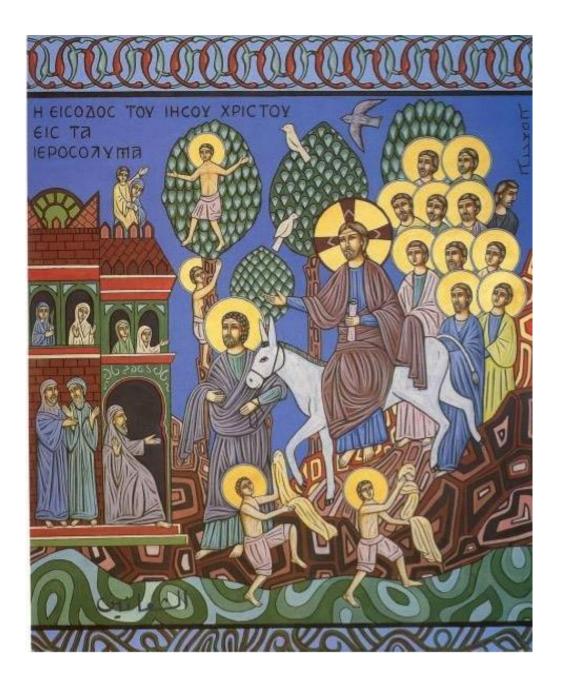
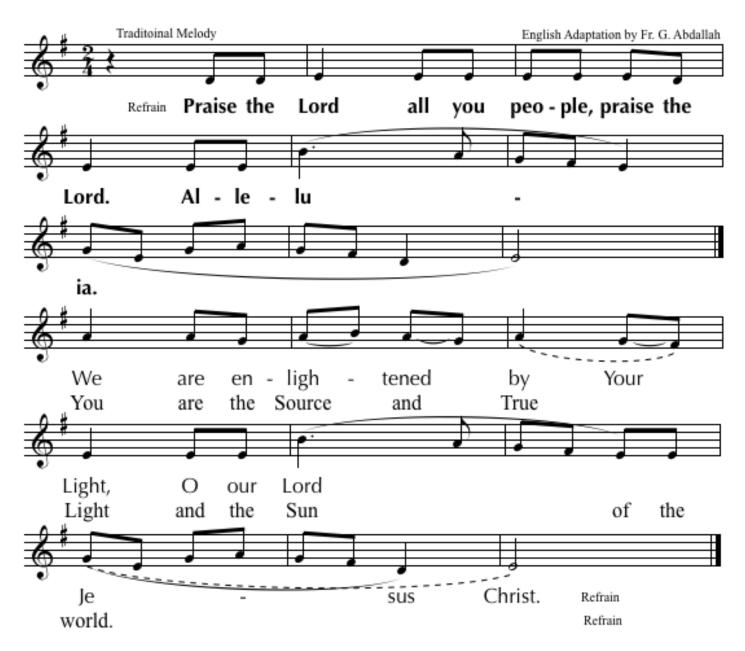
Palm Sunday



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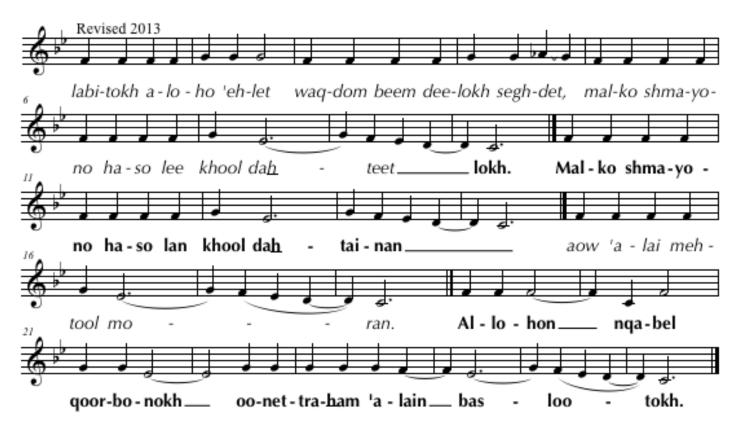
LIGHTING HYMN



ENTRANCE HYMN



ENTRANCE DIALOGUE



Cel: I have entered your house, O God, and have worshiped before your throne. O King of heaven, forgive all my sins.

O King of heaven, forgive all our sins.

