

C: Oh God, Hear our prayer

L: Let us pray for Rt. Rev. Dr. Joseph Mar Barnabas Episcopa, Rt. Rev. Thomas Mar Timotheos Episcopa and Rt. Rev. Dr. Isaac Mar Philexinos Episcopa who are celebrating their silver jubilee year in episcopacy...

C: Oh God, Hear our prayer

L: Let us remember the youth who work in troublesome life situations with a sense of sacrifice and readiness to serve others, and for the new visions made available through them...

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L: Let us remember those who work in the unorganized labour forces. Especially for nurses and the daily labourers from other states...

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L: Let us pray for Sakhyam President Rt. Rev. Dr. Thomas Mar Theethos Episcopa who urges the youth to live their lives confronting the world with a firm base in the Word, Sakhyam General Secretary, Vice President, Treasurer, Assistant Secretaries, General Committee members, Office staff, and Diocesan, Centre and Sakha Office workers...

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Prayer of Dedication *(All together)*

Oh Lord of compassion, we dedicate ourselves to be Your witnesses. Help us to complete our mission, treading the burning embers of your love. Give us the strength to adorn Christ's form and attitude, and spread the fragrance of His love. Strengthen us to follow the paths of truth, justice and peace. Help us to be the bearers of life in the decaying environments. Give us the courage to live according to the wish of Your heart, following the principles of reformation. Provide us with a meaningful vision and lifestyle that aid the expansion of God's kingdom, help the building of the Church and lead to the renewal of the world. We submit ourselves in Your hands so that everything we possess might be used for the glory of Your name, Amen.

O Lord Christ, shut not the door of your blessing against us... *(Order of Worship page 10)*

Lessons for Reading

1. Genesis 39: 1-23
2. Hebrews 12: 1-13

MAR THOMA YUVAJANA SAKHYAM

YOUTH SUNDAY

2018 OCTOBER 21

ORDER OF WORSHIP

(Approved by H. G. The Metropolitan)

(Use this order along with the Order of Worship)

Call to Worship

"Sing to the Lord a new song; sing to the Lord, all the earth. Sing to the Lord, praise His name; proclaim His salvation day after day" (Psalms 96: 1-2)

Hymn

The Kauma: An Act of Adoration *(Order of Worship page 1)*

Prayer: O Lord God, . . . *(Order of Worship Page 2)*

Opening Prayer:

Leader: Oh God, creator and protector of everything, praise be to you for Your kindness that liberates Your people who cry out in pain. Oh God of love, grant us love, happiness and peace. Oh Lord of compassion, let our hearts shine with kindness and tenderness. Lord our God, give us the wisdom and courage to recognize virtue and to follow it. Strengthen us to be the bread for the hungry, the consolation for the broken hearted, and the refuge for the orphan. Dear Jesus, help us to equip each and every youth to accept You as their Lord and Saviour, and to live by the guidance of the Holy Spirit.

Congregation : *Amen.*

Prayer of Confession

Let us confess our weaknesses... take a moment to examine our hearts... Dear Jesus, our best friend... even though we had realized our call and mission, we failed miserably in living up to it... we live our lives in private spaces of selfishness... our responses are alien to our faith... we stand apathetic before the cries of the creation... we are indifferent to the wails for justice... we have lost nobility of imagination, and our hearts have ceased to feel any pain... we walk through the paths of darkness... our hopes for God's kingdom has lost its luster. Let us remind ourselves of the blemishes that have occurred in our path to fulfill the mission. Let us pray to the Lord to forgive us our imperfections in being his witnesses.

(After each prayer, the response shall be “ Lord Father, we ask for Your forgiveness”)

L: For our shortcomings in the fulfillment of our mission towards worship, study, witness and service...

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L: For failing to recognize the needs of the time and for conducting ourselves in a selfish manner, neglecting the realities of the present and forgetting our call to be the guardians of all creation...

C: *Lord Father, we ask for Your forgiveness*

L: For limiting the cross, which is a sign of God's salvation offered to everyone, into a religious symbol, for forgetting the lessons of love and sacrifice that the cross represents, and for the indifference shown in resisting the poisonous development of communalism...

C: *Lord Father, we ask for Your forgiveness*

L: For our failure in spending time in prayer, bible study and meditation, for not giving priority to Sakhyam activities and fellowship, and for the indiscriminate use of mobile phones without acknowledging Christ's presence among our midst...

C: *Lord Father, we ask for Your forgiveness*

L: For the sin we committed when we ignored the path of the kind Nasserite and moved about comfortably in avenues of luxury and extravagance, turning our eyes away from the hungry and the poor...

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Mar Bala's Petition *(Order of Worship Page 5)*

L: Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah

C: Glory be to you, O God

(to be repeated thrice)

The Magnificat – Song of Virgin Mary *(Order of Worship page 5)*

Prayer of Thanksgiving

“Praise the Lord. Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good; His Love endures forever”
(Psalms 106: 1))

(After each prayer, the response shall be “We praise You, oh God”)

L: For God's presence that strengthens us constantly in the midst of our sufferings with the confirmation “Fear not, for I am with you”...

C: *We praise You, oh God*

L: For those who asserts that “it is possible to create an alternative world” which has gone numb of humanitarian feelings, and for the vision of the new heaven and new earth that the Word promises...

C: *We praise You, oh God*

L: For the opportunities we receive through the Mar Thoma Yuvajana Sakhyam to realize the meaning and identity of our life

C: *We praise You, oh God*

Ekba

Psalms 113, 117

Prayer of Intercession

“Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God” (Philippians 4: 6)

(After every prayer, the response shall be “, Oh God, hear our prayer”)

L: Let us pray for our nation and its diversity. For those who safeguard the vision of plurality, and the ideals of democracy and secularism in our country...

C: *Oh God, hear our prayer*

L: Let us remember the victims of the great flood. For those who lost their houses and their jobs, for those who struggle to meet their daily needs, and for the fishermen, voluntary organizations and government personnel who engaged in the rescue operations...

C: *Oh God, Hear our prayer*

L: Let us pray for the supreme head of the Mar Thoma Church His Grace The Most. Rev. Dr. Joseph Mar Thoma Metropolitan, Padmabhooshan His Grace The Most. Rev. Dr. Philipose Mar Chrysostom Mar Thoma Valiya Metropolitan, respected Thirumenis, Achens, Evangelists, Sevini, volunteers, lay leaders, and the faith community