

# Fifth Sunday of the Glorious Resurrection



Saint Anthony Maronite Catholic Church  
Lawrence, MA

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LIGHTING HYMN

Syriac: *hasyo oo-qadeesho*



Je - sus Christ, O Source of Light, in you we see light.  
Ho - ly Lord, you dwell in light in realms of glo - ry.

**Al-le-lu-ia!** Vir - gin Ma - ry, you are blest a - mong all wo - men.

Bles - sed mar - tyrs, you pro - claimed be - fore your jud - ges:  
Son of God, you died and rose to give us newlife.



Tru - ly Light from Light, you shine on all cre - a - tion.  
Keep us free from sin and shame; dis - pel all dark - ness.

You were cho - sen by the Lord to be his Mo - ther.

"We will not re - nounce our Lord, the Cru - ci - fied One,

Those who sleep in death have hope and con - so - la - tion.



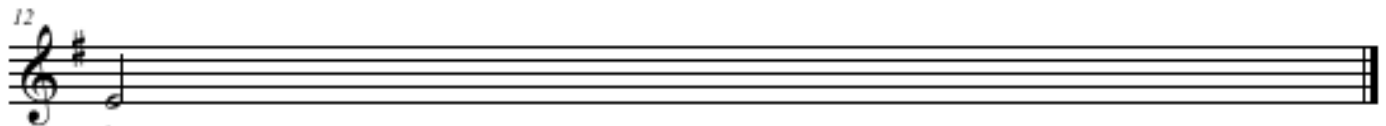
Shine your light up - on us all; grant us joy with your bright

Grant us pur - i - ty of heart; may your jus - tice guide our —

The E - ter - nal Son took flesh, dwell - ing nine months in your —

but with fer - vent love for him we will suf - fer pain and —

Je - sus, you will raise them up, for they praised the Tri - ni -



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### ENTRANCE HYMN

Syriac: *fsheeto*

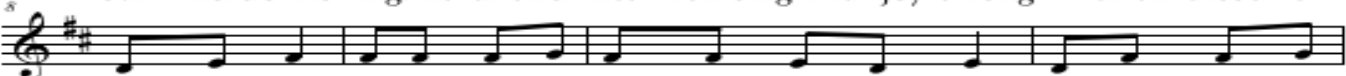


Al- le - lu - ia! Wo - men bear - ing spi - ces came at


Second Verse is sung in Arabic!



4 Al- le - lu - ia! Great and joy - ful is this feast of



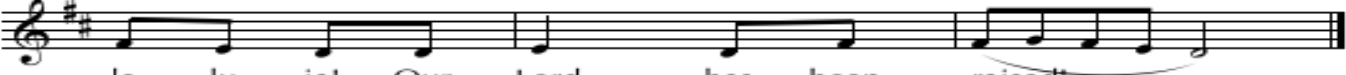
8 our Lord's ris - ing. Earth and hea - ven sing with joy a - long with all those a -