Cel: Pray to the Lord for me.

May the Lord accept your offering and have mercy on us through your prayer.

DOXOLOGY

Cel: Glory + be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, now and forever. **Amen**.

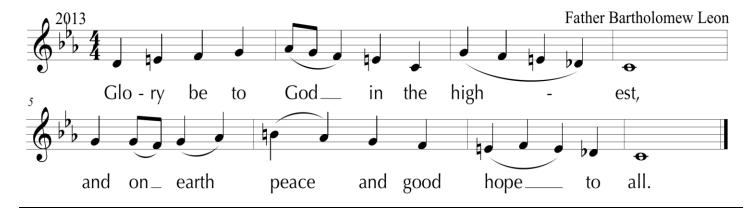
OPENING PRAYER

Cel: O Christ our God, make us worthy on this Hosanna Sunday to go out to meet you at your glorious second coming, just as the crowds went out to meet you at your first coming. They carried palms and olive branches, while shouting: "Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord to save and renew us." To you, and to your Father, and to your Holy Spirit, be glory, now and forever.

Amen.

GREETING AND HYMN OF THE ANGELS

Cel: Peace + be with the Church and her children.



HOOSOYO

PROEMION-Please stand.

To the glory and honor of the Most + Holy Trinity.

Cel: Let us raise glory, honor, and praise to the only-begotten Son, the eternal, holy, and blessed Word, whose holiness is boundless; to the Good Master, who willingly humbled himself although he is the power and the wisdom of God; and to the One who is glorified by spiritual powers and who was pleased with the praises of infants and children. To the Good One be glory and honor, on this blessed Sunday, and all the days of our lives, and forever. **Amen**.

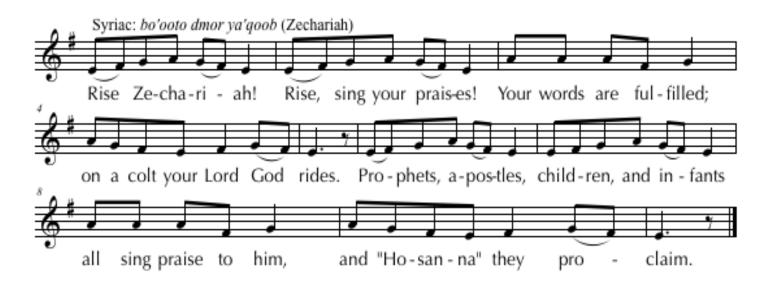
SEDRO

Cel: O Christ our God, in the heavens, you are carried on a chariot of light, yet on earth you ride on a donkey's colt. You are hidden from the spiritual powers, yet you are praised by your holy disciples in the streets of Jerusalem. O Holy One, you are seated on the throne of your glory, yet you are honored by the crowds, the old and the young, the infants and the children, who spread their cloaks and branches before you. In your grace you have planned all this for our salvation.

Now, O Lord, we implore you, with the fragrance of this incense, to make us worthy to celebrate this feast with joy and gladness, and with reverence for your profound humility. Prepare us to go out to meet you at your second coming, in purity, wearing robes of glory, shouting with those who celebrate: "Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!" In that eternal feast, may we and our departed, raise glory to you, to your Father, and to your Holy Spirit, forever.

Amen.

QOLO



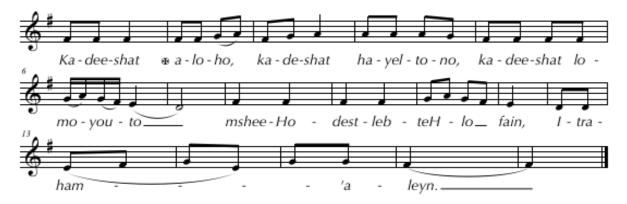
ETRO

Cel: O Christ, you are pleasing to the Father who sent you, and you are the pure incense who has made creation fragrant, bringing joy to the world. You fulfilled what was said by the prophets, and you were delighted by the praise of the children. May we rejoice in the sweetness of your love. Make our souls and senses fragrant with the purity of your holiness, so that we may praise and thank you, and your Father, and your Holy Spirit, forever.

Amen.

TRISAGION

The congregation stands and the Trisagion is then sung three times.



