



Opening Prayer

P: The Word of God can change the chemistry of the mind. Nothing is equipped like the Word to light up our darkness, repair our broken souls, and remodel our old hearts to be completely new. Old patterns of behavior can be washed away, addiction can be overcome, and one can learn to live fear-free, anger-free, joy-filled lives by the power of the Word of God. That's why we need to read it, hear it, study it, memorize it, and get it into our hearts through every device possible, every single day as long as we live.

Through this service let us pray for the renewal of ourselves and our Church.

Opening Hymn

Take time to be holy, speak oft with thy Lord;
Abide in Him always, and feed on His Word.
Make friends of God's children, help those who are weak,
Forgetting in nothing His blessing to seek.

Take time to be holy, the world rushes on;
Spend much time in secret, with Jesus alone.
By looking to Jesus, like Him thou shalt be;
Thy friends in thy conduct His likeness shall see.

Take time to be holy, let Him be thy Guide;
And run not before Him, whatever betide.
In joy or in sorrow, still follow the Lord,
And, looking to Jesus, still trust in His Word.

Take time to be holy, be calm in thy soul,
Each thought and each temper beneath His control.
Thus led by His Spirit to fountains of love,
Thou soon shalt be fitted for service above.

Words- William D. Longstaff, ca.1882, Music - George C. Stebbins, 1890

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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.

(Cong. to be seated)

Lesson 1- Micah 6:1-8.

Lesson 2- 2Cor 4:7-15

Reformation Movement of The Mar Thoma Church

Palakkunnathu Abraham Malpan from Maramon and Kaithayil Geevarghese Malpan from Kottayam who spearheaded this movement, never wanted to start a separate Church. They wanted the reformation, staying within the Church. This group gradually became vocal and approached Col. Fraser, the British Resident, with a memorandum in 1836 . But since nothing came of it, Abraham Malpan decided to take action in his own parish of Maramon which was sympathetic towards his ideas of reform. He translated the liturgy of the Holy Qurbana into Malayalam from Syriac and also eliminated from it the prayers for the dead and invocation of saints etc. He celebrated Holy Qurbana in his church using the revised St.James liturgy on a Sunday in 1836. This was tantamount to firing the first shot of the reformation. He later on removed from the church the wooden image of a saint reputed to have miraculous powers, and in whose honor an annual festival was held that brought in huge income to the Parish. Both at Maramon and at the Syrian Seminary at Kottayam, and in the neighboring Parishes of Pallom and Kollad, Abraham Malpan popularized Bible teaching and preaching. Abraham Malpan and Geevarghese Malpan had to give up their service in the Seminary, in 1840. Since then Abraham Malpan concentrated his attention on the work of reform, holding Bible classes and prayer meetings and instructing the deacons who were loyal to him.

Most prominent elements in the Reformation were:

- Return to the gospel message of salvation by faith in Jesus Christ;
- Cleansing of wrong ways of life
- Taking up responsibility to be witnesses of Jesus Christ to others;
- All importance be given to the primacy of the Word of God.
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Thus the reformation movement was started. It was a return to the purity of the life and practice of the early Church. The emphasis on preaching the word of God led to revival meetings, which were led both by the clergy and laymen. The domination of the clergy as custodians of grace became a thing of the past. Emphasis was given to the sole mediation of Christ, importance of laity and priesthood of all believers. More and more groups were formed for Bible study; and conventions for preaching and hearing the Word of God became common.

Hymn- Revive thy work O lord

Revive Thy work, O Lord!
Now to Thy saints appear!
Oh, speak with power to every soul,
And let Thy people hear!

*Revive Thy work, O Lord!
While here to Thee we bow;
Descend, O gracious Lord, descend!
Oh, come, and bless us now!*

Revive Thy work, O Lord!
Exalt Thy precious name!
And may Thy love in every heart
Be kindled to a flame!

Revive Thy work, O Lord!
And bless to all Thy Word!
And may its pure and sacred truth
In living faith be heard!

Revive Thy work, O Lord!
Give Pentecostal showers!
Be Thine the glory, Thine alone!
The blessing, Lord, be ours!

Lyrics:Fanny Jane Crosby (1820-1915); Music:William Howard Doane (1832-1915)

Meditation

Renewal of the Church's mission - Lessons from Jesus on how to serve others

In John 13:15, Jesus sets an example for us to follow. After washing His disciples' feet — an act of love, humility, and service — He encourages us to follow His lead and serve one another.

"I have set you an example that you should do as I have done for you," Jesus says.