12 there they saw, sit - ting on the stonewhich had been moved, a young man who



16 said: "Peace be with you. Do not weep, O faith - ful wo - men,




19 new. Peace and love now o - ver - flow through - out the whole world,



for I bring the joy - ful news that Christ is ris - en!" Al-



for our Lord rose from the tomb and then as - cen - ded. Al-



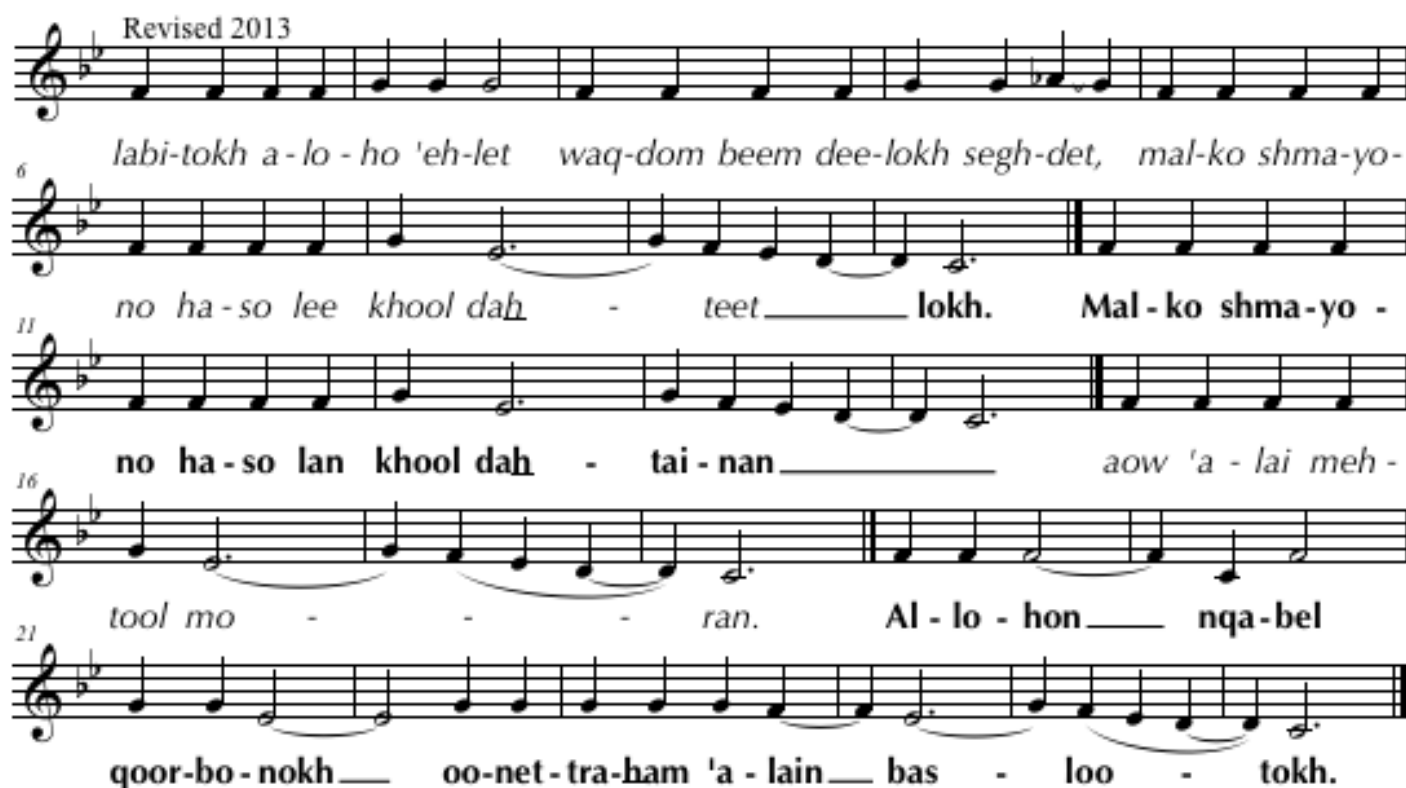
le - lu - ia! Our Lord has been raised! \_\_\_\_\_



le - lu - ia! Our Lord has been raised! \_\_\_\_\_

## ENTRANCE DIALOGUE

Revised 2013



The musical score is written on a single staff in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of 24 measures. The lyrics are written below the staff, with some words underlined. The score includes a key signature change from G major to F major (one flat) at measure 11. There are repeat signs at measures 11-12 and 16-17.

6 labi-tokh a-lo - ho 'eh-let waq-dom beem dee-lokh segh-det, mal-ko shma-yo-

11 no ha-so lee khool dah - teet lokh. Mal-ko shma-yo -

16 no ha-so lan khool dah - tai - nan aow 'a - lai meh -

21 tool mo - - - ran. Al - lo - hon nqa-bel

qoor-bo - nokh oo-net - tra-ham 'a - lain bas - loo - tokh.

## DOXOLOGY

Cel: Glory ❖ be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

Cong: Amen.

## OPENING PRAYER

Cel: Lord Jesus, make us worthy, in the abundance of your grace and mercy, to glorify your resurrection with pure hearts, to celebrate your victory with holy hymns, and to proclaim your might with pure tongues. We thank you for your love and worship you, crying out: "Christ is risen! He is truly risen!" To you be glory, and to your Father, and to your Holy Spirit, now and forever.