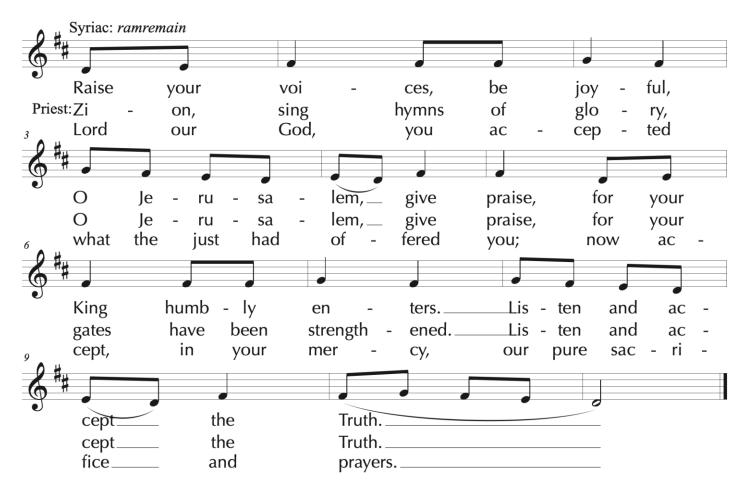
Holy God! Holy Mighty One! Holy Immortal One, O Christ, crucified for us, have mercy on us.

Cel: Holy and immortal Lord, sanctify our minds and purify our consciences, that we may praise you with purity, and listen to your Holy Scriptures. To you be glory, forever. **Amen**.

The congregation is now seated.

SERVICE OF THE WORD

MAZMOORO



SCRIPTURE READING

Lector: A reading from.... Your blessing, Father.

Cel: Glory to the Lord of Paul and the apostles! + May the mercy of God descend upon the reader and the listeners, and upon this parish and her children, forever.

The appointed Scripture Reading of the Day, Phil. 1:1-13, is proclaimed by the lector.

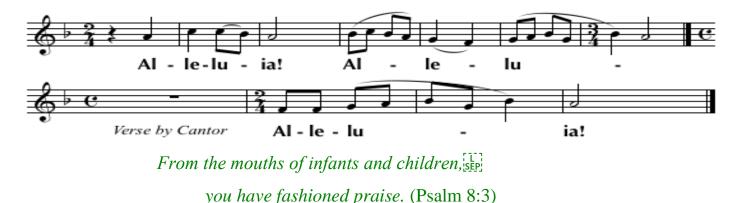
Brothers and sisters, Paul and Timothy, servants of Christ Jesus, To all the saints in Christ Jesus who are in Philippi, with the bishops and deacons: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. I thank my God every time I remember you, constantly praying with joy in every one of my prayers for all of you, because of your sharing in the gospel from the first day until now. I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work among you will bring it to completion by the day of Jesus Christ. It is right for me to think this way about all of you,

because you hold me in your heart, for all of you share in God's grace with me, both in my imprisonment and in the defense and confirmation of the gospel. For God is my witness, how I long for all of you with the compassion of Christ Jesus. And this is my prayer, that your love may overflow more and more with knowledge and full insight to help you to determine what is best, so that on the day of Christ you may be pure and blameless, having produced the harvest of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ for the glory and praise of God. I want you to know, beloved, that what has happened to me has actually helped to spread the gospel, so that it has become known throughout the whole imperial guard and to everyone else that my imprisonment is for Christ.

Cantor: Praise be to God, always!

The congregation now stands.

FETGOMO (Gospel Acclamation)



GOSPEL

Deacon/Cantor: Before the proclamation of the Gospel of our Savior, announcing life for our souls, we offer this incense, and ask for your mercy, O Lord.

The celebrant burns incense.

Cel: Peace $+_{\circ}$ be with you.

And with your Spirit.

From the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Saint N, who proclaimed life to the world. Let us listen to the proclamation of life and salvation for our souls.

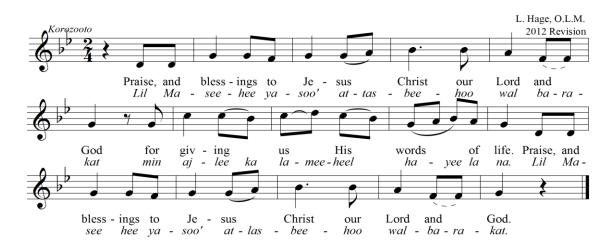
The celebrant incenses the Book of Gospels three times. Meanwhile, the deacon proclaims:

Deacon/Cantor: Remain silent, O listeners, for the Holy Gospel is about to be proclaimed to you. Listen, and give glory and thanks to the Word of the living God.

