DIVINE LITURGY

According to the Syro - Malabar Rite

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FOR USE
AT THE FOURTH NATIONAL
SODALITY CONVENTION
MANJUMMEL, COCHIN
THE
ORDER
OF THE
HOLY KURBANA
OF THE
MALABAR CHURCH

(The Priest and the Deacon enter the Sanctuary in proper order, go to
the middle and bow. The Priest tells the congregation what mass he is
going to celebrate and explains to them the particular intentions with a
short exhortation to participate devoutly in the Holy Sacrifice. Then
signs himself, saying :)

P. In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of
the Holy Spirit.
C. Amen.
P. Glory to God in the highest.
C. Amen.
P. And to men on earth, peace and hope forever.
C. Amen.

P = Priest (Celebrant)
D = Deacon (Server)
II Concelebrant, etc.
C = Congregation (People)
P1, P2 = 1 Concelebrant
PP = Priests (All the celebrants)
P. May the name of Your Blessed Trinity, 
   Father, Son and Holy Spirit, 
   be honoured, exalted, and adored, 
   forever.

C. Amen.

P. Lord, who has the right to enter Your tent, 
   Or to live on Your holy mountain?

C. Make us stand, O Lord, 
   with pure thoughts before Your altar.

ALL. How glorious and lovely 
    is Your sanctuary, O God, 
    sanctifier of all things!

D. Let us pray. Peace with us.

P1. For all the helps and graces You have given us, 
    for which we can never thank You enough, 
    we will praise You, 
    and glorify You unceasingly, 
    in Your triumphant church, 
    forever.

C. Amen.

P. You, Lord of all, we praise,

ALL. You, Jesus Christ, we glorify: 
   You are the saviour of our souls, 
   And You will raise our bodies from the dust.

C. Amen.

D. Raise your voices 
   and praise the living God

(Hymn or the following prayer)
ALL. Holy God,  
Holy Mighty One,  
Holy Immortal One,  
Have mercy on us.

D. Let us pray. Peace with us.

PII. Enlighten our minds, O Lord, God,  
that we may hear and understand  
Your divine and life-giving message;  
Help us, O Lord,  
that love and hope may grow in us,  
that we may find salvation,  
and praise You, forever.

C. Amen.

(The Deacon goes to the left side of the Priest and says: “Bless me, 
Father”, and bows. As he bows the Priest makes the sign of the cross 
over him. Then the Deacon goes to the rails and facing the people, 
says, ‘Brothers, the letter of Apostle Paul to Ephesians’ (Ch. 1/3–12) and 
continues:)

GOD’S PLAN OF SALVATION:

Blessed be God the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
who has blessed us with all the spiritual blessings of  
heaven in Christ.

Before the world was made, he chose us, chose us in Christ,  
to be holy and spotless and to live through love in his presence,  
determining that we should become his adopted sons, through  
Jesus Christ  
for his own kind purposes,  
to make us praise the glory of his grace,  
his free gift to us in the Beloved,  
in whom, through his blood, we gain our freedom,  
the forgiveness of our sins.
Such is the richness of the grace
which he has showered on us
in all wisdom and insight.
He has let us know the mystery of his purpose,
the hidden plan he so kindly made in Christ from the beginning
to act upon when the times had run their course to the end:
that he would bring everything together under Christ, as head,
everything in the heavens and everything on earth,
And it is in him that we were claimed as God’s own,
chosen from the beginning,
under the predetermined plan of the one who guides all things
as he decides by his own will;
chosen to be,
for his greater glory,
the people who would put their hopes in Christ before he came.

(At the end of the reading)

C. Praise be to Christ, our Lord.
   (After the lesson the Priest takes the book of the Gospels saying:)

P. O Lord of all,
   Splendour of the Father’s Glory,
   Image of the invisible God,
   You did manifest Yourself
   in a human body like ours
   and removed the darkness of our mind
   by the light of Your Gospel;
   We praise, adore and glorify You.

D. (Turning towards the People)
   Stand up, and listen to the Holy Gospel:
   (The Priest blesses the people with the Book of the Gospels saying.)
P. Peace be with you.
C. And with you.
P. The Gospel of our Lord, Jesus Christ according to St. Luke (Chapter 1/39—56)
C. Praise be to Christ, our Lord.

THE VISITATION:

Mary set out at that time and went as quickly as she could to a town in the hill country of Judah. She went into Zechariah’s house and greeted Elizabeth. Now as soon as Elizabeth heard Mary’s greeting, the child leapt in her womb and Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit. She gave a loud cry and said, ‘Of all women you are the most blessed, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. Why should I be honoured with a visit from the mother of my Lord? For the moment your greeting reached my ears, the child in my womb leapt for joy. Yes, blessed is she who believed that the promise made her by the Lord would be fulfilled’.

THE MAGNIFICAT:

And Mary said:
‘My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord and my spirit exults in God my saviour; because he has looked upon his lowly handmaid. Yes, from this day forward all generations will call me blessed, for the Almighty has done great things for me. Holy is his name, and his mercy reaches from age to age for those who fear him. He has shown the power of his arm, he has routed the proud of heart. He has pulled down princes from their thrones and exalted the lowly.'