



CHRISMATION AND FIRST (SOLEMN RECEPTION OF) COMMUNION

Knanaya Catholic Region

St. Thomas Syro-Malabar Catholic Diocese of Chicago
(For Private Circulation Only)

PRAYERS AFTER HOMILY

KAROSUTHA (GENERAL INTERCESSIONS)

Altar Server: Lord we are offering these children, who are now becoming children of God in its fullness through the sacraments of Chrismation and Holy Communion, let us pray, "Lord, hear our prayer."

1. We beseech that You send us the angel of peace and grace. We pray to the Lord.

ALL: Lord, hear our prayer.

2. For a life without sin, all the days of our lives, and for lasting peace for your Church. We pray to the Lord.

3. For the unity of love, which is the bond of perfection, obtained through the fullness of the Holy Spirit. We pray to the Lord.

4. For forgiveness of sins and for graces that help our lives and are pleasing to You. We pray to the Lord.

5. For our Spiritual leaders: Pope ..., Cardinal Mar ..., Our Bishop Mar ..., and all other bishops. We pray to the Lord.

6. For the priests who are helping us through their dedicated service, and especially in helping us this day, We pray to the Lord.

8. For the Choir and altar servers, may God bless them for helping us to enjoy these sacraments. We pray to the Lord.

8. For our parents, brothers and sisters, and our extended family members, May God bless them for all the love and care they give us, we pray to the Lord.

9. For the teachers who prepared us for these sacraments, may God bless them. We pray to the Lord.

10. For all who have come here to celebrate in our joy today. We pray to the Lord.

11. For the sick and suffering, may God give them strength. We pray to the Lord.

12. For those who have died, may they be with God forever. We pray to the Lord.

Altar Server: Let us commend one another and ourselves to the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.

ALL: Lord God, we commend ourselves to You.

CEL: Lord, You who have asked us to preach to all nations, making disciples of them and baptizing them, help us obey Your command. May the Church, You have commissioned to build the Kingdom of God on earth, be blessed to fulfill Your will through us. May Your salvific day, on which the whole humankind is united and assembled under one shepherd and one sheepfold, come soon. Let this sacrament we administer be, by the power of the Holy Spirit, the door to eternal life for these children. Lord of all, forever.

ALL: Amen.

SER: Bless us, O Lord. Brothers and sisters, bow your heads for the imposition of hands and receive the blessing.

(Everybody bows. The celebrant says in a low voice.)

CEL: Lord, Almighty God, Yours is the Holy Catholic Church, the flock, redeemed through the passion and suffering of Your Anointed Son. By the grace of the Holy Spirit, who is one in Divine Being with You, the orders of true priesthood are conferred through the imposition of hands. In Your great mercy, You have made us worthy, weak and lowly though we are, to be distinctive members of the mystical body, the Church, to minister to the faithful. Lord, fill us with Your mercy and grace, and pour forth Your blessings through our hands. May Your mercy and blessings be on us and on this Your chosen people.

(Resuming a straight posture, the celebrant prays raising his voice)

CEL: Merciful God, bless us. Grant that all of us, as one body, may properly please You throughout our lives, by works of justice that reconcile us with You. Make us worthy to offer You never-ending praise, homage, thanksgiving, and adoration. The Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, Lord of all, forever.

ALL: Amen.

Profession of Faith

CEL: We believe in One God, the Father almighty,

ALL: Creator of all things / visible and invisible, and in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only begotten Son of God, the first born of all creatures, born of the Father before all ages, and not made, true God from true God, consubstantial with his Father. Through Him the worlds were formed / and all things were created. For the sake of us men / and for our salvation / He came down from heaven; / and became incarnate by the Holy Spirit / and became man, / and was conceived and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered and was crucified / in the days of Pontius Pilate / died and was buried; / and on the third day rose again / as it is written. He ascended into heaven / and sits at the right hand of his Father. He will come again / to judge the dead. We believe in one Holy Spirit; the spirit of truth, who proceeds from the Father and the Son / the life giving Spirit. We believe in one, holy, catholic, and apostolic Church. We confess one baptism for the emission of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting. Amen.

Karozutha in preparation for the sacrament of Chrismation.

1. For these servants, who have become children of God in baptism and is awaiting the gifts of the Holy Spirit, let us pray: "Lord, hear our prayer".

ALL: Lord, hear our prayer.

2. That You send Your Spirit on these servants, as You did to Your disciples lost in prayer in Sehion Banquet Hall, we pray:

3. That, filled with Your Holy Spirit, they may be braced up to live a life of holiness, and rooted in faith, they may glorify You always, we pray:

4. That the parents, teachers and benefactors, who raise them up in Christian faith, be infused with Your Spirit, we pray:

5. Let us commend one another and ourselves to the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.

ALL: Lord God, we commend ourselves to You.