The celebrant begins the gospel, John 12:12-22, using the appropriate words. At the conclusion of the gospel, he sings or says:

The next day the great crowd that had come to the festival heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem. So they took branches of palm trees and went out to meet him, shouting, 'Hosanna! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord the King of Israel!' Jesus found a young donkey and sat on it; as it is written: 'Do not be afraid, daughter of Zion. Look, your king is coming, sitting on a donkey's colt!' His disciples did not understand these things at first; but when Jesus was glorified, then they remembered that these things had been written of him and had been done to him. So the crowd that had been with him when he called Lazarus out of the tomb and raised him from the dead continued to testify. It was also because they heard that he had performed this sign that the crowd went to meet him. The Pharisees then said to one another, 'You see, you can do nothing. Look, the world has gone after him! ' Now among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and said to him, 'Sir, we wish to see Jesus.' Philip went and told Andrew; then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus.

Cel: This is the Truth, + Peace be with you!

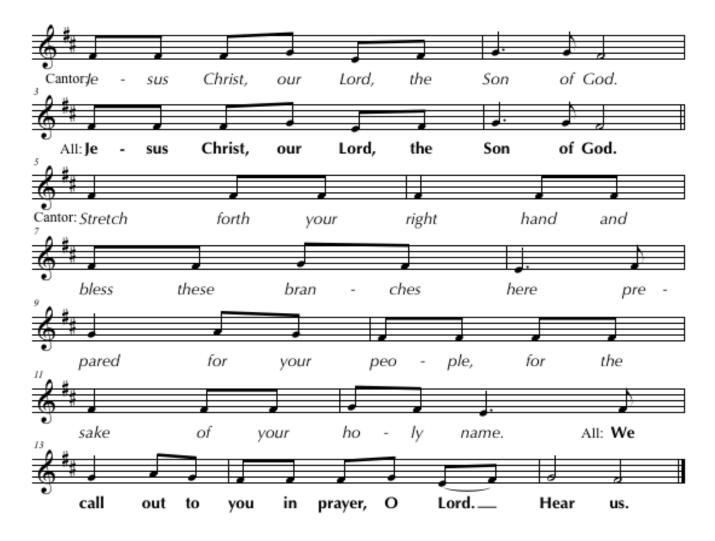


KOROZOUTO (Acclamation of Praise)

BLESSING OF PALMS AND PROCESSION

A table with the branches to be blessed is placed in front of the altar, within the sanctuary. After the homily, the celebrant and ministers assemble around the table for the blessing.

Korozooto



Cel: O Lord of heavenly powers, the seraphim and cherubim, the angels and archangels, and all spiritual beings tremble before you. They cover their eyes before your majesty. They worship you with reverence and awe, and glorify you without ceasing. Here on earth you are praised by infants, children, and all the faithful with shouts of "Hosanna!" We implore you, O Lord, to pardon our faults in your grace and to forgive our offenses in your mercy. May we live according to your will, and find mercy and compassion in this world and in the next. O Lord our God, to you be glory, forever.

Amen.

Blessing+

Cel: Peace ₭ be with you.

And with your spirit.

Deacon: Bow your heads before the Lord.

The celebrant signs the branches three times with the hand cross while singing or saying:

Cel: Lord God, you have shown us your plan of salvation. Now in your abundant mercy, bless \bigstar these branches that they may bless those who carry them and take them. May they educate children, strengthen the young, and give dignity to the elderly. May churches, monasteries, convents, and homes be filled with their blessings. May they confirm the faithful in the true faith and in good works. Glory, honor, and adoration are due to you, to your Father, and to your Holy Spirit, now and forever.

Amen.

May these branches be blessed and sanctified, in the name of the ₩ Father, and of the ₩ Son, and of the Holy ¥ Spirit.

Amen.

