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Preparation of the Chalice

The Celebrant goes to the table of preparation and pours wine into the chalice and mixes it with water without reciting any of the usual prayers. He covers the chalice with the pall only. The paten is placed on the main altar with the large anaphora veil which would normally cover the chalice. The Celebrant then proceeds to his place in the sanctuary.

Opening Prayers

STAND

Cel: (standing at the Gospel lectern, he blesses himself)

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit,
now and for ever.

Cong: Amen.

Cel: Lord God, make us worthy to enter your house with diligence, to knock at your door with confidence and to worship you in your sanctuary with sincerity. Answer us with kindness and respond to our petitions from the treasury of your mercy. Then we shall glorify you with joy, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and for ever.

Cong: Amen.

From Psalm 51 (50)

- Cel:** Have mercy on me, O God,
according to your merciful love;
according to your great compassion,
blot out my transgressions.
- Cong:** O wash me completely from my iniquity,
and cleanse me from my sin.
My transgressions, truly I know them;
my sin is always before me.
- Cel:** Yes, you delight in sincerity of heart;
in secret you teach me wisdom.
Cleans me with hyssop, and I shall be pure;
Wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.
- Cong:** Create a pure heart for me, O God;
renew a steadfast spirit within me.
Do not cast me away from your presence;
take not your holy spirit from me.
- Cel:** Restore in me the joy of your salvation;
sustain in me a willing spirit.
I will teach transgressors your ways,
that sinners may return to you.
- Cong:** For in sacrifice you take no delight;
burnt offering from me would not please you.
My sacrifice to God, a broken spirit:
a broken and humbled heart,
O God, you will not spurn.
- All:** Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,
and to the Holy Spirit, now and for ever. Amen.

Prayer of Forgiveness

The Celebrant first burns incense and incenses as usual.

Cel: Let us raise glory, honor, and praise to the Chalice of salvation which was filled on Golgotha. Sinners drank from it, and they were pardoned. With the blood of forgiveness that poured forth from the cross, all people were marked and escaped death. As this Chalice united to his holy Body will be blessed and consecrated for the pardon of faults and the forgiveness of sins for his flock, we raise glory and honor to the Good One, on this day, and all the days of our lives, and for ever.

Cong: Amen.

Cel: O Christ our God, in your great and unspeakable love for all people, you became our sacrifice on Golgotha. By offering yourself, you pardoned the sin of the world. You enabled weak and sinful people to receive your Body and life-giving Blood. You have made us worthy of offering you acceptable sacrifices in memory of your saving passion and glorious resurrection. You have given us this sign for the purification of our souls and bodies. With the prophet David, we cry out and say:

“I shall receive the chalice of salvation
and call upon the name of the Lord.”

Merciful Lord, we now implore your goodness to consecrate this Chalice mixed with wine and water, through the holiness of its union to your sacred Body. May it become a Chalice of thanksgiving and salvation for all those who drink from it and are purified. May it become a Chalice which is a pledge of new life for us. May it become a Chalice which unites us to the guests of your banquet. May it become a Chalice which opens to us the gates of your heavenly kingdom.

May it forgive our faults and pardon our sins. Through it may we share with the faithful departed in the joy which will never end. We raise our voices to thank you, O Christ, and through and with you, your Father, and your Holy Spirit, now and for ever.

Cong: Amen.

Qadeeshat Aloho
(You are holy, O God)

STAND

The Celebrant and congregation sing the *Qadeeshat* three times, in Syriac.

<i>qa-dee-shat a-lo-ho.</i>	You are holy, O God.
<i>qa-dee-shat <u>ha</u>-yel-to-no.</i>	You are holy, O Strong One.
<i>qa-dee-shat lo-mo-yoo-to.</i>	You are holy, O Immortal One.
<i>mshee-<u>ho</u> dest-leb-te<u>h</u>-lo-fain,</i>	O Christ, crucified for us,
<i>it-ra-<u>ham</u> 'a-lain.</i>	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, for ever.

Cong: Amen.

Readings

Psalm of the Readings

Syriac: *ramremain 2* (Departed)

SIT

- Cong:** With great honor Joseph took
our Lord's body from the cross.
By this action he made known:
favor passed from Israel.
- Cel:** Hosts of angels stood in awe
and in fear beheld the sight.
With great honor Joseph took
our Lord's body from the cross.
- All:** Angels sang our Savior's praise
as they stood around his tomb.
People of the earth proclaimed:
"Lord, you saved us by your death!"