Jesus, the Son of God, the Most High King, Lord of Lords, never placed himself in a position above others. He led by serving, and He loved by serving. He washed feet. He fed thousands. He walked to visit and heal the sick and dead. He stopped to touch and heal the sick. He spent time with those no one else cared to spend time with. Jesus lived a life of humility.

Jesus showed us that serving others and humility go hand in hand. This is the mission of the Church - through service we are to be an example of Jesus' teaching in our everyday life.

Philippians 2:3-5 says - Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility value others above yourselves, not looking to your own interests but each of you to the interests of the others. In your relationships with one another, have the same mindset as Christ Jesus.

Serving others and genuine love go hand in hand. But what exactly does that look like? How do we genuinely love even the unlovable? How do we let go of our to-do list? How do we position ourselves to act humbly?

Here are four good places to start:

Is your heart struggling to love others? Ask Jesus for a heart change.

Be open to Him working, stretching, and changing your heart. This may bring out some things you need to address and work on, but it will be worth it! He can change your heart, soften the edges, and teach you to love others with kindness and compassion.

Take a look at your schedule. Are you doing too much?

Are you keeping things on your list because of appearances? Allow Him to free up your time. Ask Him to show you each day what needs to be done and what can be set aside.

Begin by placing others first in your day to day activities.

Think about the needs of others and how you can place them before your own. Do you see a struggling mom at the store? Let her get in line before you. Does your neighbor need help? Take care of it for him. Look around for opportunities to help.

Listen to God, and do what He says.

Follow God's prompting and leading when going about your day. If you feel like you should stop and serve, do it. This doesn't necessarily mean you take on every opportunity presented to you. Pray. Ask God, then listen and do what He says.

<https://newspring.cc/articles/following-the-example-of-jesus>

Cong. to stand

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

*Kyrie Elieson, Kyrie Elieson, Kyrie Elieson
Lord have mercy, Christ have mercy, Lord have mercy*

P: Most merciful and gracious Lord we come before you with our faults, weakness and failures.

C: We confess that we have sinned in thought, word and deed.

We have become complacent in our attitude to you, to the Church and to our neighbour.
We confess that we have not been a good example of your teaching in our everyday world.
Dear Lord, forgive us, transform and renew our minds and restore the joy of worship in us so that we
can be your witness as a Church and as individuals. Amen.

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Psalm 51

P: ¹ Have mercy on me, O God,
according to your unfailing love;
according to your great compassion
blot out my transgressions.

C: ² Wash away all my iniquity
and cleanse me from my sin.
For I know my transgressions,
and my sin is always before me.

P: ⁴ Against you, you only, have I sinned
and done what is evil in your sight;
so you are right in your verdict
and justified when you judge.

C: ⁵ Surely I was sinful at birth,
sinful from the time my mother conceived me.
Yet you desired faithfulness even in the womb;
you taught me wisdom in that secret place.
Cleanse me with hyssop, and I will be clean;
wash me, and I will be whiter than snow.

P: ⁸ Let me hear joy and gladness;
let the bones you have crushed rejoice.
Hide your face from my sins
and blot out all my iniquity.

C: ¹⁰ Create in me a pure heart, O God,
and renew a steadfast spirit within me.
Do not cast me from your presence
or take your Holy Spirit from me.

P: ¹² Restore to me the joy of your salvation
and grant me a willing spirit, to sustain me.
Then I will teach transgressors your ways,
so that sinners will turn back to you.

C: ¹⁴ Deliver me from the guilt of bloodshed, O God,
you who are God my Savior,
and my tongue will sing of your righteousness.

P: ¹⁵ Open my lips, Lord,
and my mouth will declare your praise.
You do not delight in sacrifice, or I would bring it;
you do not take pleasure in burnt offerings.

C:¹⁷ My sacrifice, O God, is a broken spirit;
a broken and contrite heart
you, God, will not despise.
May it please you to prosper Zion,
to build up the walls of Jerusalem. Amen

Intercessory prayers

P: Lord, help us to study and apply your Word to our lives each day. Help us make this a discipline of our mind and heart, empowered by Your Spirit, transforming us each day more and more into Your likeness. Help us have self-awareness of when we're falling into temptation and turn quickly back to you. Teach us how to serve each other in humility, to help those in need without expecting anything in return. Thank You for your tender mercy and love, ever leading us onward. In Jesus' Name we pray, Amen!

C: To be sung
More holiness give me,
More strivings within,
More patience in suff'ring,
More sorrow for sin,
More faith in my Savior,
More sense of his care,
More joy in his service,
More purpose in prayer.