CEL: Lord, Almighty God, we humbly pray You. Fill these children with Your Spirit. May they grow up to the plenitude of Christian life. May they be strengthened not to forget You in prosperity, and to

seek You out in adversity. Bless them to bear strong witness to You in life, and, then after death, to find the bliss of eternal happiness. Father, Son and Holy Spirit, forever.

ALL: Amen.

(The celebrant asks:)

CEL: Being filled with the Holy Spirit and confirmed in faith, do you desire to witness to Christ?

ALL: Yes, I do.

CEL: May God bless you.

(All together sing the Hymn to the Holy Spirit.)

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SER: Dear brothers and sisters, the celebrant begins to sign these children with the plenitude of the grace of the Holy Spirit. In preparation, he now prays for himself. Staying devout and diligent, let us pray in silence.

CEL: Lord, Almighty God, we thank You for the infinite mercy by which You sent the Holy Spirit upon the apostles and strengthened them. You shower the Church with the gift of the Holy Spirit, through the imposition of hands by the apostles and their successors. Make me, O Lord, your humble servant, worthy to administer this gift to these children. Father, Son and Holy Spirit, forever.

ALL: Amen.

(Imposition of Hands)

CEL: God our Father, You have granted us, through baptism, new birth, membership in the Mystical Body of Christ, and title to eternal life. Sign these servants with the promised Spirit and give them the spirit of filiation that they may call You "Abba", Fa-

ther. Empower them, being filled with the divine Spirit, through the imposition of hands, to live as a brave soldiers, bearing witness to the Gospel, and as loyal servants of the Church. May they be filled with Your Spirit's fruits of love, peace, happiness, patience, kindness, goodness, fidelity, meekness and self-control. By Your grace, may they be blessed to live a life undefiled. We offer praise, honor, and worship to You, to Your beloved Son, and to the Holy Spirit. Now, always, and forever (*Blesses the candidates*).

ALL: Amen.

(Anointing) .

CEL: (Name), having been baptized, is now perfected and confirmed.

**In the name of the Father
and of the Son +
and of the Holy Spirit.**

ALL: Amen.

(After anointing, the celebrant recites the following prayer:)

CEL: Lord God, may the life-giving sign and the fullness of the grace of the Holy Spirit that they have received, the new life they have begun, and the armor of justice they are wearing, shield them from the enemy's harm. May they be blessed to exude the divine fragrance of Christ in their lives.

ALL: Amen.

(The celebrant crowns the candidate with the following prayer)

**CEL: In the name of the Father
and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit
(Name), is adorned with the crown of life
as the sign of spiritual joy and eternal bliss.**

CEL: Together with these children, who have become children of God, let us implore God calling Him "Father." Our Father in heaven

ALL: Holy be Your name, Your kingdom come, Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day the bread we need / and forgive us our debts and sins as we have forgiven those who offended us. Do not let us fall into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one. For Yours is the kingdom, the power

and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

SER: Let us pray. Peace be with us.

(Holy Qurbana continues with offertory).

Concluding Prayers

CEL: Lord God, You have washed up and purified these children in the blood of Jesus, the divine Lamb, who takes away the sins of the world. We thank You for having fulfilled in these servants our Lord, Jesus Christ's promise of the Holy Spirit. We praise You for having made these children of Yours co-heir with Christ, and rich in the grace of the Holy Spirit. Bless these servants that they may glorify You in truth and spirit. Father, Son and Holy Spirit, Lord of all, forever.

ALL: Amen. Lord, bless us.

CEL: May the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary, St. Joseph, the holy Apostles, our Father St. Thomas, St. Alphonsa, the Confessors, Saints and all the Blessed in the Church, and of the Patron Saint of our parish, assist these children. May the life of witness of the saints, after whom these children are named, be their models.

ALL: Amen. Lord, bless us.

Final Blessing

CEL: Blessed be the God who has raised us, through baptism, to the status of the children of God. May He help you to live as a faithful children of the Church. Having received the Holy Spirit, may you become a daring missionary, bearing witness to the Gospel. Being supportive in dangers, consoling in sorrows and helpful in trials, may He protect you until you reach the heavenly bliss that eyes have not seen, ears have not heard and the heart has not yet enjoyed. May God make you worthy to be the hope of your parents, the light of your home, and an example of service for the people. May He bless you all abundantly, who have partaken in this sacred service. Now, always, + and forever (*blesses all*).

ALL: Amen.