

L: "The wages you failed to pay the workers who mowed your fields are crying out against you." Let us pray for the unorganized labourers, nurses and all those who render invaluable services to society, but are denied the wages that they deserve.

R: O Lord, hear our prayers

L: Let us pray for His Grace Dr. Joseph Mar Thoma Metropolitan, Rt. Rev. Geevarghese Mar Athanasius Suffragan Metropolitan, our Bishops, priests, evangelists, seminarians, and lay leaders who lead the Mar Thoma Yuvajana Sakhyam according to the unassuming vision of Christ's compassion.

C: O Lord, hear our prayers

L: Let us pray for the President of the Yuvajana Sakhyam, Rt. Rev. Dr. Thomas Mar Theethos Tirumeni, the General Secretary, Assistant Secretaries, the office bearers, office staff, and committee members in Kendram, Diocese, Centre and Sakha levels who prepare the youth of our church to be springs of mercy in a world gone arid of compassion.

C: O Lord, hear our prayers

Prayer of Dedication *(All together)*

Lord, we dedicate ourselves to be good neighbors for those in need, guides to those who lost sense of direction, companions for the lonely, shelters for those who search for compassion, and caring hands for the destitute. We dedicate ourselves to be springs of mercy in Your world. Amen.

Song

Take my life, and let it be

Consecrated Lord to Thee

Take my moments and my days

Let them flow in ceaseless praise.

P: O Lord Christ, shut not the door of your blessing against us

C: Lord we confess that we are sinners, bless us

P: O Lord, your love has brought you down to us so that our death might be averted by your death.

C: O Lord, bless us. Amen

Lessons for Reading

1. Genesis 41: 37-43
2. Philippians 3: 1-16

MAR THOMA YUVAJANA SAKHYAM

YOUTH SUNDAY

2017 OCTOBER 15

ORDER OF WORSHIP

(Approved by H. G. The Metropolitan)

(Use this order along with the Order of Worship)

Call to Worship

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

Hymn

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

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

Opening Prayer:

Leader: O Lord, our Father, all glory and praise be to You for the kindness with which You listened to the cries of Your people and to have come down to deliver them from their misery. O Son of God, all glory and praise be to You for the eternal love You revealed while receiving into Your kind embrace the leper, the sinful woman, the gentiles, the children, and the youth who came to Your presence. O Holy Spirit, all glory and praise be to You for Your strengthening presence that helps us to be bearers of justice, peace and kindness in this world which has run out of genuine acts of kindness. Help us to derive courage and determination from the deep-rooted faith in the Holy Trinity, and let all of our actions be inspired by Christ's abundant compassion. This we pray in the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.

Congregation : *Amen.*

Prayer of Confession

"Why should the living complain when punished for their sins? Let us examine our ways and test them, and let us return to the Lord" (Lamentations 3: 39, 40)

(After every prayer, the response shall be the song:

Breathe on me breath of God

Until my heart is pure

Until my will is one with thine

To do and to endure)

L: Woe to you who laugh at the shortcomings of others. Lord, we confess to you for the callous attitude we entertain in the social media posts celebrating others'

weaknesses and showering ridicule over the errors, failures or physical peculiarities of our fellow beings.

C: Breathe on me breath....

L: The centers of worship are today getting transformed into centers of hatred, vengeance and group fights. Signs related to faith are distorted to be indicators of communalism. Lord, we confess to you for reducing Your cross into a mere religious symbol and for overlooking the noble vision of sacrifice that it embodies.

C: Breathe on me breath....

L: Lord, we have poisoned the minds of our young generation through the injudicious use of modern media and games. We confess to you for the negligence shown towards Bible study, prayer and meditation.

C: Breathe on me breath.....

L: Lord, we confess to you for the extravagance shown by us in squandering food and for not realizing the message of contentment revealed in the five loaves of bread and the two fish.

C: Breathe on me breath

L: Lord, we confess to you for reducing the Sakhyam gatherings into mere routine acts and for not making any attempt to sense the presence of Christ in our fellowships.

C: Breathe on me breath.....

Absolution

L: Almighty God, our heavenly father, who of his great mercy has promised forgiveness of sins to all them that with hearty repentance and true faith turn to Him, have mercy on you; pardon and deliver you from all your sins; confirm and strengthen you in all goodness; and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

R: Amen

L: Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah

C: Glory be to you, O God

(to be repeated thrice)

The Magnificat – Song of Virgin Mary

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Prayer of Thanksgiving

“Rejoice always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God’s will for you in Christ Jesus” (Thessalonians 5: 16-18)

(After every prayer, the response shall be the song

Praise God from whom all blessings flow

Praise Him, all creatures here below

Praise Him above, ye heavenly host

Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost)

L:We thank you Lord for the assurance that every being redeemed by the blood of the lamb shall stand before His radiant presence when the Lord of the Highest reveals himself with the armies of heaven at His side...

C:Praise God from....

L: We thank you Lord for the sacramental experiences and the proclamations of the Word that remind us that “now is the time of God’s favour, now is the day of salvation,” and for the realization that the “today” decides the “tomorrow”...

C: Praise God from.....

L: We thank you Lord for our forefathers who bravely set upon the path of faith with an open Bible, the wooden cross and the Gospel as their only possessions, during the times when the church had lost most of its material belongings ...

C: Praise God from.....

L: We thank you Lord for Mar Thoma Yuvajana Sakhyam that leads us in the humility of Christ experience, in a world reigned by the philosophy of pleasure...

C: Praise God from.....

Prayer

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O Lord Almighty, God of our fathers, we praise you and glorify your holy and eternal name in all the days of our life and at all times and in all seasons. O Lord God, you are blessed. Your holy name is always praised and exalted. God of all things and father of the truth, praise is meet and glory is due to you together with your only Son and the Holy Spirit for ever and ever.

C: Amen

Prayer of Intercession

“Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus” (Philippians 4: 6, 7)

(After every prayer, the response shall be “O Lord, hear our prayers”)

L: “When you reap the harvest of your land, do not reap to the very edges of your field or gather the gleanings of your harvest. Leave them for the poor and for the foreigner residing among you” – this merciful vision of the Lord’s Word remains forgotten in our times. Let us pray for the small scale vendors who lost their livelihood under the onslaught of large scale traders.

C: O Lord, hear our prayers