

Mar Thoma Syrian Church of Malabar
Department of Sacred Music & Communications
Sacred Music Sunday-May 28, 2017
Worship Order (Approved by the Metropolitan)

1. **Call to Worship:** Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth. Worship the Lord with gladness; come into his presence with singing (Psalm 100:1, 2).
2. **Opening Hymn:** ‘All hail the Power of Jesus Name’(No.10 from Selected Hymns)
3. **Kauma**

4. Opening Prayer

Gracious God, you created the cosmos with the infinite activity and ordering power of your Word; Giver of Life, you dressed up the earth with the possibilities of life. The cosmic beauty and wonder sing praises of your glory. Praise be to you for you have revealed to us that music is the gift of God and musicians are those filled with divine gifts. We praise you Son of God for the redemption and eternal life of the human the crown of creation through your unlimited loving sacrifice and resurrection. We praise you Holy Spirit the Paraclete, who guides the holy church the body of Christ to grow towards Christ the head by leading and guiding her through the outpouring of grace, power and sense of direction. Triune God, the Father, Son and Holy Spirit, you are worthy of praise, adoration, worship and glory. Amen.

5. Prayer of Confession

“No one who conceals transgressions will prosper, but one who confesses and forsakes them will obtain mercy.”

Responsive Refrain: Kurie-Elaison (3 fold)

- (1) Gracious God, We ran away from the tent of your love and the dwelling places of your grace. We confess our shortcomings of negating the divine gifts of opportunities and talents.
- (2) Son of God, the Lord and owner of the church, we forgot to meditate and honor the depths of your salvific plan. We confess for falling short with insincerity by singing at a superficial level the hymns that are replete with the mysteries of the Word of God.
- (3) Holy Spirit, the guide and guardian of the church, we confess our shortcoming of not submitting to your control despite our conviction that the church is being driven by the Spirit of God. Even when we could sing amidst temptations in a life of faith the songs that are the outcome of the life experiences of the faithful, we confess our shortcoming of losing the grip of faith in those songs.

Leader: May God shower grace upon those hearts which recited the prayers of confession. Let God help our thoughts and aspirations to reach the fullness of humanity and our life radiate light as music that shares our joy with others through good deeds. Amen.

6. Thanksgiving

“O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever.”

Responsive Refrain: Halleluiah (4 fold)

- (1) We praise you Lord for the Mar Thoma Syrian Church of Malabar a part of the universal Christian church and its rich liturgical orders and for the church leadership who organized them without losing their heritage.
- (2) We praise you Lord for Christian songs that nourish spiritual life, song writers, and the spiritual inspiration for hymn writing.
- (3) We praise you Lord for DSMC the music wing of the church. We praise you for the farsightedness, labour and vision of the late Dr. Alexander Mar Thoma Valiya Metropolitan in the formation of the Sacred Music Department.
- (4) We praise you Lord for our parish choir, their talents and mission.

7. Intercession: (Remain silent for a few moments after each prayer)

- (1) Let us pray for the Mar Thoma Church, church leadership and the growth and progress of the church.
- (2) Let us pray that the mission of the church gain strength through the medium of music and that the infinite possibilities of music become a means for enhancement of the Kingdom of God, the healing and renewal of human community.
- (3) Let us pray for the ministry of the DSMC to become more of a blessing to the church and society and a relevant witness in contemporary society. Let us remember the President, the Metropolitan Thirumeni, Director, Managing Committee, Office and Technical staff in our prayers.
- (4) Let us remember the parish choir in our prayers. Let us uphold all the members and leaders in God’s hands through prayer. Let us pray that God may empower the choir to sing unto the Lord.

8. Song of Dedication:

All to Jesus I surrender
All to Him I freely give
I will ever love and trust Him
In His presence daily live
I surrender all...I surrender all
All to Thee, my blessed Saviour, I surrender all..