Epistle

The reader stands at the Epistle lectern. He introduces the Epistle, saying:

Reader:

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews.

(Hebrews 12: 12-21)

Therefore lift your drooping hands and strengthen your weak knees, and make straight paths for your feet, so that what is lame may not be put out of joint, but rather be healed. Pursue peace with everyone, and the holiness without which no one will see the Lord. See to it that no one fails to obtain the grace of God; that no root of bitterness springs up and causes trouble, and through it many become defiled. See to it that no one becomes like Esau, an immoral and godless person, who sold his birthright for a single meal. You know that later, when he wanted to inherit the blessing, he was rejected, for he found no chance to repent, even though he sought the blessing with tears.

You have not come to something that can be touched, a blazing fire, and darkness, and gloom, and a tempest, and the sound of a trumpet, and a voice whose words made the hearers beg that not another word be spoken to them. (For they could not endure the order that was given, 'If even an animal touches the mountain, it shall be stoned to death.' Indeed, so terrifying was the sight that Moses said, 'I tremble with fear.')

Gospel

STAND

The following Gospel (John 19:31-37) is now proclaimed.

Cel: Since it was the day of Preparation, the Jews did not want the bodies left on the cross during the Sabbath, especially because that Sabbath was a day of great solemnity. So they asked Pilate to have the legs of the crucified men broken and the bodies removed. Then the soldiers came and broke the legs of the first and of the other who had been crucified with him. But when they came to Jesus and saw that he was already dead, they did not break his legs. Instead, one of the soldiers pierced his side with a spear, and at once blood and water came out. (He who saw this has testified so that you also may believe. His testimony is true, and he knows that he tells the truth.) These things occurred so that the scripture might be fulfilled, 'None of his bones shall be broken.' And again another passage of scripture says, 'They will look on the one whom they have pierced.'

Homily

SIT

Approach to the Altar

STAND

The Celebrant walks towards the altar, chanting in Syriac:

Cel: *ee-tel-wot ma-deb-heh da-lo-ho* I will go to the altar of God,
wal-wot a-lo-ho to God who gives joy
dam-ha-deh tal-yoot. to my youth.
weh-no bsoo-ghod Through the abundance
tai-boo-tokh of your goodness
eh-'ool-lel bai-tokh I will enter your house
wes-ghoo-deb and worship
hai-yek-lod qood-shokh. in your holy temple.

Cong: *bdeh-hel-tokh mor-yo* Guide me, O Lord,
da-ba-rain in your fear,
wab-za-dee-qoo-tokh and instruct me
a-leh-fain in your justice.

Cel: (crossing his hands over his chest,
he turns slightly towards his left and then towards his right)

sa-laow 'a-lai Pray for me
meh-tool mo-ran. to the Lord.

Cong: *a-lo-ho nqa-bel* May God accept
qoor-bo-nokh your offering
oo-net-ra-ham 'a-lain and have mercy on us
bas-loo-tokh. through your prayer.

The Celebrant approaches the altar and kisses it in the centre.

Diaconal Proclamation

Deacon:

Behold the holy Chalice,
God's life-giving blood
which is consecrated for all mortals
by the apostles.

Behold the Chalice of salvation,
God's living blood.
Come forward all peoples and rejoice
for it absolves those who partake of it.

Behold the Chalice which satisfies
the thirst of the children of God.
Those who drink from it are delivered
from the flames of Gehenna.

Behold the Chalice which was prefigured
by the chosen nation.
But when Jesus came in person,
other nations welcomed him with joy.

The honorable priest Aaron,
prefigured this Chalice
when he sprinkled the blood of animals
to signify the Blood of the Lord.

The prophet Moses prefigured this Chalice
by the lamb's blood
which he sprinkled in Egypt
to deliver the children of Israel.

Transfer of the Chalice Hymn

On the Cross the Side of Christ

Syriac: *fsheeto* (Passion)

Cong: *Teshboohtol moryo*
On the cross the side of Christ
was pierced and wounded.
Blood and water flowed from him
to pardon all sins.
O faithful Church, now draw near to him
with open hands
to receive these gifts.
Blood and water witness to the truth of Jesus,
that he is true God and Man.
This Chalice bless, Lord.

