

CHRIST CHURCH JERUSALEM



Kenyan Liturgy for the Easter Season

We welcome to the Communion Table all those who love Jesus the Messiah and have made Him Lord.

Call to Praise

He is risen.

He is risen indeed. Hallelujah!

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Praise the Lord!

The name of the Lord be praised.

Our help is in the name of the Lord

Who made heaven and earth.

The earth is the Lord's and all that is in it.

Let the heavens rejoice and the earth be glad.

I was glad when they said to me

'Let us go to the house of the Lord.'

I will enter and give thanks to the Lord.

Who shall ascend the hill of the Lord?

And who shall stand in His holy place?

He who has clean hands and a pure heart, who does not lift up his soul to what is false and does not swear deceitfully.

The Preparation

Let us pray.

Almighty God, You bring to light things hidden in darkness and know the shadows of our hearts: As we confess our sins, cleanse and renew us by Your Spirit, that we may walk in Your light and sanctify Your name through Jesus, our Lord. Amen.

Gloria

Hallelujah! The Lord our God the Almighty reigns;

Let us rejoice and give Him the glory.

Worthy is the Lord our God

For He has created all things.

Worthy is the Lamb who was slain.

He is the faithful witness, the firstborn from the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth.

By His blood He ransomed us for God,
From every tribe and tongue, people and nation.

He freed us from our sin by His blood.

We are a kingdom of priests to our God.

Great and wonderful are Your deeds;

Just and true are Your ways!

Who shall not fear and praise Your name
O Lord?

For You alone are holy.

All nations shall come and worship in
Your presence, for Your deeds have been
revealed.

To Him who sits on the throne and unto the Lamb, be blessing and honor and glory and power for ever.

Amen.

Praise

Scripture

Sermon

Intercession

Let us pray to the God of our forefathers Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, through Jesus the Messiah in the power of the Holy Spirit.

May Your church be faithful to Jesus of Nazareth until He returns.

Amen. Lord, have mercy.

May the leaders of our churches have Your wisdom and speak with one voice.

Amen. Lord, have mercy.

May the leaders of our countries rule with justice and righteousness.

Amen. Lord, have mercy.

May the Lord be our shield and defender.

Amen. Lord, have mercy.

May our countries have tranquility and the people be blessed.

Amen. Lord, have mercy.

May the Lord bring the dew and the rain in its season.

Amen. Lord, have mercy.

May the fields be fertile and the harvest plentiful.

Amen. Lord, have mercy.

May Your peace be upon Israel and the Middle East.

Amen. Lord, have mercy.

May the love of the Father touch the lonely, the bereaved and the suffering.

Amen. Lord, have mercy.

May the path of the world be swept of all danger.

Amen. Lord, have mercy.

Prayers of Penitence

Almighty God, Creator of all, You marvellously made us in Your image; but we have corrupted ourselves and distorted Your likeness by rejecting Your love and hurting our neighbour. We have done wrong and neglected to do right. We are sincerely sorry and repent of our sins. Cleanse us and forgive us through the sacrifice of Your Son; remake us and lead us by Your Spirit, the Comforter. We ask this through Messiah Jesus our Lord. Amen.

Almighty God, whose steadfast love is as great as the heavens are high above the earth, remove our sins from us as far as the east is from the west; strengthen our life in Your kingdom and keep us upright until the last day; through Messiah Jesus our merciful High Priest. **Amen.**

Thank you, Father, for forgiveness. We come to Your table as Your children, not presuming, but assured; not trusting ourselves but Your Word. We ask for our hearts to be satisfied with the body and blood of Jesus the Messiah, and we pray that we may know Him and the power of His resurrection. Amen.

Offering

The Peace

On the first day of the week Jesus came and stood among His disciples and said, 'Peace be with you.' And He showed them His hands and His side and they were glad when they saw the Lord.

The peace of the Lord be always with you; **And also with you.**

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

Holy Communion

Be present, be present, Lord Jesus our risen High Priest, make Yourself known in the breaking of bread.

Amen.

Is the Father with us?

He is with us!

Is the Son among us?

He is with us!

Is the Spirit here?

He is with us!

He is our God!

Father and Son and Holy Spirit.

We are His people;

We belong to Him.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give him thanks and praise.

It is right and our delight to give You thanks and praise, great Father, living God, King over all the earth; Creator, Provider, Saviour and Giver.

And now we praise you for the glorious resurrection of Your Son, the Lamb who was offered for us and has taken away the sin of the world: You raised Him to everlasting life. Through Him, You have sent upon us Your life-giving Spirit filling us with light and life.

Therefore with angels and archangels and all in heaven, we proclaim Your great and glorious name, forever praising You and singing:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest!

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, Blessed is He who comes in the Name of the Lord.

Hosanna, Hosanna in the highest!

All things belong to You. We thank You for giving Your only Son even though we were not worthy of Your generosity. Pour Your refreshing Spirit on us as we remember Him in the way He commanded through these gifts of Your creation.

At Passover on the same night that He was betrayed, He took the bread and gave thanks.

Barukh atah Adonai Eloheinu Melekh ha'olam, ha'motzi lechem min ha'aretz. Blessed are you, O Lord our God, King of the universe, who brings forth bread from the earth.

He broke the bread and gave it to his disciples saying, "Take, eat, this is My body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of Me."

Amen. His body was broken for us.

In the same way, after supper He took the cup and recited the blessing giving You thanks: *Barukh atah Adonai Eloheinu Melekh ha'olam borei pri ha'gefen.* Blessed are you, O Lord our God, King of the universe, who creates the fruit of the vine.

He gave it to them saying, "Drink this, all of you. This is My blood of the new covenant which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this as often as you drink it in remembrance of Me."

Great is the mystery of faith:

Messiah has died, Messiah is risen,

Messiah will come again.

We are brothers and sisters through His blood.

We have died together, we will rise together, we will live together.

Therefore, heavenly Father hear us as we celebrate this covenant with joy and await the coming of our Lord and Saviour. He died in our place, making atonement for the sins of the whole world, the perfect sacrifice, once and for all. You accepted His offering by raising Him from death, granting Him great honour at Your right hand on high, and sending us His Holy Spirit.

Amen. Jesus is Lord.

This is the feast of victory.

The Lamb who was slain has begun His reign. Hallelujah!

Agnus Dei

Draw near with faith and receive the body and blood of Jesus the Messiah.

Lamb of God You take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.

Lamb of God You take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.

Lamb of God You take away the sins of the world, give us Your peace.

After Communion

We thank You that in You we are kept safe for ever, and that the broken fragments of our history are gathered up in the redeeming act of Your beloved Son.

On this mountain You will prepare a feast for all people, on this mountain

You will destroy the shroud that enfolds the nations; You will swallow up death for ever, and will wipe away our tears Let us now say, You are our God; We trust in You; let us rejoice and be glad in Your salvation. Send us out with Your blessing, to live and to witness for You in the power of Your resurrection.

Blessing

All our problems

We send to the cross of Jesus the Messiah.

All the devil's works

We send to the cross of Jesus the Messiah.

All our fears

We send to the cross of Jesus the Messiah.

All our hopes

We set on the risen Jesus of Nazareth

Dismissal

Jesus said, "As the Father has sent Me, even so I send you."

Go in peace to love and serve the risen Lord.

In the name of Jesus. Hallelujah!

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