Cong: Amen.

## GREETING AND HYMN OF THE ANGELS

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

Father M. Labaky

Antiphon: *Al majdu lil - lah hi fil-a 'a li wa 'a lal ar dis sa lam war ra ja us sa leh li ba nil ba char. If tah al lahom ma chafa tay ya hat ta ya mi la fo a di I layk. Antiphon*

## HOOSOYO

### PROEMION

*Please stand.*

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

Cel: Let us raise glory, honor, and praise to the Living and Immortal One who gave life to his people by his cross, and salvation to his Church, and happiness to his flock by his resurrection. When he appears, he will give joy to his inheritance. To the Good One be glory and honor, on this blessed Sunday, and all the days of our lives, and forever.

Cong: Amen.

### SEDRO

Cel: We worship and praise you, O only-begotten Son. You descended into the darkness of the tombs and worked wonders in the realm of the dead. By your resurrection you freed the captives, and by your voice you awakened the righteous and the just who had gone to their rest in the sleep of death. You gathered the nations to worship you and to proclaim your salvation. They rejoice and cry out:

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On Friday, the King endured pain and was crucified, and today victory has been achieved by his resurrection!

On Friday, a lance pierced his side, and today in his compassion the waters of Baptism flow!

On Friday, he was crowned with thorns, and today he has adorned his Church with a crown of splendor!

Today is the day of rejoicing in the resurrection.

Today is the day of rejoicing for all who have gone to their rest in the hope of the resurrection!

Today, with the fragrance of this incense, the Church and her children celebrate and sing hymns of glory, saying:

O Creator of Life, you have saved us by your passion and have given us life by your resurrection. Now renew our image by your grace. Clothe our bodies with the power of the Spirit, so that we may shine in the robe of glory and in its light see you, the true Bridegroom. In your grace, make us and all the faithful departed worthy of your heavenly kingdom, that we may raise glory and thanks to you, and to your Father, and to your Holy Spirit, forever.

**Cong: Amen**

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**QOLO**

Syriac: *msheehō matareh l'eedtokh*



Daugh-ter of the na - tions, rise! Sing the hid - den Fa - ther's praise!  
On this day cre - a - tion sings, giv - ing praise wit hymns of joy,  
Christ is ris - en from the tomb and en - ligh - tens all the world.



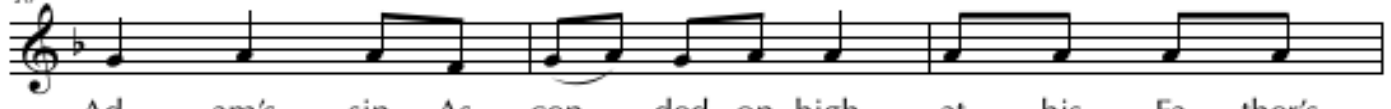
He be-throthed you in his Son, out of his great love for you, and  
for the Son of God a - rose from the dark-ness of the tomb and  
Choirs of an - gels shout for joy and the ser - a - phim re-joice. The



sent\_ him to take on flesh from Ma-ry's womb and to save the world.\_  
reigns in his maj - es - ty up - on his throne. Migh - ty Lord of\_ hosts!\_  
ranks of the che - ru - bim join in the praise: "Ho - ly, ho - ly\_ Lord!"\_



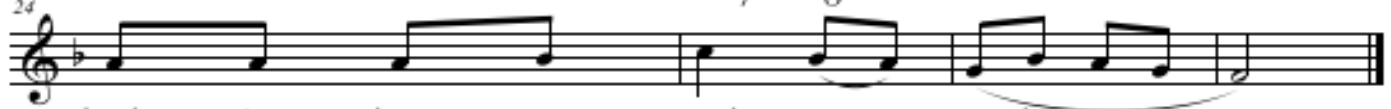
— He en - dured death on the cross on ac - count of  
— We, the ho - ly faith-ful ones, on the al - tar  
— God the Fa - ther sent his Son to make Ad - am's



