

DO THIS IN REMEMBRANCE OF ME



The Sacrament of Holy Qurbana

P: For my flesh is true food, and my blood is true drink. Whoever feeds on my flesh and drinks my blood abides in me, and I in him. As the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever feeds on me, he also will live because of me. This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like the bread the fathers ate, and died. Whoever feeds on this bread will live forever." Jesus said these things in the synagogue, as he taught at Capernaum- John 6:55-59

Opening Hymn

Come, for the feast is spread, hark to the call;
Come to the living Bread, broken for all.
Come to His house of wine, low on His breast recline,
All that He has is thine; come, sinner, come.

Come where the fountain flows, river of life;
Healing for all thy woes, doubting, and strife.
Millions have been supplied; no one was e'er denied;
Come to the crimson tide; come, sinner, come.

Come to the throne of grace, boldly draw near;
He who would win the race must tarry here.
Whate'er thy want may be, here is the grace for thee,
Jesus thine only plea; come, Christian, come.

Words: Henry Burton, 1878.
Music: Robert Lowry

Kauma

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.***

(Cong. to be seated)

Lesson 1 Exod 12:1-14

Lesson 2 1Cor 11:23-33

Meditation

L: We Remember

"This is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me. In the same way, after supper he took the cup, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood; do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me." For whenever you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

—1 Corinthians 11:24–26

As we come to the Communion table, there are three things we should remember, according to 1 Corinthians 11.

First, we should look back. We are to participate in Communion in remembrance of Christ (see Verse 24). Though we must be reverent and must be appreciative of what Communion symbolizes, Communion also speaks of intimacy and fellowship. And so we look back. We look back to the cross. We remember what Christ accomplished for us. And we are reminded of His love for us. Second, we are to look ahead. The Scriptures say to do this "until he comes again" (1 Corinthians 11:26). The first time Jesus came to this earth, He came as the Suffering Servant. The next time, He will come as the Conquering King. Communion is an observance to remind us that Jesus will come again.

Third, Communion is a time to look within. We are to look within and ask the Holy Spirit to show us any areas of our lives that may not be pleasing to God (see verse 28). Once we acknowledge these

areas, we are to repent of these sins. To fail to do so and then to take part in Communion is to eat and drink damnation to yourself, as the King James Version renders it. Or, it is to eat and drink, "not honoring the body of Christ" (verse 29).

So come to the Communion table in joy. Come in reverence. Come in honesty.

If there is something that isn't right, this is the time to deal with it. Communion is an ideal time to make a commitment or recommitment to Jesus Christ.

-Greg Laurie

<http://www.crosswalk.com/devotionals/harvestdaily/greg-laurie-daily-devotion-dec-4-2008-11596495.html>

Hymn

Behold Me standing at the door,
And hear Me pleading evermore,
With gentle voice: oh, heart of sin,
May I come in? May I come in?

*Behold Me standing at the door,
And hear Me pleading evermore:
Say, weary heart, oppressed with sin,
May I come in? May I come in?*

I bore the cruel thorns for thee,
I waited long and patiently;
Say, weary heart, oppressed with sin,
May I come in? May I come in?

I would not plead with thee in vain;
Remember all My grief and pain;
I died to ransom thee from sin:
May I come in? May I come in?

I bring thee joy from Heav'n above,
I bring thee pardon, peace, and love:
Say, weary heart, oppressed with sin,
May I come in? May I come in?
Words- Fanny Crosby, 1872.
Music- Phoebe P. Knapp

L: IN QUIET COMMUNION

Take and eat as you remember
The sacrifice that I made,
The bread and wine that represents
The life I willingly gave

My body beaten and pierced with nails,
My blood poured from my side,
For it was the only way for you
To receive eternal life

As you sit and reflect a moment,
Confess your sins to me
Let my blood cleanse you again
So you will truly be free

And if you need a healing touch,
Reach out to me today,
For in this quiet communion time

Your healing is already made

Then when you're ready to partake,
Be thankful and be glad,
For you, my child, have many blessings
That others do not have

So let this communion time extend
To bless somebody else,
Reaching out to touch a life
That may be in need of help

But don't let this time just pass you by,
Not letting it touch your need,
For I've ordained this communion time
So you can fellowship with me

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The Communion service of the Mar Thoma Church

This beautiful service is deep in meaning and symbolism. Given below is the explanation of terms used in adoration, remembrance, sanctification and communion in the presence of God.

