Your compassion make us worthy to minister in Your presence with devotion, diligence and purity.

(Resume a straight posture)

CEL: Merciful God! Bless us. Grant that all of us, as one body, may properly please You throughout our lives, by works of justice, that reconcile us with You. Make us worthy to offer you never ending praise, homage, thanksgiving, and adoration. The Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, Lord of all, forever.

#### ALL: Amen

SER: Let all, who have been baptized and sealed with the sign of life, participate in these holy mysteries attentively and devoutly.

(Congregation please be seated.)

# **SERVICE OF THE PREPARATION OF GIFTS**

**HYMN OF THE MYSTERIES** 

CH: In the Lord I put my firm trust

ALL: Here is Our Lord's precious Body and Blood.
With love and respect
Let us gather by this Altar.
Let us all join with the heavenly choir and sing
God is Holy, Holy, Holy forever.

CH: The poor will eat and be satisfied

ALL: Here is Our Lord's precious Body and Blood.
With love and respect
Let us gather by this Altar.
Let us all join with the heavenly choir and sing
God is Holy, Holy, Holy forever.

# OFFERTORY HYMN OF REMEMBRANCE

- CEL: Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. Let us remember Virgin Mary, Mother of God and Saint Joseph, the Righteous at this Holy Altar.
- ALL: As it was in the beginning Now and ever shall be, Amen. Apostles and friends of the only begotten Son of God pray for peace in the world.
- CEL: Let the people of God proclaim: Amen, Amen. Let us celebrate at this Altar the memory of our father in faith St. Thomas the Apostle, together with the just who have been triumphed, and the martyrs who have been crowned in glory.

- ALL: The Mighty Lord is with us. Our King is with us. Our God is with us. The Lord of Jacob is our help.
- CEL: All the departed, both the great and small, have fallen asleep in You In the hope that through Your Glorious Resurrection You will raise them again in glory.
- ALL: Open your hearts before Him. By prayer, fasting, and penance, let us find favor with the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

PROCLAMATION OF CREED

(Congregation Stands.)

CEL: We believe in One God, the Father almighty,

ALL: Creator of all things, visible and invisible, and in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only begotten Son of God, the first born of all creatures, born of the Father before all ages, and not made, true God from true God, consubstantial with his Father. Through Him the worlds were formed, and all things were created. For the sake of us men, and for our salvation, He came down from heaven; and became incarnate by the Holy Spirit, and became man, and was conceived and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered and was crucified in the days of Pontius Pilate, died and was buried; and on the third day rose again as it is written. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of his Father. He will come again to judge the dead. We believe in one Holy Spirit; the spirit of truth, who proceeds from the Father and the Son the life-giving Spirit. We believe in one, holy, catholic, and apostolic Church. We confess one baptism for the remission of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting. Amen.

CEL: (Towards the server) May God, the Lord of all, strengthen you (†) to sing His praises.

SER: (Facing the congregation) Let us pray. Peace be with us. Let us pray for the memory of our fathers, patriarchs, bishops, and for all priests, deacons, young men and virgins, our parents, brothers and sisters, sons, and daughters. Let us remember all the rulers who love Christ and are faithful to Him, and all who have departed from this world in true faith through the grace of Christ. May this sacrifice obtain for us help, salvation, and life everlasting in the Kingdom of Heaven.

# ENTRANCE TO THE HOLY OF HOLIES

CEL: (Coming back to the altar middle, he says) Bless, O Lord! Pray for me, brothers and sisters, that this Qurbana may be fulfilled through my hands.

ALL: May God, the Lord of all, strengthen you to fulfill His will. May He accept this Qurbana and be pleased with the sacrifice you offer for yourself, for us, and for the whole world. Amen.

# **ANAPHORA**

## FIRST G'HANTHA PRAYER

CEL: Lord, Our God, we thank You for the abundant graces You have showered on us. For, though we are sinful and weak, through Your infinite mercy, You have made us worthy to be ministers of the sacred mysteries of the Body and Blood of Your Anointed One. We implore

You to strengthen us to celebrate with deep love and true faith, these gifts that You have given us.

CEL: We offer you praise and honor, worship and thanksgiving. Now, (†) always and forever.

ALL: Amen.

RITE OF PEACE

CEL: (The celebrant blesses the people) Peace ( ) be with you.

