



Opening Hymn

I sing the mighty power of God, that made the mountains rise,
That spread the flowing seas abroad, and built the lofty skies.
I sing the wisdom that ordained the sun to rule the day;
The moon shines full at God's command, and all the stars obey.

I sing the goodness of the Lord, who filled the earth with food,
Who formed the creatures through the Word, and then pronounced them good.
Lord, how Thy wonders are displayed, where'er I turn my eye,
If I survey the ground I tread, or gaze upon the sky.

There's not a plant or flower below, but makes Thy glories known,
And clouds arise, and tempests blow, by order from Thy throne;
While all that borrows life from Thee is ever in Thy care;
And everywhere that we can be, Thou, God art present there.
Words: Isaac Watts, 1715

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P. †Glory be to the Father our Creator, to the Son our Redeemer and to the Holy Spirit who sanctifies us.

C. As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

P. Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory, Hosanna in the highest.

C. Blessed is He that has come and is to come again in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

P. Holy art thou, O God.

C. Holy art thou, Almighty Lord.

P. Holy art thou, Immortal Lord.

C. O Lord, the Messiah who was crucified for us † have mercy on us. **(To be repeated thrice)**

P. O Lord, have mercy on us.

C. O Lord, have mercy on us and bless us.

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

C. Glory be to you, O God.

P. Glory be to you, O Creator.

C. Glory be to you, O King the Messiah; who has mercy on us sinners. Bless us, O Lord.

(Let us sing together the prayer that Jesus taught us)

**All: Our Father who art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name,
Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, On earth as it is done in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, Forever. Amen.**

P: We sing the goodness of our Lord who filled the earth with wonders tall—
We praise His glorious name, for all His creation both great and small.
While all that borrows life from Thee is ever in Thy care;
And everywhere that we can be, Our God art present there.

We thank you, Dear Lord, for your presence during our VBS, for your great blessing on our Sunday School, our Children, our Teachers and the Scripture Union. We also pray for the beginning of School and college year, that our teachers and children grow in knowledge of You and forever remain grateful for all that You have created and blessed them with. Amen.

(Cong. to be seated)

Meditation

L: An Exuberant Song

Shout to the LORD, all the earth; break out in praise and sing for joy! Psalm 98:4

Joyful singing has always been a part of Christian life. Real joy is gifted by God to us when we have a right relationship with Jesus Christ, the Son of God. When we enjoy this fruitful relationship with God we cannot but break out in cheerful singing.

L: A Lament Song

Against you, and you alone, have I sinned; I have done what is evil in your sight. Psalms 51: 4

Sin takes away the joy which God has planned for us. The exiled people of Israel lamenting beside the rivers of Babylon couldn't sing joyfully as sin has taken them away from God and the Promised Land. We also have sinned and it cannot be hidden. But God helps us to realise our mistakes and to come back to him.

Song : Oola la la leyo

Ooh lalalalaleyheyyo praise Adonai -4
God has been good to me!
Gave me life and set me free
His love for me has always been
So wide and high, long and deep

I will sing for joy
And clap my hands
Will shout out to the king
I will jump up high
And wave my hands
Give thanks to your Holy name.

Ooh lalalalaleyheyyo praise Adonai -4

You know my thoughts, you know my deeds
You're watching me, cos you love me
Your faithfulness to me oh God
Endures forever, forever more

L: A Heartfelt Song

I said to myself, "I will confess my rebellion to the LORD." And you forgave me! Psalm 32:5

Though we are sinners we can become God's children again by accepting our mistakes, believing Jesus died for me on the cross and committing our life to him. Our songs should be heartfelt or in other words it should come from the depth of our heart realising that Jesus chose to give his own life to redeem us from our sinful state.

L: A Jubilant Song:

The LORD says, *"I will rescue those who love me. I will protect those who trust in my name. Psalm 91:14*

God's grace enables us again to become his children when we repent. But in this life we need to walk through trials and temptations. Jesus promised that we will not be left alone and that He will be our strength. All we need is to lean on him. When we trust God with all our heart, his presence will be our protection and we can sing a jubilant song.

Song : Stand Strong

Careful what you say, careful what you do
Dare to keep your head, dare to keep your cool
Life can be distracting, careful how you are acting.
Don't forget God lives in you

Stand strong, hold on, even when its tough
Gotta lean on God and He will hold you up
Stand strong, hold on, even when its hard
Gotta lean on Him and remember who you are
STAND STRONG

Lesson 1- Gen. 2:1-17**Lesson 2- Rev. 22:1-7****L: A Victor's Song**

I called on the LORD, who is worthy of praise, and he saved me from my enemies. Psalm 18:3

Absolute Faith is an offering pleasing in the eyes of our redeemer. Our circumstances, our doubts and even the influence of unbelieving friends can distract our faith. God has promised in His word that faith in Him will be rewarded now and eternally; and that we can confidently sing a victor's song.

L: A Delightful Song

Your word I have treasured in my heart, That I might not sin against You. Psalm 119:11

A gift always excites us. One of the most exciting gifts given by our creator is the gift of His Word. We can sing delightfully because God's Word will be our guide in all circumstances of our life. God expects us to honour the gift of His word by hearing it, obeying it and living it in our daily lives.