Cong: *Teshboohtol moryo*
Moses sprinkled blood and saved
the first-born children.
When the angel saw the blood
upon the door posts,
they were not harmed.
By the blood that flowed from his pure side
Jesus saved his Church.
Now upon the altar here
his blood is given
as a pledge of life to come.
This Chalice bless, Lord.

Rite of Peace

SIT

Cel: (blessing himself)

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit,
now and for ever.

Cong: Amen.

Cel: (extending his hands)

Lord God, by your grace make us worthy to clothe ourselves with the robe of righteousness, that we may serve your Mysteries at the table of your heavenly kingdom, with pure thoughts. May our consciences be clothed with holiness, may we shine with beauty, and may our souls be crowned with faith, hope, and love.

O Lord, may our prayer be acceptable to you. In your compassion may it gain entry to your treasury of goodness, obtain the abundance of your riches, the forgiveness of our sins, and the peace and security of your entire flock, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and for ever.

Cong: Amen.

Deacon:

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

The congregation exchanges the greeting of peace with joined hands, in silence and with reverence.

The Celebrant and ministers exchange it without the usual liturgical embrace.

Blessing with the Anaphora Veil

The anaphora veil which normally covers the Chalice at the preparation is now fluttered over the Chalice. The Celebrant then raises it to bless the congregation, saying:

Cel: You are the solid rock from which flow twelve rivers for the twelve tribes of Israel. May 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, for ever.

Cong: And with your spirit.

Cel: Make us worthy to praise and adore you, almighty Father, your glorious Son, and your living Holy Spirit, now and for ever.

Cong: Amen.

Cel: May the peace of God, the almighty Father, the security of the Son who governs all, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, who sanctifies and pardons all, be with us and among us all the days of our lives, with this altar and our offering, and with your Church and her children, now and for ever.

Cong: Amen.

STAND

Deacon:

Let us all stand devoutly to praise and thank our Savior. The sun clothed itself with mourning and rocks melted away when they witnessed the Lord of creation hanging on the cross.

Cong: Lord have mercy.

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession

The Celebrant bows his head in the form of a cross:

Cel: We present this offering, this commemoration, and this prayer to the everlasting God, the Ancient of days, for the living and the dead, for those who are far and those who are near, for churches, monasteries, and convents in every district and region, and for us who are weak and sinful. Though we are unworthy, you have made us worthy to stand before you and to be remembered in your heavenly kingdom. We pray for those whom we remember today and for those here with us in faith, awaiting your abundant mercy. For our fathers and mothers, and our brothers and sisters, and for sinners, we present this pure and holy offering to you, O God the Father, almighty Lord.

Cong: It is right and just.

Cel: *(lifting up his hands and looking upwards)*

Yes Lord, it is truly right and just that our minds and hearts be always lifted up to the heights.

Cong: They are lifted up to you, O God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, glorious and holy King, for ever.

Cel: *(extending his hands)*

To you, O God of Abraham, Savior of Isaac, Comforter of Jacob, glorious and holy King, for ever. It is right and just to thank, worship, and praise you.

Cong: To the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and for ever.

Cel: (blessing the congregation)

O Lord, sign ✠ us with your cross and make us worthy of your feast when you will appear in glory. Extend the right hand of your mercy over this place and over all its faithful inhabitants. Guard them with your victorious cross from the Evil One and his power. Glory be to you, O Lord our God.

Deacon:

In the presence of these divine mysteries, we proclaim:

Cong: Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

The Celebrant bows his head to the right and left of the altar, saying:

Cel: Glory to you, O praiseworthy and glorious name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. You created the world by your grace and its inhabitants in your love and compassion. You have saved all people by your mercy and have given your grace to mortal beings.

Heavenly beings without number worship your divinity. Beings of light and spirit praise you. Cherubim and seraphim bless and sanctify you. O Lord, by your grace, make us worthy to say with them:

Cong: Holy, holy, holy, mighty Lord God of hosts.
Heaven and earth are full of your great glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who has come
and will come in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.

