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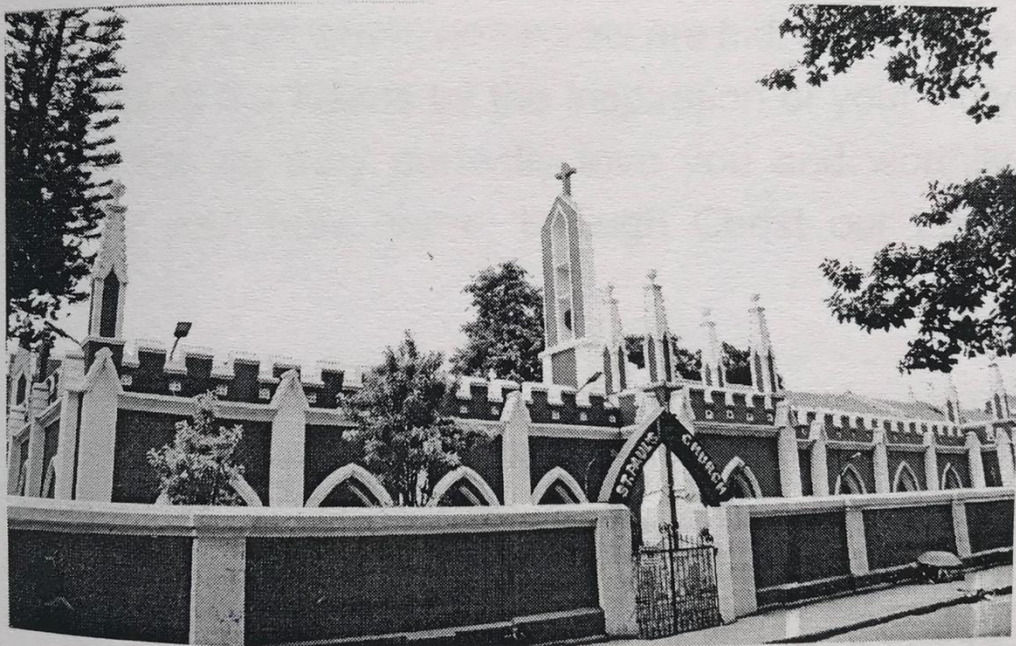
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OPENING HYMN

THE PREPARATION

The Presbyter says while the congregation is still standing.

Let us pray:

Almighty God , to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name; through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Then they all sing or say:

Glory to God in the highest. And peace to God's people on earth. Lord God, Heavenly king, Almighty God, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory. Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen

OUR LORD'S SUMMARY OF THE LAW AND THE PROPHETS

Our Lord Jesus Christ said: Hear O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one; and you should love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength. This is the great and first commandment. And the second one is: You should love your neighbour as yourself. There is no other commandment greater than these. On these two commandments depend all the law and the prophets.

Mark 12 and Matthew 22

Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

CONFESSION

Then the Presbyter says:

Brothers and Sisters, we have come together to hear God's most holy Word. And to receive the Body and the Blood of the Lord. Let us therefore kneel and examine ourselves in silence, seeking God's grace that we may draw near to him with repentance and faith.

All kneel. After a short silence the Presbyter continues:

Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you and our neighbour. We have walked in the darkness rather than in light; we have named the name of Christ, but have not departed from iniquity. Have mercy upon us, we ask you; for the sake of Jesus Christ forgive us all our sins; cleanse us by your Holy Spirit; quicken our consciences; and enable us to forgive others; that we may hereafter serve you in the newness of life, to the glory of your holy name. Amen

Then the Presbyter stands and reads the following:

Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens and I will give you rest.

Matthew 11:28

For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

John 3:16

The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners.

I Timothy 1:15

If anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ, the righteous; and he is the atoning sacrifice of our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.

I John 2:1-2

After a short silence, the Presbyter says:

Almighty God, our merciful Saviour, who of his great mercy has promised forgiveness of sins to all who forgive their brothers and sisters and with heartfelt repentance and true faith turn to him: have mercy upon you; pardon and deliver you from all your sins; confirm and strengthen you in all goodness; and bring you to eternal life; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen, thanks be to God.