Song : Let's discover, let's explore

Let's discover, let's explore
Your creation and so much more
It's exciting can't wait to see what you have in store
Surrounded by waves of your mystery
Lord, show me what you want me to be

*Let's go deep deep deep
Deep as the ocean blue
Deep deep deep
Deep in my faith with you
Deep deep deep
Deep in my heart I see
Your love is endlessly, deeper than the sea*

Let's dive deeeeeeeep in our faith
Let's dive deeeeeeeep in our walk
Let's dive deeeeeeeep in our trust
Let's dive deeeeeeeep in our talk
Let's dive deeeeeeeep in your word
Let's dive deeeeeeeep in your ways
Let's dive deeeeeeeep in your love
Let's dive deeeeeeeep everyday

L: A Grateful Song

Give thanks to the God of heaven. His love endures forever. Psalm 136:26

God the Father gave us the Holy Spirit who encourages, guides, convicts us of sin and helps us as children of God. In gratitude to God for the Holy Spirit who is our constant companion and who has mercifully provided all the good gifts in our life we shall sing a grateful song.

L: A Witness Song

Let each generation tell its children of your mighty acts; let them proclaim your power. Psalm 145:4

God expects us to help our friends and others to know about Jesus Christ through our words and actions. Our life is to bear witness to the great love of God. How often do we remember to witness for Christ in the world we live?

Song : Do-ya, do-ya, do ya know this Jesus?

Do-ya, do-ya, do ya know this Jesus?
Do-ya, do-ya, do ya know the truth?
Do-ya, do-ya, do you know this Jesus
Do-ya, do-ya, do ya know what He's done for you?

He's much more than a friend or brother
He's loved you from the very start
He can wipe away your sin
And let new life begin

Cong to stand

Thanksgiving

Psalm 19

L: The heavens declare the glory of God;
the skies proclaim the work of his hands.

C: Day after day they pour forth speech;
night after night they reveal knowledge.

L: ³ They have no speech, they use no words;
no sound is heard from them.

C: ⁴ Yet their voice goes out into all the earth,
their words to the ends of the world.
In the heavens God has pitched a tent for the sun.

L: ⁵ It is like a bridegroom coming out of his chamber,
like a champion rejoicing to run his course.

C: ⁶ It rises at one end of the heavens
and makes its circuit to the other;
nothing is deprived of its warmth.

L: ⁷ The law of the LORD is perfect,
refreshing the soul.
The statutes of the LORD are trustworthy,
making wise the simple.

C: ⁸ The precepts of the LORD are right,
giving joy to the heart.
The commands of the LORD are radiant,
giving light to the eyes.

L: ⁹ The fear of the LORD is pure,
enduring forever.
The decrees of the LORD are firm,
and all of them are righteous.

C: ¹⁰ They are more precious than gold,
than much pure gold;
they are sweeter than honey,
than honey from the honeycomb.

L: By them your servant is warned;
in keeping them there is great reward.

C: But who can discern their own errors?
Forgive my hidden faults.

L: ¹³ Keep your servant also from willful sins;
may they not rule over me.
Then I will be blameless,
innocent of great transgression.

C: May these words of my mouth and this meditation of my heart
be pleasing in your sight,
LORD, my Rock and my Redeemer.

Gospel Reading

P: †Peace be with you all.

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

P: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, which proclaims life and salvation to the world as recorded by **St. Matthew 6: 25-34**

C: Blessed is He that has come and will come again. Praise to the Father who sent him for our Salvation. May His blessings be ever upon us.

P: In the days of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Saviour, the Word of life, God incarnate of the blessed Virgin Mary, it happened in this way.

C: So we believe and affirm.

(After reading the Gospel, the priest says, †'Peace be with you all')

C: We thank you , Lord, that you have given us your gospel which is indeed the light of the world, that we may be drawn closer to you through the living words from your gospel which we have now heard.

The Nicene Creed

We believe in the one true God, 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 world; Light of Light, very God of very God; begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made, who, for us men and for our salvation, came down from heaven, and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the Virgin Mary, and was made man. He was crucified also for us in the days of Pontius Pilate; suffered and died and was buried. The third day He rose again, by His Father's holy will, ascended into heaven, and sits at the right hand of the Father. He will come again, with glory, to judge both the living and the dead and of His kingdom there will be no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and Giver of Life; who proceeds from the Father; who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified; who spoke by the prophets and the apostles.

We believe in one Holy Catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins; and look forward to the resurrection of the dead, and the new life of the world to come. Amen.