[Narrative of the Eucharistic Institution does not take place in this Anaphora of Signing the Chalice]

Cel: (extending his hands)

Blessed are you, O Fruit of the Holy Spirit, gathered from the blessed vine of Mary, pressed in the sterile city of Jerusalem, mixed in the Chalice of salvation, and offered for the holy Church. Those who pressed it were scattered and prevented from drinking it. But those who drink it rejoice and sing praises.

O most Holy One, allow us to approach these Holy Mysteries and accomplish this Eucharist of the saving passion of your only-begotten Son, our Lord Jesus Christ. May we remember his death, proclaim his resurrection, and complete his entire mystery of salvation with true thanksgiving. For your living and holy name is blessed and worthy of all praise, now and for ever.

Cong: Have mercy on us, Almighty Father. Have mercy on us.

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.

O Lord God, remember Mary,
and through her pure and holy prayers,
have mercy and compassion on us and answer us.

Deacon:

How awesome is this moment, my beloved, for the living Holy Spirit descends and rests upon this Eucharist to consecrate it. Let us stand with reverence as we pray.

Cong: Lord, have mercy.	<i>Kyrie eleison.</i>
Lord, have mercy.	<i>Kyrie eleison.</i>
Lord, have mercy.	<i>Kyrie eleison.</i>

Cel: (silently)

O King of the ages, we implore the depth of your grace, that the reception of your Holy Mysteries be not for our condemnation, but that they purify and forgive us. You are the source of good in every life, you are the one who assists those who have lost all hope, and you are the salvation of those who pray to you. O Christ our God and Savior, you have mixed this Chalice of wine and water for us, and you have given us your most holy Body for the pardon of sins, the purification from all evil, and for the protection and purity of our lives.

(aloud)

Through these Holy Mysteries, may we observe your commandments and be justified before your throne. Make us worthy to spend all the days of our lives without confusion, distress, or trouble. Through your grace and the assistance of your blessed Father, may we please you by doing good. For this reason, we implore you and glorify you, O God our Father, your only Son, Savior of all, and your living Holy Spirit, now and for ever.

Cong: Amen.

Intercessions

SIT

Cel: (joining his hands)

We pray and implore you, O Lord God, at this solemn and holy moment. For our fathers who lead us in this life and for those who govern the Church: **N.**, the Pope of Rome, **N.** Peter, our Patriarch of Antioch, **N.**, our Bishop, and all the bishops of the true faith. We pray to you, O Lord.

Cong: Lord, have mercy.

Deacon:

We remember all true and faithful Christians, our brothers and sisters who have asked us, weak though we are, to pray for them. We remember those who are subject to difficulties and who take refuge in you. Visit and deliver them. We pray for this place which God guards and for the peace and spiritual growth of those who live here, and that they may live in prosperity. We pray to you, O Lord.

Cong: Lord, have mercy.

Deacon:

We remember all true Christian leaders who have built churches, monasteries, and convents in all parts of the world. We pray for all Christians in their public activities and services, the clergy, and all the faithful, that they may lead holy lives. We pray to you, O Lord.

Cong: Lord, have mercy.

Deacon:

We remember the blessed Virgin Mary, the Mother of God. With her we remember the prophets, apostles, evangelists, disciples, martyrs, and confessors; John the Baptist, the messenger and forerunner of the Savior; Stephen, the archdeacon and first martyr, and all the saints. We pray to you, O Lord.

Cong: Lord, have mercy.

Deacon:

We remember those who have died and are among the saints, especially those who have preserved and given us this apostolic faith. We proclaim the four holy ecumenical councils of Nicea, Constantinople, Ephesus, and Chalcedon. We remember our glorious fathers and faithful doctors of the Church who dwell with God; Saint James, Brother of the Lord, the illustrious apostle, martyr, and bishop; Ignatius, Dionysius, Athanasius, Basil, Gregory, Timothy, Eusthatius, John, and especially Cyril, the tower of truth; the chosen of God, Saint Maron, our blessed father; Saint James and Saint Ephrem, both pillars of our holy Church. And for all those who kept the true faith and passed it on to us. We pray to you, O Lord.

Cong: Lord, have mercy.

Cel: We also remember all the faithful who have died in the true faith and who dwell with you. We implore Christ our Lord, who has called them, to pardon their sins and faults, and to lead them and us to his heavenly kingdom. We proclaim three times:

Cong: Lord, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

Kyrie eleison.
Kyrie eleison.
Kyrie eleison.