Let us pray

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD OF GOD

The lesson from the Old Testament is read, and after it the congregation says:

Thanks be to you O God.

The lesson from the Epistle is read, and after it the congregation says:

Thanks be to you O God.

The congregation stands for the Gospel reading.

The lesson from the Gospel is read, and after it the congregation says:

Praise be to you O Christ.

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

The Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord. Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten not made, of one being with the Father, through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven; by the power of the Holy spirit, he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the World to come. Amen.

The Chorus is sung by all standing:

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

Melt me, mould me, fill me, use me.

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

THE SERMON

The sermon is preached. The congregation is seated.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTERCESSION

LITANY

For the peace that is from above, and for the salvation of our souls, let us pray for the Lord:

Lord, have mercy.

For the peace of the whole world, for the welfare of God's holy churches, and for the union of all, let us pray to the Lord:

Lord, have mercy.

For our bishops and all other ministers, especially our Moderator, and our Bishop, and the Moderator of the Church of North India, and the Metropolitan of the Mar Thomas Church that with a good heart and a pure conscience they may accomplish their ministry, let us pray to the Lord:

Lord, have mercy.

For the President of our Republic, the Prime Minister, the Governor of our State, the Chief Minister, and all those who serve in the Government, let us pray to the Lord:

Lord, have mercy.

For the sick, the suffering, the sorrowful, and the dying, let us pray to the Lord:

Lord, have mercy.

For the poor, the hungry, the orphans and the widows, and them that suffer persecution, let us pray to the Lord:

Lord, have mercy.

For ourselves and all who confess the name of Christ, that we may show forth the excellences of him who called us out of darkness into his marvellous light, let us pray to the Lord:

Lord, have mercy.

That, with all his servants who have served him here and are now at rest, we may enter into the fullness of his unending joy, let us pray to the Lord:

Lord, have mercy.

After the Litany the Presbyter says:

Almighty God, the fountain of all wisdom, who knows our necessities before we ask, and our ignorance in asking: we ask you to have compassion upon our infirmities; and those things, which for our unworthiness we dare not, and for our blindness we cannot ask, vouchsafe to give us, for the worthiness of your Son Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

The Presbyter then gives the First Benediction:

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with you all. **Amen.**

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

All stand and the Presbyter says:

How very good and pleasant it is when people of God live together in unity!

Psalm 133:1

We who are many are one body, for we all partake of the one bread.

I Corinthians 10:17

Now I will offer in his tent sacrifices with shouts of joy; I will sing and make melody to the Lord.

Psalm 27:6

THE PEACE

Then the Presbyter says:

The peace of the Lord be with you

And also with you.

(The peace is shared; passed on either by touch of hand, or by the gesture of namaskara or a handclasp).

OFFERTORY HYMN

The congregation's offerings are brought forward with the offering of the bread and wine for the Eucharist, and placed on the altar.

The Presbyter says while all continue to stand

Let us pray:

Holy God, who through your dear Son has consecrated for us a new and living way to your throne of grace, we come to you through him, unworthy as we are, and we humbly ask you to accept and use us and these our gifts for your glory. All that is in heaven and earth is yours, and of your own we give to you. **Amen.**

The bearers of the offertory leave to their places.

The Presbyter and the congregation kneel, and say together:

Be present, be present, O Jesus you good High Priest, as you were in the midst of your disciples, and make yourself known to us in the breaking of the bread, who lives and reigns with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God world without end. **Amen.**

The Presbyter stands.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you:

And with your spirit.

Lift up your hearts:

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to our Lord God:

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is indeed right, our duty, and highest joy, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks to you, O Lord, holy, almighty and everlasting God; through Jesus Christ your Son and our Lord, through whom you created the heavens and the earth and all that is in them, and made humankind in your own image, and when it had fallen into sin you redeemed it to be the first fruits of a new creation.