(Cong. to be seated)

Student Dedication

(Students to come forward and kneel)

P: God of wisdom and might,
we praise you for the wonder of our being,
for mind, body and spirit.
Be with our children as they begin
a new school year.
Bless them and their teachers and staff.
Give the strength and grace as their bodies grow;
wisdom and knowledge to their minds
as they search for understanding;
and peace and zeal to their hearts.
We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Students to say this prayer, led by the Priest

P: Lord Jesus, I ask for Your help as I begin this new school year.
Allow me to experience Your presence in the many blessings You put before me.
Open my eyes to the new challenges and exciting opportunities that this new school year brings.
Open my heart and mind to new friends and new teachers.
Give me a generous spirit to be enthusiastic with my studies and courage to accept new opportunities.
Help me to be attentive to my teachers and let me experience Your presence in my new friends.
Jesus, inspire me to do my best this year!
Amen

Hymn (during dedication)

When He cometh, when He cometh
To make up His jewels,
All His jewels, precious jewels,
His loved and His own.

*Like the stars of the morning,
His brightness adorning,
They shall shine in their beauty,
Bright gems for His crown.*

He will gather, He will gather
The gems for His kingdom;
All the pure ones, all the bright ones,
His loved and His own.

Little children, little children,
Who love their Redeemer,
Are the jewels, precious jewels,
His loved and His own.

Words: William O. Cushing, 1856.
Music: Jewels, George F. Root, 1866

Birthday, Wedding Anniversary & Thanksgiving

Jesus loves me, this I know,
For the Bible tells me so;
Little ones to Him belong;
They are weak, but He is strong.

Yes, Jesus loves me,
Yes, Jesus loves me,
Yes, Jesus loves me,
The Bible tells me so.

Jesus, take this heart of mine;
Make it pure and wholly Thine.
Thou hast bled and died for me;
I will live henceforth for Thee.

Jesus loves me! loves me still,
When I'm very weak and ill;
From His shining throne on high,
Comes to watch me where I lie.

Jesus loves me! He will stay,
Close beside me all the way;
He's prepared a home for me,
And some day His face I'll see.

Words-Anna Bartlett Warner (1820-1915); Chorus by William Batchelder Bradbury

Offertory

*All things bright and beautiful,
All creatures great and small,
All things wise and wonderful,
The Lord God made them all.*

Each little flower that opens,
Each little bird that sings,
He made their glowing colours,
He made their tiny wings.

The great and mighty mountains,
The river running by,

The sunset and the morning,
That brightens up the sky; –

The cold wind in the winter,
The pleasant summer sun,
The ripe fruits in the garden, –
He made them every one:

The tall trees in the forest,
The fields where we can play,
The sounds of play and laughter,
That brightens up our day; –

He gave us eyes to see them,
And lips that we might tell,
How great is God Almighty,
Who has made all things well.

Words by Cecil Frances Alexander

MESSAGE

(Cong. to stand)

Closing Prayer

P: Lord God,
We thank you for the gift of life...

C: We thank and praise you for the mystery of creation.
We know that you are in us, and we in you.
Guide us, in our efforts to hand on the earth to future generations,
So that others can seek to understand Your will and purpose in the world,
Bring your love to perfection And magnify your holy name.

Loving God, look upon these students.
Let them enjoy their learning and take delight in new discoveries. Help them to persevere in their studies and give them the desire to learn all things well.
Bless our teachers, dear Lord. Let them strive to share their knowledge with gentle patience and endeavour always to bring the truth to eager minds.
Grant we pray that we always remain students in our everyday life and may follow Jesus Christ, the way, the truth, and the life, forever and ever. Amen

P: Prayer and Benediction

May our hearts be one with Your great creation,
Our minds ever seeking knowledge and reason,
May our words be forever in your praise
And our deeds a fallen heart to raise.

May the Beginner of all things- the Father, Son and Holy Spirit continue to bless and lead us all now and forever more, Amen.

C: Doxology and Kiss of Peace

Song

John 3:16 Says that God so loved the world
He gave His only begotten Son,
that whoever believes in Him will never die
but have eternal life.
He is the way, He is the truth,
He is the life
So put your faith in Jesus Christ
And your soul will never die.
Will have eternal life forever and ever
Will have eternal life.....

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This worship order is planned by the MTC Sunday School and the participants of VBS 2016. The VBS is always a joint program of the East Parade CSI Church and our Mar Thoma Syrian Church. This year's VBS was held from 20th to 30th of April 2016 and hosted by The Mar Thoma Syrian Church, Primrose Road. 235 children registered, out of which 156 were from Mar Thoma Syrian Church, 61 from East Parade CSI and others from Pentecostal, Orthodox and Catholic Church. There were 28 teachers and 13 Volunteers.

This year's VBS leaders were from the Scripture Union team and led by Mr. Sam Jaisunder who is the Director of VBS 2016 along with his team members Miss Janet from Chennai, Mr. John from Ooty and Miss Shyalima from Bangalore.

The Theme of VBS 2016 was **Sing for Joy** based on Psalm 98:4. Various theme based activities were held on each day like Mask Day to know who we are, Warrior's Day based on faith, Unique Day referring to being a child of God, the Day of Giving, the Love Feast where children bring food and share with others, Scripture Museum Day where children bring the Bible to life in their classroom by making models and paintings; and applying these lessons in their daily life.

Our Sunday School has 313 students and 32 teachers along with 9 volunteers. Our Church follows the Mar Thoma Sunday School Samajam curriculum.

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