Prayer before the Procession

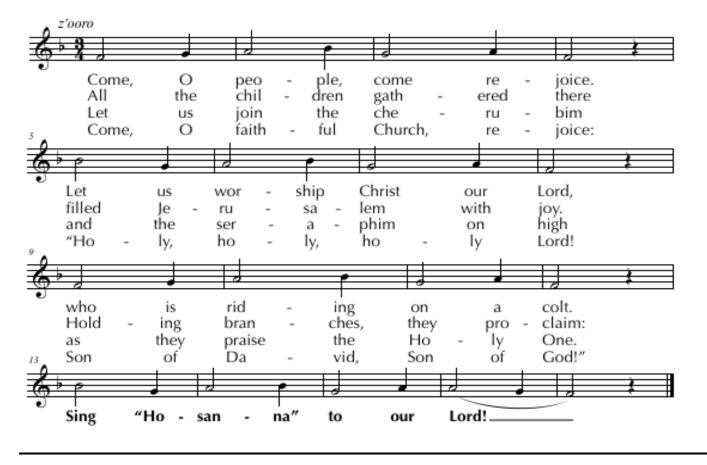
Cel: Lord God, make us worthy to meet you in this procession on this solemn feast.
Remove from us the ways of sin and clothe us with robes of virtue. Purify our hands that we may carry candles and branches leading us to holiness. Open our mouths that we may sing hymns and psalms. Lead us on the path to chastity and angelic purity in this holy procession and all the days of our lives. We may praise and glorify you, now and forever.
Amen.

The procession begins at the altar. The procession is lead by the cross bearer and two candle

bearers, who are followed by the ministers and the celebrant. Two or more persons should be chosen to distribute the branches to the people



Processional Hymn





After the procession the celebrant returns to the sanctuary and recites the following with the people:

Concluding Prayer

Cel: O Christ our God, yesterday you revealed your divine nature by raising your friend Lazarus four days after he died. Today you reveal your human nature by humbly entering Jerusalem on a donkey's colt, accepting the praises of infants and children.

Bless all the faithful who celebrate this holy feast, purify their hearts and spirits, freeing them from jealousy, hypocrisy, hate, doubt, and all that is sinful. May we be innocent like the children who praised you on this day, and may we conclude this feast with heavenly joy and receive the blessings of these branches.

O Lord, save your people and bless your inheritance. Deliver us from the trials of temptation that we do not have the strength to overcome, confirm us in the true faith, fill us with love for you and for each other, and ground us in hope by your divine blood which you have shed for our salvation. By your grace, and through the intercession of your holy and blessed Mother, guard and protect all Christians who celebrate this feast. Have mercy on the faithful departed who have gone to their rest, hoping in you, and may they dwell in your heavenly kingdom, rejoicing with you, forever.

Amen.

Collection

Profession of Faith

We believe +_oin one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible.

We believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages. God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father; through him all things were made. For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven, and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day 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 adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one, holy, catholic, and apostolic Church. We confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins and we look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the \Box -life of the world to come.

Amen.

Access to the Altar

Cel: I will go to the altar of God, to God who gives joy to my youth. Through the abundance of your goodness I will enter your house and worship in your holy temple.

Guide me, O Lord, in your fear, and instruct me in your justice.

Ee-tel-wot ma-deb-<u>h</u>ed a-lo-ho wal-wot a-lo-ho dam-<u>h</u>a-deh tal-yoot. weh-nob soo-ghod tai-boo-tokh eh-'ool-lel bai-tokh wes-ghood-deb hai-yek-lod qood-shokh. **Bdeh-<u>h</u>el-tokh mor-yo da-ba-rain wab-za-dee-qoo-tokh a-leh-fain**.

Cel: Pray to the Lord for me.

May the Lord accept your offering and have mercy on us through your prayer.

Sa-laow 'a-lai meh-tool mo-ran. **A-lo-hon qa-bel qoor-bo-nokh** ^{oo}-net-ra-<u>h</u>am 'a-lain bas-loo-tokh.

Transfer of the Offerings and Their Offering



Acceptance of the Offerings

Cel: Almighty Lord and God, you accepted the offerings of our ancestors. Now accept these offerings that your children have brought to you out of their love for you and for your holy name. Shower your spiritual blessings upon them and, in place of their earthly gifts, grant them life and your kingdom.