The First blessing

The first blessing of the communion service is of adoration and exaltation –
"May our hearts be with Christ on high. To sing praises and worship the creator of all things."

The consecration

In the Bible the word *consecration* means the separation of oneself from things that are unclean, especially anything that would contaminate one's relationship with God. Consecration also carries the meaning of sanctification, holiness or purity.

"When the sinless One, of his own will, chose to suffer death for us sinners, he took bread in his holy hands. He gave **thanks, blessed, sanctified** and broke it and gave it to his apostles saying 'take, eat, this is my body given for you. This, do in remembrance of me.'

In the same way, he took the cup.

He gave **thanks, blessed, sanctified** and gave it to his apostles saying 'drink this all of you, this is my blood of the new covenant which is shed for many for the forgiveness of sins'.

The Anamnesis

Anamnesis means "reminiscence" or "memorial sacrifice"; it is a liturgical statement in which the Church is reminded of the Passion, Resurrection and Ascension of Christ. It has its origin in Jesus' words at the Last Supper, "Do this in memory of me"

"O Lord, we **remember** your death, burial and resurrection, your ascension into heaven and your presence now with God the Father in glory and in power."

The Epiclesis

The part of the communion service in which the presence of the Holy Spirit is invoked to bless and purify the elements and the communicants- the ones giving and receiving.

May the Holy spirit sanctify this bread that it may be the body of our Lord Jesus Christ.

May the Holy Spirit sanctify the wine in this chalice that it may be the blood of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Sanctify, O Lord, the bodies and souls of all **who receive these gifts** that they may bear fruit for the stability of your Holy Church.

THE GREAT INTERCESSION

Intercession is the action of saying a prayer on behalf of another.

Prayer of intercession

In this part of the service we pray for the Church throughout the world and all those who exercise authority in our country.

We remember the blessed Virgin Mary, who is worthy to be blessed of all generations of the earth. We call to mind the prophets, the apostles, the preachers, the evangelists and the martyrs, the confessors and all the saints.

We also remember the three Councils of Nicea, Constantinople and Ephesus where Church leaders met to restore peace and develop a unified Christendom.

We remember all those before us who have departed and fallen asleep in the true faith.

Second Blessing - Litany of intercession

Here we intercede and pray for: -

our Church, our families, for the sick and distressed, for consolation of the bereaved and joy for the broken hearted.

Third Blessing

An exaltation of the presence of the Holy Trinity during the communion service-

"The one Holy Father, who created the world in his mercy, is with us.

The one Holy Son, who saved it by his precious Passion, is with us.

The one living Holy Spirit, who perfects and fulfils all that is and that has been, is with us."

Administering the Sacrament to the people

"O Lord God, graciously bless these your children who partake of your most precious Body and Blood which was given on Calvary for the forgiveness of sins, that they may abide in your presence forever."

After administering the bread and wine, a prayer of thanks and grace to continue in the Holy Fellowship

"You have fed and strengthened us with the precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have thereby **made us one with him and with all the members of his mystical Body**. We pray you to give us grace to continue in that holy fellowship and ever to offer glory and praise to you and your only begotten Son and to your Holy Spirit."

Final Blessing

The Benediction (a prayer of divine blessing) and concluding part of the Communion service-

"You, both near and far, who are saved by the victorious Cross of the Lord and sealed with the seal of Holy Baptism, this Holy Trinity will forgive your sins and comfort your souls."

Cong to stand

Prayer of Confession

Kyrie Elieson, Kyrie Elieson, Kyrie Elieson

Lord have mercy, Christ have mercy, Lord have mercy

P: Dear Heavenly Father, we lower our heads before you and we confess that we have too often forgotten that we are yours.

C: Dear Lord, we call to you and name you as eternal, ever-present and boundless in love. Yet there are times, O God, when we fail to recognize you in the dailyness of our lives. Sometimes shame clenches tightly around our hearts, and we hide our true feelings. Sometimes fear makes us small,

and we miss the chance to speak from our strength. Sometimes doubt invades our hopefulness and we degrade our own wisdom.