Invocation of the Holy Spirit

Cel: (kneeling on both knees and extending his hands)

Hear us, O Lord. Hear us, O Lord. Hear us, O Lord. Open the gates of heaven that the Holy Spirit may be revealed to us from the heights of your holiness. May the Holy Spirit rest upon this Chalice to bless and consecrate it by the mystery of your Holy Trinity.

The Celebrant then rises and continues:

May this Chalice pardon the debts and remit the sins of all who receive it. May they be worthy of this Chalice reserved for the blessed and everlasting feast, for they will praise your glorious Trinity, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and for ever.

Cong: Amen.

Eucharistic Procession

STAND

The Celebrant now processes to the place where the Eucharist has been reserved. He is accompanied by deacons and the other ministers. The procession is led by ministers with candles and the thurible. The Celebrant carries the Eucharist in procession around the church. Meanwhile, an appropriate Eucharistic hymn is sung.

O Bread of Life

Syriac: *Bo'ooto dmor ya'qoob*

Eng. Adapt. Fr. Mansour Labaky

O Bread of Life, O Food of Souls, God's joy unsealed.
The Son of God, now Son of man, God's love revealed.
The angels stand before your face with awe and fear
How then shall we poor sinful men dare draw so near?

The ocean's depths of God's great love became a flood
The night he gave his precious food, his flesh and blood.
Our bodies take, our souls receive this awesome Lord.
O mystery that shows how God should be adored.

For mercy, come with rev'rent love, O penitent.
To God who gives, and given is, in sacrament.
My hope, my grace, my happiness, God's only Son;
Receiving you is promise of salvation won.

Diaconal Proclamation

SIT

During the Diaconal Proclamation the Celebrant performs the Fraction, Signing, Sprinkling, Mingling and Elevation, silently:

Deacon:

Behold the holy Chalice!
From the side of the Father's Son the living are born.
From his side, open on the cross by a lance,
our thirst is satisfied.
Behold, the Church tells the priests
to carry it above the altar
for the pardon of her children.

Behold the holy Chalice!
From it we receive salvation.
From it we drink and are made worthy of
the pardon of our faults.
Behold, today it is accomplished
through the ministry of the true priests,
that all nations are saved.

Behold the holy Chalice!
King David foretold it, stating:
"I will receive the chalice of salvation,
and I will call upon the name of the Lord."
Behold, today it is completed on the table of life,
that mortals are promised eternal life.

Fraction, Signing, Sprinkling, Mingling and Elevation

The Celebrant takes the host in his right hand and breaks it over the chalice into two parts; then he breaks a piece from the edge of the half remaining in his left hand saying silently:

Cel: We have believed and have approached
and now we seal ✠ and break this oblation,
the heavenly bread, the Body of the Word,
who is the living God.

He dips the small piece into the chalice in the form of a cross:

We sign this chalice of salvation and thanksgiving
with the forgiving ember
which glows with heavenly mysteries:

He dips the Body in the Blood three times and continues:

In the name of the Father ✠,
the Living One, for the living;
and of the only Son ✠,
the Holy One, begotten of him,
and like him, the Living One, for the living;
and of the Holy Spirit ✠,
the beginning, the end, and the perfection
of all that was and will be in heaven and on earth;
the one, true, and blessed God without division
from whom comes life for ever.

He sprinkles the Body three times, using the small piece that has been dipped into the Blood:

The Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ
is sprinkled on his holy Body,
in the name of the Father ✠,
and of the Son ✠,
and of the Holy Spirit ✠.

He drops the small piece into the Blood:

You have united, O Lord,
your divinity with our humanity
and our humanity with your divinity,
your life with our mortality
and our mortality with your life.
You have assumed what is ours
and you have given us what is yours
for the life and salvation of our souls.
To you be glory for ever.

The Celebrant joins the two halves of the Body and holds them in his right hand over the chalice which is held in his left hand. He elevates them and prays with the congregation:

All:

STAND

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 for ever.

Cel: Lord God, we are not worthy to stand in your presence, but through the priesthood you have made us worthy to stand before you and present this offering to your name. The cherubim and seraphim who were created to serve you dare not approach you. Isaiah witnessed a seraph lifting a coal with tongs from the altar to his lips. You have shown us your great mercy when you lowered yourself, and in your love you came down to the level of our weakness.