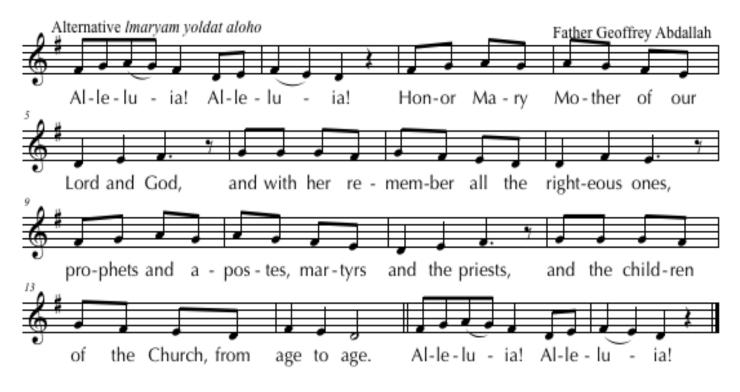
Amen.

Commemorations

Cel: As we remember our Lord God and Savior Jesus Christ, and his plan of salvation for us, we recall upon this offering all those who have pleased God from Adam to this day, especially Mary, the blessed Mother of God, Saint Maron, Saint Anthony, and Saint(s) N. (of the day). Remember, O God, the children of the holy Church: our fathers and mothers, and our brothers and sisters, both the living and the departed, especially those for whom this sacrifice is offered, N. Remember also all those who share with us today in this offering.

Amen.

Incensation of the Offerings



Anaphora of Saint Sixtus

Rite of Peace

Doxology

The congregation stands.

Cel: Glory ★ be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and forever. **Amen.**

Prayer for Peace

Cel: O Holy Father, grant security, peace, and everlasting love to your Church, that we may raise glory and thanks to you, and to your only Son, and to your Holy Spirit, now and forever.

Amen.

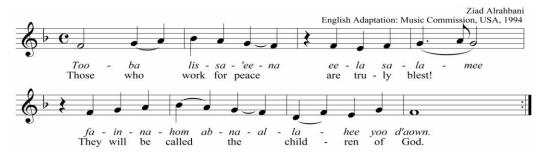
Exchange of Peace

Cel: Peace to you, O Altar of God. Peace to the holy mysteries placed upon you. Peace to you, server of the Holy Spirit.

Diaconal Proclamation

Deacon: Let us give the greeting of peace to our neighbor with love and faith that are pleasing to God.

The people exchange the greeting of peace with joined hands.



Prayer for the Imposition of the Hand

Cel: O Lord, you bless us and make us worthy of the eternal reward reserved for men and women of peace, and we raise glory to you, now and forever.

Amen.

Prayer of the Veil

Cel: O Lord, we offer you these Holy Mysteries, that through them, you may free us from the passions of sin and enable us to work for justice, that we may raise glory to you, now and forever.

Amen.

EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

Dialogue

Cel: The love of God the Father ♣, and the grace of the only-begotten Son ♣, and the communion and indwelling of the Holy Spirit ♣ be with you, my brothers and sisters, forever.

And with your Spirit.

Cel: Let us lift up our thoughts, our minds, and our hearts.

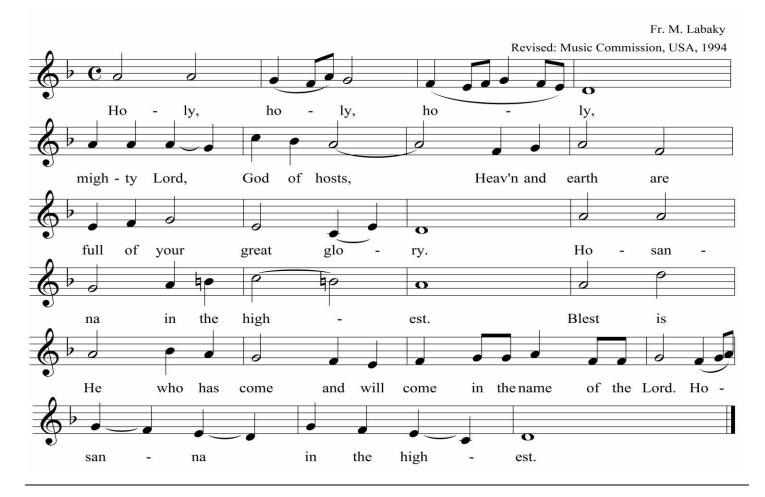
We lift them up to the Lord.

Cel: Let us give thanks to the Lord with reverence and worship him with humility. **It is right and just.**

Praise and Thanksgiving

Cel: With heart, mind, and tongue, we give you thanks, O Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, one true God. Joined spiritually to the invisible choirs and countless ranks of angels, your faithful people glorify you with them, and three times proclaim:

Holy, Holy, Holy



Cel: Holy are you, God the Father, holy is your only Son, and holy is your Spirit, who is all holy. Through the incarnation of your Son you saved the world and freed it from sin and kept it safe from going astray.