# ALL: With you and with your spirit.

SER: (Facing the congregation) My brothers and sisters, give peace to one another in the love of Christ.

(Congregation exchange peace)

SER: Let us thank the Lord and entreat Him with pure and contrite hearts. Let us stand with due reverence and be attentive to the awe-inspiring mysteries being celebrated here. The priest is imploring that peace may flourish through his intercession. Bowing our heads, let us lift up our thoughts to Heaven, and pray fervently and devotedly in our hearts. Peace be with us.

## HYMN OF GREETING

CEL: The Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God the Father, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with us all, now always, and forever (†)

ALL: Amen. Amen.

CEL: Let your minds be on high.

ALL: Towards you, God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, O Glorious King

CEL: The Ourbana is offered to God, the Lord of all.

ALL: It is right and just.

SER: Peace be with us.

## SECOND G'HANTHA PRAYER

CEL: Lord of all, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, the adorable name of Your most Blessed Trinity is worthy of honor from every mouth, thanksgiving from every tongue, and praise from every creature. For, in Your great kindness You created the world and everything in it and showed humanity Your immense mercy. Multitudes of heavenly hosts and thousands upon thousands of holy angels and hosts of spiritual ministers of fire and spirit bow down and adore You, O Most High and they glorify Your name and offer You worship together with the holy Cherubim and Seraphim.

## **HYMN OF HOSANNA**

CEL: Praising You in a loud voice unceasingly, they proclaim in one voice:

ALL: Holy, holy, holy Lord, the mighty God.

Heaven and earth are filled with your glory.

Hosanna in the highest

Hosanna to the Son of David

Blessed is He who came and is to come, in the name of the Lord

Hosanna in the highest

### THIRD G'HANTHA PRAYER

CEL: Lord, Our God, together with the heavenly hosts we give You thanks. We glorify and bless God the Word, hidden offspring from Your bosom. He is Your own likeness and splendor and the image of Your own Being. Setting aside His equality with You, He emptied Himself, taking the form of a servant. Born of a woman He became a complete human being with a rational, intelligent, and immortal soul, and mortal body. He subjected Himself to the law, in order to redeem those who were under the law. He left for us the memorial of our salvation, this redemptive mystery, which we now offer before You.

## WORDS OF INSTITUTION

CEL: Lord, our God, we commemorate the passion of Your beloved Son as He taught us. On the night He was handed over, Jesus took bread in his pure and holy hands, lifted up His eyes to Heaven to You, the adorable Father, Blessed it, ( † † †) broke it, and Gave it to the disciples, saying: "This is my Body which is broken for You for the forgiveness of sins. Take this all of you and eat it."

## ALL: Amen

CEL: Likewise, taking the cup, He gave thanks, blessed it, (ヤナナ) and gave it to them saying: "This is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for many for the forgiveness of sins. Take this all of you and drink from it."

## ALL: Amen

CEL: Whenever You gather together in my name, do this in memory of me. (All bow in reverence)

CEL: Lord, as You have commanded us, we Your humble, weak, and distressed servants are gathered together in Your presence. You have showered upon us such great blessings for which we can never thank You enough. To make us share in your divine life, You assumed our human nature, restored us from our fallen state, and brought us from death to life eternal. Forgiving our debts, You sanctified us sinners, enlightened our minds, defeated our enemies, and glorified our frail nature by Your immense grace.

CEL: We give You glory and honor, thanksgiving and adoration for all Your favors and graces You have granted us. Now, ( ) always, and forever.

## ALL: Amen

SER: Pray in your hearts. Peace be with us

#### PRAYER OF INTERCESSION

CEL: For the Supreme Pontiff in Rome, the ruler and head of the universal Church, Pope Francis, for the Major Archbishop, the head and Father of our Church Mar George, for the Bishop Mar Jacob, the head and father of our diocese, for Mar Joy, for all bishops, for the entire holy Catholic Church, for priests, rulers, and all those who are in authority, Lord, Mighty God, receive this Qurbana

# ALL: Lord, graciously receive this Qurbana.

CEL: For the honor and glory of all the prophets, disciples, martyrs, confessors and all the just and holy fathers who have found favor in your presence, Lord, receive this Qurbana.