Ad - am's sin. As - cen - ded on high, at his Fa - ther's  
with our Lord; his Bo - dy our food, and his prec - ious  
im - age new. The Ru - ler of all was en - closed with -



right he reigns. On the day he rose, he spread a - bun - dant joy  
Blood our drink. Ev - ery day the Church on earth de - lights in Christ,  
in a tomb. He a - rose des - troy - ing death and its dark realm.



both in hea - ven and on\_ earth.\_\_\_\_\_  
that she may re - joice on\_ high.\_\_\_\_\_  
Christ the King for ev - er\_ reigns.\_\_\_\_\_

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### **ETRO**

Cel: O Lamb of God, who sacrificed yourself for us, we give you thanks. O Incense of forgiveness, we worship you for you have brought us close to your Father, enriched us by your birth, purified us by your baptism, sanctified us by your crucifixion, reconciled us to the Father by your resurrection, raised us by your ascension, and adorned us with the gifts of your Spirit. Now, O Lord, accept our incense and fill us always with your sweet fragrance, so that our tongues may overflow with thanks to you, forever.

Cong: Amen.

### **TRISAGION**

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

Ka-dee-shat ✠ a-lo-ho, ka-de-shat ha-yel-to-no, ka-dee-shat lo -  
6 mo-you-to \_\_\_\_\_ Mshee-ho dqom men bet- mee -  
11 the et-ra-ham \_\_\_\_\_ 'a-teyn.

Holy are you, O God, Holy are You, O Strong One, Holy are You, O Immortal One,  
O Christ, risen from the dead, 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.

Cong: Amen.