*Come, my Savior, and help me,
Comfort, strengthen and keep me;
Thou each moment wilt save me,
Thou art saving me now.*

L: Heavenly Father we pray that we may strive to overcome our selfishness. We pray that we may achieve the right perspective of our position in the world and relationship to our Lord and Saviour. Precious Lord, you have always been with us in our weakness, in our pain, in our tears and in our hopes. We pray that you reshape our thoughts so that with pride and grateful hearts we will be able to glorify your great name. Transform our Church and its people to be of service to more around us. Help us to be shining examples of love and humility. Amen.

C: More gratitude give me,
More trust in the Lord,
More pride in his glory,
More hope in his word,
More tears for his sorrows,
More pain at his grief,
More meekness in trial,
More praise for relief.

L: Change us from the inside Lord. Renew and reconstruct our soul. Obliterate our old habits. We believe that your Word is working in us today. Thank you for the power of your Word to bring change in us. We praise you for the joy you've set before us: a life lived as you intended us to live! Help us not to be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of our minds through the Word of God. Amen

C: More purity give me,
More strength to o'ercome,
More freedom from earth-stains,
More longing for home.
More fit for the kingdom,
More used would I be,
More blessed and holy—
More, Savior, like thee.

Text and music: Philip Paul Bliss, 1838–1876

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 10:1-9

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

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 heav'n above.

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

And He the witness gives
To loyal hearts and free
That every promise is fulfilled,
If faith but brings the plea.

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

Lewis Hartsough, 1872

Offertory

Fading away like the stars of the morning,
Losing their light in the glorious sun--
Thus would we pass from the earth and its toiling,
Only remembered by what we have done.

*Only remembered, only remembered,
Only remembered by what we have done;
Thus would we pass from the earth and its toiling,
Only remembered by what we have done.*

Shall we be miss'd though by others succeeded,
Reaping the fields we in springtime have sown?
Yes the sowers must pass from their labors,
Ever remembered by what they have done.

Only the truth that in life we have spoken,
Only the seed that on earth we have sown;
These shall pass onward when we are forgotten,
Fruits of the harvest and what we have done.

Oh, when the Saviour shall make up His jewels,
When the bright crowns of rejoicing are won,
Then shall His weary and faithful disciples,
All be remembered by what they have done.

Author: Horatius Bonar Music - Ira D. Sankey

MESSAGE

Closing Prayer

P: Glory to you, O Lord our God, Your love calls us to be your people.
Renew us with love so that by sharing our many and diverse gifts we share in your mission.

C: We ask you, Lord,
to shape us into a community of faith.
Nourish us by your word and sacraments
that we may grow into the image of Jesus.
Through the power of your Holy Spirit,
heal us that we, in turn, may heal the wounded.
Form us to be instruments of love, justice, and peace in our land, and send us to proclaim your saving
work. Renew us, Lord, that we may renew the face of the earth. Amen.

Closing Prayer and Benediction

P: But those who wait on the LORD
Shall renew *their* strength;
They shall mount up with wings like eagles,
They shall run and not be weary,
They shall walk and not faint.

May the Father, Son and the Holy Spirit strengthen you in the renewal of your mind and give you
peace now and forevermore. Amen

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All my doubts I give to Jesus;
I've His gracious promise heard:
I shall never be confounded,
I am trusting in that word.

I am trusting, fully trusting,
Sweetly trusting in His word;
I am trusting, fully trusting,
Sweetly trusting in His word.

All my joys I give to Jesus,
He is all I want of bliss;

He of all the worlds is Master;
He has all I need in this.

All I am I give to Jesus;
All my body, all my soul;
All I have, and all I hope for,
While eternal ages roll.

Lyrics: J. C. Morgan

Music: George Coles Stebbins (1846-1945)

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A lady went to the Pastor and said... "I won't be attending Church anymore."
He said, "May I ask why?"
She said, "I see people on their cell phones during the service, some are gossiping, some just ain't living right, they are all just hypocrites."
The Pastor got silent, and he said, "OK... But can I ask you to do something for me before you make your final decision?"
She said, "What's that?"
He said, "Take a full glass of water and walk around the Church 2 times and don't let any water fall out the glass."
She said, "Yes I can do that!"
She came back and said, "It's done."

He asked her 3 questions:

1. Did you see anybody on their phone?
2. Did you see anybody gossiping?
3. Was anybody living wrong?

She said, "I didn't see anything because I was so focused on this glass, so the water wouldn't fall."

He told her, "When you come to Church, you should just be focused on God, so that YOU don't fall."

THAT'S WHY JESUS SAID "FOLLOW ME!!"

He did not say follow Christians.

Don't let your relationship with God be determined by how others relate with God. Let it be determined by how focused you are with God.

Primrose Mar Thoma Church Choir-November 2017