Institution Narrative

The Words of Institution of Our Lord are sung in Syriac.

Cel: And on the day before his life-giving passion, He took bread in his holy hands. He blessed ♣, sanctified, and broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take this, all of you, and eat of it, for this is my body which is broken and given for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins and for eternal life.



Cel: In a similar way, over the chalice of wine mixed with water, he blessed \mathbf{H} and sanctified it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take this, all of you, and drink from it, for this is my blood of the new covenant, which will be poured out and given for you and for many for the forgiveness of sin.



Anamnesis

Cel: And he added these words: Whenever you share in these Mysteries, remember my death, burial, and resurrection until I come again.

We remember your death, O Lord. We profess your resurrection. We await your second coming. We implore your mercy and compassion. We ask for the forgiveness of sins, and may your mercy rest upon us.

Cel: O Lord, we do not forget the amazing events of your plan of salvation and the fearful signs of your second coming, when you shall reward all men according to their deeds. Now your Church implores you and, through you and with you, implores your Father, saying:
Have mercy on us, Almighty Father. Have mercy on us.

Cel: O Lord, as we, your sinful children, receive your graces, we thank you for them and because of them.

We praise you. We bless you. We adore you. We glorify you. We profess our faith in you, and we ask you: Have compassion on us, O God, have mercy on us, and hear us.

Epiclesis

Deacon: How awesome is this moment, my beloved, for the living Holy Spirit descends and rests upon this offering for our sanctification. Let us stand with reverence as we pray.

Cel: (At the same time, silently and bowing, he flutters his hands three times over the Mysteries) O Lord, have compassion on us and on all your inheritance. Be pleased with this offering through the descent of your Holy Spirit, who proceeds eternally from you, God the Father, and who is substantially the same as your Son.

The celebrant, kneeling on both knees, extends his hands and sings in English or in Syriac:

Cel: Hear us, O Lord. Hear us, O Lord. Hear us, O Lord. And may your living Holy Spirit come and rest upon us and upon this offering.



Cel: That by his descent he make this bread \mathbf{H} the Body of Christ our God.



Cel: And make the mixture in this chalice \mathbf{K} the Blood of Christ our God.



Cel: May these Mysteries, O Lord, ₩ allow us who share in them to find joy in your presence, and we raise glory to you, now and forever.



Intercessions

Congregation sits.

Cel: O Lord, be an invincible fortress against false teachings for your Church and her shepherds: Francis, the Pope of Rome, Bashara Peter, our Patriarch of Antioch, Gregory, our Bishop, and all the bishops of the true faith. With blameless lives and in purity and holiness may they guide your Church and present to you a faithful people who honor your name. We pray to you, O Lord.



To each of the Intentions we respond:



Deacon: O Lord, forgive the faithful departed, especially N_{\cdot} , and all inscribed in our Book of Life who have been redeemed by the death of your only Son. And on that day when all are rescued from death, delivered from the realm of the dead, and raised from dust of the grave, the grace of your only Son will have been glorified in us and in them. Through him, we hope to find mercy and forgiveness for our sins and for theirs.

Grant rest, O God, to the departed, and forgive the sins we have committed, with or without full knowledge.

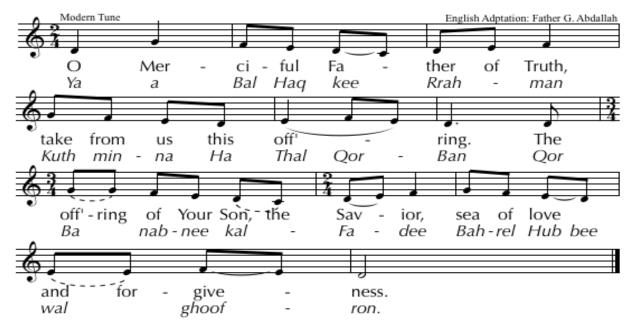
Cel: O Lord, in the resurrection on the last day when all is renewed, through your grace make us and our departed worthy of the joy of your heavenly kingdom. In us \clubsuit and in all things may your blessed and most honored name be glorified, praised, and exalted, with the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, and that of your living Holy Spirit, now and forever.