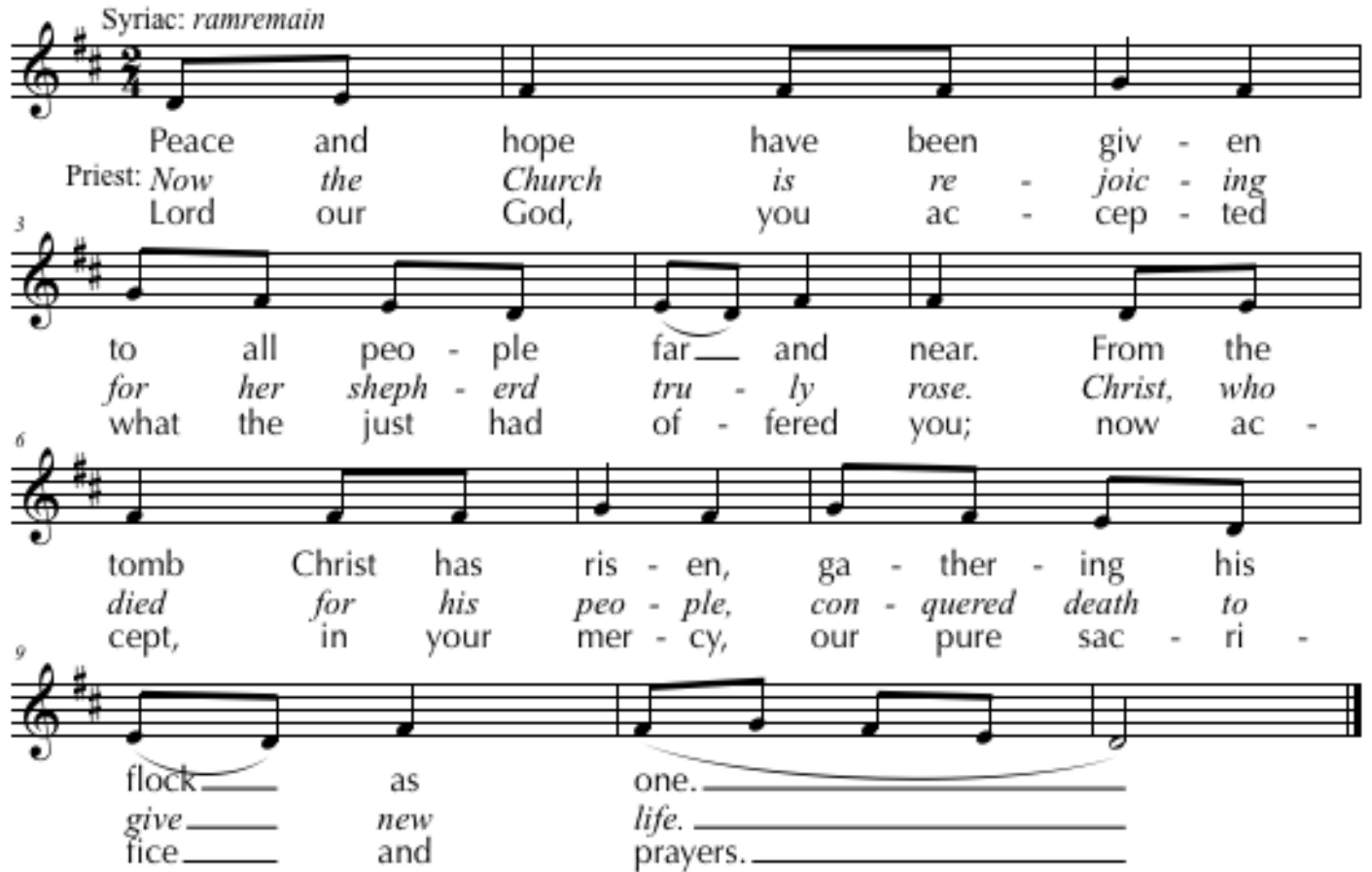
*The congregation is now seated.*



**SERVICE OF THE WORD**

**MAZMOORO**

Syriac: *ramremain*



Peace and hope have been giv - en  
Priest: Now the Church is re - joic - ing  
3 Lord our God, you ac - cep - ted  
to all peo - ple far — and near. From the  
for her sheph - erd tru - ly rose. Christ, who  
6 what the just had of - fered you; now ac -  
tomb Christ has ris - en, ga - ther - ing his  
died for his peo - ple, con - quer - ed death to  
9 cept, in your mer - cy, our pure sac - ri -  
flock — as one. —  
give — new life. —  
fice — and prayers. —

**SCRIPTURE READING**

Lector: A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Ephesians. 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, Eph. 2: 1-10, is proclaimed by the lector.

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Lector:

**Brothers and sisters,** You were dead through the trespasses and sins in which you once lived, following the course of this world, following the ruler of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work among those who are disobedient. All of us once lived among them in the passions of our flesh, following the desires of flesh and senses, and we were by nature children of wrath, like everyone else. But God, who is rich in mercy, out of the great love with which he loved us even when we were dead through our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ by grace you have been saved and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, so that in the ages to come he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness towards us in Christ Jesus. For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God not the result of works, so that no one may boast. For we are what he has made us, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand to be our way of life.

**Praise be to God Always!**

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**FETGOMO** (*Gospel Acclamation*)

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu -

Verse by Cantor Al - le - lu - ia!

The image shows two staves of musical notation. The first staff is in 2/4 time and contains the melody for 'Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu -'. The second staff is in common time (C) and contains the melody for 'Verse by Cantor Al - le - lu - ia!'. The lyrics are written below the notes.

*This is the day the Lord has made,  
let us rejoice in it and be glad. (Psalm 118:24)*

**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 ❖ be with you. And with your Spirit.

From the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Saint John, 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.

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Cel: *(John 21: 15-19)*

When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, 'Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?' He said to him, 'Yes, Lord; you know that I love you.' Jesus said to him, 'Feed my lambs.' A second time he said to him, 'Simon son of John, do you love me?' He said to him, 'Yes, Lord; you know that I love you.' Jesus said to him, 'Tend my sheep.' He said to him the third time, 'Simon son of John, do you love me?' Peter felt hurt because he said to him the third time, 'Do you love me?' And he said to him, 'Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you.' Jesus said to him, 'Feed my sheep. Very truly, I tell you, when you were younger, you used to fasten your own belt and to go wherever you wished. But when you grow old, you will stretch out your hands, and someone else will fasten a belt around you and take you where you do not wish to go.' (He said this to indicate the kind of death by which he would glorify God.) After this he said to him, 'Follow me.'