Therefore, with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify your glorious name, evermore praising you, and saying:

Holy holy holy Lord God of hosts, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Glory be to you, O Lord most high.

Blessed is he that has come and is to come in the name of the Lord, Hosanna in the highest.

Truly holy, truly blessed are you, O God our Saviour, who of your tender love towards human kind gave your only Son Jesus Christ to take our nature upon him and to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption; who made there, by his one oblation of himself once offered, a full, perfect, and sufficient sacrifice, oblation and satisfaction, for the sins of the whole world; and instituted in his holy gospel commanded is to continue a perpetual memory of his precious death, until he comes again: who, in the same night when he was betrayed, took bread, and after having given thanks, broke it, and gave it to the disciples, saying: Take, eat: this is my body which is given for you, do this in the remembrance of me. Likewise, after supper he took the cup, and after he had given thanks he gave it to them, saying: Drink this, all of you: this is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the remission of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.

Amen. Your death O Lord we commemorate, your resurrection we confess, and your coming we await. Glory be to you, O Christ.

Therefore, O Lord our God, remembering the precious death and passion, and glorious resurrection; and ascension, of your Son our Lord, we your servants do this in remembrance of him as he commanded, until his coming again, giving thanks to you for the perfect redemption which you have brought about for us in him.

We give thanks to you, we praise you, we glorify you, O Lord our God.

And we most humbly ask you, O merciful God, to sanctify with your Holy Spirit us and these your own gifts of bread and wine, that the bread which we break may be the communion of the body of Christ, and the cup which we bless the communion of the blood of Christ. Grant that, being joined together in him, we may all attain to the unity of the faith, and may grow up in all things, unto him who is the Head, even Christ, our Lord, by whom and with whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory be yours, O God almighty, world without end. **Amen.**

Here the Presbyter may kneel

As our Saviour Christ has taught us, so we pray:

Our Father in heaven, holy be your name. Your kingdom come; your will be done; on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us; and lead us not i to temptation, but deliver us from

evil. For yours is the kingdom, the power and the glory, for ever and ever. AMEN

A moment of silence is kept, all kneeling.

The prayer of humble access may be said:

We do not presume to come to this, your table, merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in your manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs from under your table. But you are the same Lord whose nature is always to have mercy. Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of your dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that our sinful bodies and souls may be clean by his most precious body and blood, and that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen

THE SHARING

As the bread is lifted up and broken, prior to the congregation's coming forward to share together in it, the following sentences may be said.

When we break the bread, do we not share in the body of Christ?

We seek to share your life, gracious God.

As the cup is lifted up:

When we lift the cup, do we not share in the life-blood of Christ?

We seek to share your life, gracious God.

During this time these words may be said or sung:

O Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world have mercy on us.

O Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world have mercy on us.

O Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world grant us your peace.

The minister and the congregation receive the bread and the wine. The following words of administration may be used:

The Body of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Bread of life.

The Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, the true Vine.

THANKSGIVING

When all have partaken, the minister says:

Having now by faith received the sacrament of the Body and Blood of Christ, let us give thanks:

O gracious God, you have fed us with the spiritual food of the most precious body and blood of your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. You have assured us, in these holy mysteries, of your favour and goodness towards us, and that we are living members of the body of your son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. For these great benefits we thank you, and in union with your son we offer you ourselves as a living sacrifice. And now, Lord, send us out to do the work you have given

us to do, to love and to serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Blessing, and glory, and wisdom, and thanksgiving, and honour, and power, and might, be unto our God, forever and ever. Amen

The Presbyter gives the Second Benediction:

Go out into the world in peace; have courage; hold onto what is good; return no one evil for evil; strengthen the faint-hearted; support the weak, and help the suffering; honour all people; love and serve the Lord, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit, and may the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be amongst you and remain with you always. **Amen**

OR

The peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord: and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be amongst you and remain with you always. **Amen**

RECESSIONAL HYMN