# ALL: Lord, graciously receive this Qurbana.

CEL: For all those who suffer and are in distress, the poor and the oppressed, the sick and the afflicted, for all those who have departed from us in your name, for this Your people who await Your mercy with great hope, and for me Your unworthy servant, Lord, receive this Qurbana.

# ALL: Lord, graciously receive this Qurbana.

# FOURTH G'HANTHA PRAYER

CEL: Lord, Our God, as You taught us, we offer You the Body and Blood of Your Anointed One on this pure and holy altar. May we invoke in this memorial celebration, the sacred memory of Mary, the Virgin Mother of God, and of the just and holy Fathers who found favor in Your presence through Your infinite mercy. Grant us Your peace and tranquility all the days of our lives. Let all the people on earth know that You alone are the true God, the Father, and that You sent Your beloved Son Jesus Christ.

May all the people know that Christ, our Lord and God, in His life giving Gospel, came and taught us the way of purity and sanctity of the prophets and apostles, martyrs and confessors, doctors and bishops, priests and deacons, and all the children of the holy Catholic Church who have been signed with the living and life-giving seal of baptism. (†) Lord, we Your humble, weak, and distressed servants having received Your example from generation to generation, have come together in Your name, and stand in Your holy presence rejoicing and glorifying. We commemorate and celebrate these great, awesome, holy, life-giving, and divine mystery of the passion, death, burial, and resurrection of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

**EPICLESIS** 

SER: Let us pray in silence and reverence. Peace be with us.

CEL: Lord, our God, May Your Holy Spirit descend on this Qurbana. May He dwell on this Qurbana of Your servants, and bless and sanctify it. May this Qurbana grant us remission of our debts, forgiveness of our sins, great hope in the resurrection of the dead, and new life in Your heavenly kingdom with all those who have found favor in Your presence. Lord, Our God! We offer You unending praise for Your glorious and ineffable plan for our salvation.

CEL: We offer You thanksgiving with joy and hope, in Your Church redeemed by the precious blood of Your Anointed One.

## SERVICE OF RECONCILIATION

(All kneel)

# HYMN OF REPENTENCE

CEL: O Christ, You are the peace of the heavenly court and the hope of the earthly beings. Bring peace and harmony to the world, especially to the Holy Catholic Church. Preserve the Church and the nation in harmony. Banish wars from the face of the earth. Scatter the warmongers from our midst. Grant that we may lead a humble and God-fearing life in peace and tranquility. Let there be glory, not for us Lord but for Your Holy Name.

CEL: Have mercy on me, O God, in your loving kindness.

ALL: In your great compassion, wipe away my sins.

CEL: Bless us O Lord. May Your mercy draw us near to these glorious, sacred, life-giving, and divine mysteries, though truly we are unworthy.

# **SERVICE OF BREAKING OF THE BREAD**

**ELEVATION** 

CEL: O Lord Jesus Christ, may there be glory to Your name and worship to Your majesty forever. For this living and life-giving bread has come down from Heaven and gives life to the whole world. Whoever eats this bread will not die, but will receive remission of sins, attain salvation, and live forever.

HYMN OF ADORATION

CH: I am the living bread that comes down from heaven

ALL: Our Savior revealed to His disciples I am the bread that came down from on high. He who comes to me and receives with love Will live surely in Me forever And will inherit the kingdom of Heaven.

CH: Open O Lord, the gates of justice for us

ALL: Compassionate Lord
Who calls sinners to Your presence
And opens the doors for repentance
May we enter into Your presence
And sing Your praises day and night

CEL: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, the Father and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with us all, now, (†) always and forever.

ALL: Amen.

#### HYMN OF RECONCILIATION

SER: Let us approach the mysteries of the precious body and blood of our Savior with reverence and respect. With hope, arising from repentance, let us turn away from wrongdoing, repent of our sins, and forgive the trespasses of our brothers and sisters. Let us pray to God, the Lord of all, for mercy and forgiveness.

ALL: Lord, forgive the sins and offenses of your servants.

SER: Let us cleanse our hearts, turning away from dissensions and conflicts.

ALL: Lord, forgive the sins and offenses of your servants.

SER: Let us free our souls from enmity and hatred.

ALL: Lord, forgive the sins and offenses of your servants.