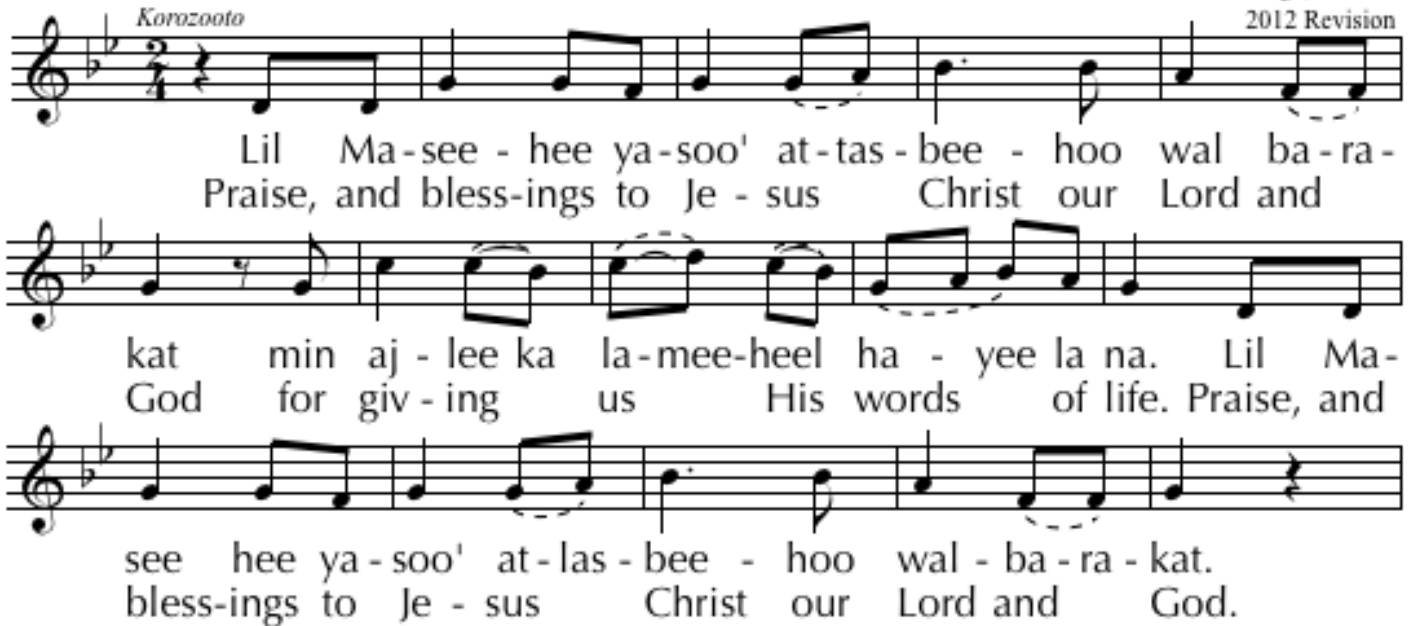
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**KOROZOUTO** (Acclamation of Praise)

L. Hage, O.L.M.  
2012 Revision

*Korozooto*



Lil Ma-see - hee ya-soo' at-tas - bee - hoo wal ba - ra -  
Praise, and bless-ings to Je - sus Christ our Lord and  
kat min aj - lee ka la-mee-heel ha - yee la na. Lil Ma-  
God for giv - ing us His words of life. Praise, and  
see hee ya - soo' at - las - bee - hoo wal - ba - ra - kat.  
bless-ings to Je - sus Christ our Lord and God.

**Homily**

## **Profession of Faith**

We believe in 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 life of the world to come. Amen.

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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-hed a-lo-ho wal-wot a-lo-ho dam-ha-deh tal-yoot. weh-nob soo-ghod tai-boo-tokh eh-'ool-lel bai-tokh wes-ghood-deb hai-yek-lod qood-shokh. bdeh-hel-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<sup>oo</sup>-net-ra-ham 'a-lain bas-loo-tokh.*