Dear Lord, in the daily round from sunrise to sunset, remind us again of your holy presence hovering near us and in us. Free us from shame and self-doubt. Help us to see you in the possibilities to live honestly, to act courageously, and to speak of your love and great sacrifice that has saved us. Amen.

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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 Luke 22:7-20

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)

Birthday, Wedding Anniversary & Thanksgiving

Just as thou art, without one trace
Of love, or joy, or inward grace,
Or meetness for the heav'nly place,
O guilty sinner! come, O come!

Burdened with guilt, would'st thou be blessed?
Trust not the world; it gives no rest;
Christ brings relief to hearts oppressed;
O weary sinner! come, O come!

Come, leave thy burden at the cross,
Count all thy gains but empty dross:
My grace repays all earthly loss;
O needy sinner! come, O come!

Come, hither bring thy boding fears,
Thy aching heart, thy burning tears;
'Tis mercy's voice salutes thine ears;
O trembling sinner! come, O come!

"The Spirit and the bride say, Come!"
Rejoicing saints re-echo, "Come!"
Who faints, who thirsts, who will, may come;
Thy Saviour bids thee come, O come!
Author: Russell S. Cook

Offertory

I hear thy welcome voice
That calls me, Lord to thee
For cleansing in thy precious blood
That flowed on Calvary.

*I am coming, Lord;
Coming now to thee:
Wash me, cleanse me, in the blood
That flowed on Calvary.*

Though coming weak and vile,
Thou dost my strength assure;
Thou dost my vileness fully cleanse,
Till spotless all and pure.

'Tis Jesus calls me on
To perfect faith and love,
To perfect hope, and peace, and trust,
For earth and heaven above.

'Tis Jesus who confirms
The blessed work within,
By adding grace to welcomed grace,
Where reigned the power of sin.

All hail, atoning blood!
All hail, redeeming grace!
All hail, the gift of Christ our Lord,
Our strength and righteousness.

Words and Music - Lewis Hartsough, 1872

MESSAGE

Closing prayer

P: Thank You that we can commune with You Lord as we come before You in prayer and the reading of Your Word. Thank You that we can walk closer with You, Lord Jesus and rest in Your arms of grace

day by day.

C: Lord, help me to seek You more and more for who You are and not just for what You provide. Lord that I may spend time in Your presence – not for what I can get from You but for what I can give to You.

Lord, that You would fill me with Your love so that my love may flow back to You as well as out to others.

Lord, I pray that my life may be a life that glorifies You in thought word and deed and that with each passing day I draw ever closer into close communion with You, in Jesus name we pray.

Amen

Benediction

May God be gracious to us and bless us
and make his face shine on us—
so that your ways may be known on earth,
your salvation among all nations.
May the peoples praise you, O God;
may all the peoples praise you.
May the nations be glad and sing for joy,
for you rule the peoples with equity
and guide the nations of the earth.
May the peoples praise you, God;
may all the peoples praise you.
The land yields its harvest;
God, our God, blesses us.

May God bless us still,
so that all the ends of the earth will fear him. Amen Psalm 67

Doxology and kiss of Peace

I will sing of my Redeemer,
And His wondrous love to me;
On the cruel cross He suffered,
From the curse to set me free.

*Sing, oh sing, of my Redeemer,
With His blood, He purchased me.
On the cross, He sealed my pardon,
Paid the debt, and made me free.*

I will tell the wondrous story,
How my lost estate to save,
In His boundless love and mercy,
He the ransom freely gave.

I will sing of my Redeemer,
And His heav'nly love to me;
He from death to life hath brought me,
Son of God with Him to be.
Words: Philip P. Bliss, 1876.
Music: James McGranahan, 1877

The National Anthem

Jana-Gan-Mana-Adhinayaka,
Jaya He

Bharata-Bhagya-Vidhata

Punjab-Sindhu-Gujarata-Maratha

Dravida-Utkala-Banga

Vindhya-Himachala-Yamuna-Ganga

Uchchhala-JaladthaTaranga

Tava Subha Name Jage

Tava Subha Ashisa Mage

Gahe Tava Jaya Gatha.

Jana-Gana-Mangala Dayaka, Jaya He

Bharata-Bhagya-Vidhata,

Jaya He, Jaya He, Jaya He,

Jaya, Jaya, Jaya, Jaya He

Primrose Mar Thoma Church Choir- August 2016