SER: Let us receive the Holy Qurbana and be sanctified by the Holy Spirit.

ALL: Lord, forgive the sins and offenses of your servants.

SER: Let us receive the sacred mysteries in peace and unity with one another.

ALL: Lord, forgive the sins and offenses of your servants.

SER: O Lord! May these sacred mysteries be for the resurrection of our bodies and the salvation of our souls.

ALL: May they be the source of life everlasting. Amen.

SER: Let us pray. Peace be with us.

# **SERVICE OF COMMUNION**

LORD'S PRAYER

CEL: Lord, our God, make us worthy to be in Your presence with the confidence You have mercifully bestowed on us. Enable us to stand in Your presence with cheerful face and pure hearts. Calling upon You together, we pray: Our Father in heaven...

ALL: Hallowed be thy name. Thy Kingdom come, they will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from the evil one. For yours is the kingdom, the power, and the Glory, forever and ever. Amen.

CEL: Lord, God Almighty, full of all goodness, our merciful Father, we entreat You for Your mercy. Do not lead us to temptation. Deliver us from the evil one and his hosts. For Yours is the kingdom, the might, the power and the dominion in heaven and on earth. Now, (†) always and forever.

## ALL: Amen.

RITE OF PEACE

CEL: Peace (★) be with you.

ALL: With you and your spirit.

CEL: The Holy Qurbana is for the holy people.

ALL: God, the Father alone is Holy. God, the Son alone is Holy. God, the Spirit alone is Holy. Glory be to the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit forever. Amen.

**EUCHARISTIC PRAISE** 

SER: Let us praise the living God.

ALL: Let there be eternal praise to Him in the Church. Let His blessings and mercy be on us at all times.

CEL: May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ who gives us life, be made perfect in us (†) through His mercy.

ALL: Always and forever. Amen.

SER: Brothers and sisters, the Holy Church invites you to receive the Body and Blood of the Son of God, with faith in the heavenly kingdom.

## **COMMUNION**

(All those who are practicing Catholics may receive holy communion on their tongues. If you are not a practicing Catholic, you are welcome to stay seated or receive a blessing from the priest by crossing your hands to your heart and bowing as you approach him. The Choir will sing a hymn while the faithful receive communion. This is a time when God becomes one with man. Please remain reverent and reflective. The Liturgy continues after communion.)

#### HYMN TO MOTHER MARY

(While this hymn is sung, the couple will pray before the Blessed Mother.)

# **CONCLUDING SERVICE**

**THANKSGIVING** 

SER: Let us glorify God through the Grace of the Holy Spirit and give thanks to Him, the giver of all gifts for counting us worthy to approach the holy altar and to participate in these glorious, holy, life-giving, and divine mysteries.

ALL: Lord God, we praise You for this ineffable gift.

SER: Let us pray. Peace be with us.

CEL: Lord God, stretch out Your right hand of mercy upon this couple. Keep them in the

shade of Your protection. O God, who blessed Abraham and Sarah, we thank You for the providence that bound them in indivisible unity. The Father, the son and the Holy Spirit, Lord of all, forever.

# ALL: Amen. Bless us O Lord.

CEL: Lord Christ, look favorably upon this couple. May the intercession of the blessed Virgin Mary, our mother, and St. Joseph, the head of the Holy Family, help them prosper in their family life. May the prayers of all the saints support them all the way. Lord of all, forever.

## ALL: Amen.

## PRAYER OF SEALING

CEL: Blessed be God, the merciful One, who, out of His immense love, created humankind as male and female, and made them participate in the work of creation. May He, through the Sacrament of Holy Matrimony, keep you in pure love and perfect dedication. May this sacrament empower you to offer your bodies that are members of the body of Christ and temples of the Holy Spirit, as a pleasing and living sacrifice to God. May God bless you with the gift of children. May your home prosper in a communion of prayers. May He fill your life with graces, and help your hopes and aspirations bloom. May He grant you lots of sincere friends to help you in need. May He make you worthy to offer Him praise, honor, and thanksgiving in the heavenly bridal chamber. May God bless you, the newly wed, and all who have partaken in this sacred service. Now, always (†) and forever.

## **ALL: AMEN**

(The celebrant blesses the couple and sprinkles them with holy water)

PROCLAMATION AS HUSBAND AND WIFE

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