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Syriac: mor-yo am - lekh oo - gay - yoo-tol besh hal - le-loo-ya  
The Lord reigns clothed in maj-es - ty, Al - le - lu - ia!  
7  
eh - no no laH mod Ha-yeh eh - mar mor ran dmen raow - mol 'oom -  
Our Lord Je - sus said: "I am the Bread of Life. From the Fa - ther  
11  
qo neH - tet dnee Heh bee 'ol - mo shal-Han a - bo. mel-tod lo bes -  
I was sent, as Word with-out flesh, to give new life. Of the Vir-gin  
15  
ro wakh dal-ferd - to dHeh-teh ba - seem-to qa - bel - tan khar - sod mar -  
Ma - ry I was born, tak - ing flesh as man; as good earth re - ceives a  
19  
yam akh ar - 'o tob - to oohom zai - Heen lee bee-dai-hoon koh -  
seed, her womb re - ceived me. Priest - ly hands now lift me high a -  
23  
neh 'al ma - deb-Heh hal - le - loo - ya qa - bel qoor-bo - nan. —  
bove the al - tars." Al - le - lu - ia. Our gifts, Lord, re - cieve. —

## Transfer of the Offerings

### 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 Rafka, **(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

*Alternative Imaryam yoldat aloho* Father Geoffrey Abdallah

Al-le-lu - ia! Al-le-lu - ia! Hon-or Ma - ry Mo-ther of our  
5 Lord and God, and with her re - mem-ber all the right-eous ones,  
9 pro-phets and a - pos - tes, mar-tyrs and the priests, and the child-ren  
13 of the Church, from age to age. Al-le-lu - ia! Al-le-lu - ia!



# 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.*

Ziad Alrahbani  
English Adaptation: Music Commission, USA, 1994

Too - ba lis - sa - 'ee - na ee - la sa - la - mee  
Those who work for peace are tru - ly blest!

fa - in - na - hom ab - na - al - la - hee yoo d'aown.  
They will be called the child - ren of God.

## **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.**

## **EUCCHARISTIC 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

Fr. M. Labaky

Revised: Music Commission, USA, 1994

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly,  
migh - ty Lord, God of hosts, Heav'n and earth are  
full of your great glo - ry. Ho - san -  
na in the high - est. Blest is  
He who has come and will come in the name of the Lord. Ho -  
san - na in the high - est.

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.*

Traditional  
A - - - - - meen!

Cel: *In a similar way, over the chalice of wine mixed with water, he blessed ☩ 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.*

Traditional Ziad Alrahbani

Ký - ri - e 'lé - i - son. Ký - ri - e e - lé - i - son. Ký - ri - e e - lé - i - son.

Cel: That by his descent he make this bread ✠ the Body of Christ our God.

Traditional

A - - - - - meen!

Cel: And make the mixture in this chalice ✠ the Blood of Christ our God.

Traditional

A - - - - - meen!

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.

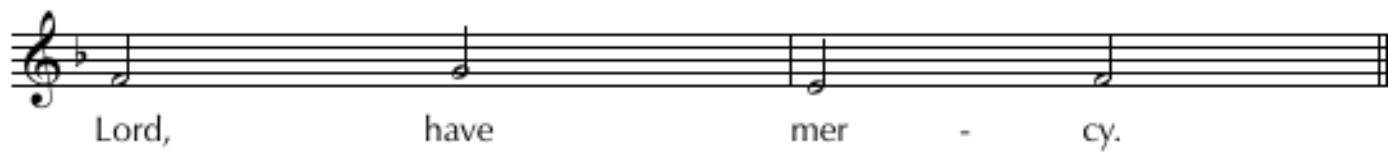
Traditional

A - - - - - meen!

## 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.**, 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 **✠** 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*

Modern Tune English Adptation: Father G. Abdallah

O Mer - ci - ful Fa - ther of Truth,  
 Ya a - Ba - Haq kee - Rrah - man  
 take from us this off' - ring. The  
 Kuth min - na Ha Thal Qor - Ban Qor  
 off' - ring of Your Son, - the Sav - ior, sea of love  
 Ba nab - nee kal - Fa - dee Bah - rel Hub bee  
 and for - give - ness.  
 wal ghooof - ron.

*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 ✠ for the holy, with perfection, purity, and sanctity.

One Ho-ly Fa - ther; One Ho-ly Son; One Ho-ly Spir - it!  
Bless-ed be the name of the Lord, for He is One in  
heav-en and on earth; to Him be— glo - ry, for - ev - er.

*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.*

*Guidelines for Receiving Holy Communion:* *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 ✠ 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**