As it was, is now, and shall be forever. Amen.

COMMUNION RITE

Elevation and Blessing

All stand sing



Then all recite together:

O Lord, you are the pleasing Oblation who offered yourself for us. You are the forgiving Sacrifice who offered yourself to your Father. You are the High Priest, who offered yourself as the Lamb. Through your mercy, may our prayer rise like incense which we offer to your Father through you. To you be glory, forever.

Lord's Prayer

Cel: O Lord, open our mouths and lips, sanctify our bodies and souls, and purify our minds and consciences, so that we may call upon you, O Father of Mercies, and implore you, saying:

The celebrant and congregation extend their hands and pray:

Our Father...but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

Cel: O Lord, hasten to transform all that is harmful and detrimental into that which will help and benefit us, that we may raise glory to you, now and forever.

Amen.

Penitential Rite

Cel: Peace ₭ be with you.

And with your Spirit.

Deacon: Bow your heads before the God of mercy, before his forgiving altar, and before the Body and Blood of our Savior, who gives life to those who partake of him, and receive the blessing from the Lord.

Meanwhile the priest prays quietly:

Cel: O Lord, may your graces, your blessings, and all your divine gifts descend in abundance on your Church, your parishes, and your monasteries, that we may raise glory to you, now and forever.

Amen.

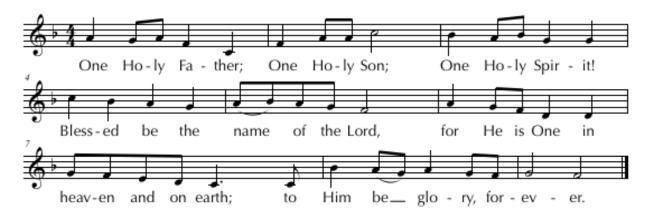
Cel: The grace of the most Holy Trinity, ₭ eternal and consubstantial, be with you, my brothers and sisters, forever.

And with your Spirit.

Deacon: Let us look to God with reverence and humility, and ask him for mercy and compassion.

Invitation to Communion

Cel: Holy Gifts \mathbf{k} for the holy, with perfection, purity, and sanctity.



The celebrant and the congregation prepare for communion. They extend their hands in prayer and say:

Make us worthy, O Lord God, so that our bodies may be sanctified by your holy Body, and our souls purified by your forgiving Blood. May our communion be for the forgiveness of our sins and for new life. O Lord our God, to you be glory, forever.

Communion of the Celebrant

Communion of the People

Communion is now distributed to the faithful. Communion is received by all on the tongue, not in the hand in the Maronite Church.

<u>Guidelines for Receiving Holy Communion</u>: For Catholics of any rite, to participate fully in the Eucharist, one should not be conscious of grave sin and normally have fasted for one hour. Members of the Orthodox Churches are welcome to receive communion if they are well disposed to do so. We welcome other Christians to our Divine Liturgy and share with you our common baptism, but, because of the sad divisions which separate us, members of those churches which we are not fully united are not admitted to Holy Communion.

Blessing with the Mysteries

After communion, the celebrant blesses the congregation with the mysteries.

- Cel: Again and again we thank you, O Lord, and raise glory to you for giving us your Body to eat, and your living Blood to drink. O Lover of all people, have mercy on us.
- Have mercy on us, O Lord, O compassionate and merciful One, O Lover of all people, have mercy on us.

Thanksgiving

Cel: O Holy Father, our mouths accustomed to earthly food give you thanks for your grace that has made us worthy of this heavenly food, the Body and Blood of your only Son. Glory, power, and honor are yours, with your only Son and your Holy Spirit, now and forever.

Amen.

Blessing and Dismissal

Cel: Peace \clubsuit be with you.

And with your Spirit.

Cel: O Christ, you are the heavenly Bread who came down and became for us the food that does not perish. At your second coming, may we not become the food of the imperishable fire. We raise glory and thanks to you, and to your Father, and to your Holy Spirit, now and forever.

Amen.

Final Blessing

Cel: Go in peace, my beloved brothers and sisters, with the nourishment and blessings you have received from the forgiving altar of the Lord. May the blessing of the Most Holy Trinity accompany you: the Father \, and the Son \, and the Holy Spirit \, the One God, to whom be glory, forever.

Amen.

Procession