Cel: (blessing the congregation)

Lord Jesus Christ, may your cross ✠ be our guard against the Evil One and his power, for ever.

Cong: Amen.

Lord's Prayer and Penitential Rite

Cel: (extending his hands)

O Lord, purify us from every stain of soul and body, that we may be united to you in purity and holiness. You loved us and brought us back to you, that we may stand before you and call upon you with the pure and holy prayer you taught your disciples:

All: (with extended hands)

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and for ever. Amen.

Cel: (extending his hands)

O Lord, we ask you, through your grace, to place your truth in our hearts, your love in our consciences, and your mercy in our souls. May we share in your kingdom with the guests of your feast, clothed with your body, the white robe of joy. Having conquered Gehenna and having been delivered from death, let us dwell in your light with the saints. We raise glory to the Holy Trinity, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and for ever.

Cong: Amen.

Cel: (blessing the congregation)

✠ Peace be with you.

Cong: And with your spirit.

Deacon:

Bow your heads before the Lord.

Cel: (extending his hands)

O Lord, we bow our heads before you, before your forgiving altar and before the Body and Blood of your beloved Son, our Lord Jesus Christ. We worship the glorious Trinity, and we ask, through your grace, love, compassion, mercy, the compassion, for the forgiveness of our sins. Hear our prayers and be attentive to our petitions. Answer our requests from the abundant treasury of your mercy.

Make us worthy to come forward, in all purity and holiness, to receive the Body and Blood of your beloved Son, our Lord Jesus Christ. We shall praise the glorious Trinity, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and for ever.

Cong: Amen.

Deacon:

Let each one of us look to God with reverence and humility
and ask him for mercy and compassion.

Invitation to Communion

Cel: (elevating the paten in his right hand and the chalice in his left)

Holy Gifts for the holy,
with perfection, purity, and sanctity.

Cong: One Holy Father, one Holy Son, one Holy Spirit!
Blessed be the name of the Lord,
for he is one in heaven and on earth;
to him be glory, for ever.

All: (with extended hands)

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, for ever.

Thanksgiving

SIT

The Celebrant consumes what remains of the Mysteries and performs the ablutions.

Cel: (extending his hands)

We give you thanks, O living Lamb of God. You came down to earth from heaven, clothed yourself with the body of our humanity, and died for the life and salvation of all people. Prophets and kings yearned to see you but were unable. Yet, you let us weak sinners receive you in our human hands and be purified by you. We praise you for your awesome majesty and your goodness toward us.

You are the burning fire carried by our hands and the living ember touched by our lips. Purify, O Lord, the mouths, lips, and hands of those who held your Body. Sanctify the bodies, souls, and spirits of those who received your Blood. Purify their hearts, thoughts, spirits, and all their senses. Mark them with the seal of your cross and place within them your hidden power. O Lord our God, to you be glory, now and for ever.

Cong: Amen.

Cel: (blessing the congregation)

✠ Peace be with you.

Cong: And with your spirit.

Communion

The Hosts of Angels

Arabic: *'asakiroo sama*

Cong: The hosts of angels
have come to stand with us
at the holy altar.

They sing in chorus
and carry Christ, the Lamb,
sacrificed before us.

O come, receive him,
the saving Lamb of God,
who will grant forgiveness.

Cel: (praying silently)

The Body of our Lord Jesus Christ is given to me for the
forgiveness of my sins and for eternal life.

The Celebrant reverently consumes the Body of Christ.

Cel: (praying silently)

The Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ is given to me for the
forgiveness of my sins and for eternal life.

The Celebrant reverently consumes the Blood of Christ.

The concelebrants receive Communion.

The faithful then approach for Communion.

Before receiving the Body and Blood of Christ, each one bows and makes the sign of
the cross, and the Celebrant says:

Cel: The Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ are given to you
for the forgiveness of your sins and for eternal life.

Final Blessing

STAND

Cel: May God bless ☩, sanctify, forgive, and protect the faithful who have participated in this divine Service of the Holy Mysteries. May God forgive them ☩, their brothers and sisters and their departed. May God save us from confusion and shame before him on the day of judgment, for ever and ever.

Cong: Amen.

The Celebrant and ministers leave the sanctuary.