

# CHRIST CHURCH JERUSALEM



## Kenyan Liturgy for the Christmas Season

*We welcome to the Communion Table all those who have been baptized and confess Jesus as Lord.*

### Preparation

Behold, I bring you tidings of great joy which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, which is Messiah the Lord.

**Almighty God, You bring to light things hidden in darkness, and know the shadows of our hearts; cleanse and renew us by your Spirit, that we may walk in the light and glorify your name, through Jesus the Messiah, the Light of the world. Amen.**

### Praise

Sing to the Lord a new song;  
**Sing to the Lord, all the earth!**

For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given,  
**And the government shall be on his shoulder.**

Sing to the Lord a new song;  
**Tell of His salvation from day to day.**

His name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,  
**Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.**

Declare His glory among the nations,  
**His marvelous works among all people.**

His dominion is an everlasting dominion;  
**And His kingdom one that shall not be destroyed.**

He was given authority, glory and sovereign power;

**All nations and people of every language worship Him.**

Worship the Lord in the splendor of holiness;

**Tremble before him, all the earth!**

His mercy is on those who fear him  
**From generation to generation.**

He has put down the mighty from their thrones;  
**He has lifted up the humble.**

He has filled the hungry with good things  
**And the rich he has sent away empty.**

He has helped his servant Israel,  
**And remembered to be merciful to Abraham and his descendants.**

He has raised up a horn of salvation  
**For us in the house of his servant David.**

Praise be to the Lord, the God of Israel;  
**He has come to His people and redeemed them.**

Say among the nations, The Lord reigns!  
**All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.**

### Gloria

**Gloria to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth.**

**Lord God, heavenly King, Almighty God and Father, we worship You, we give You thanks, we praise You for your glory.**

**Lord Jesus, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us; You are seated at the right hand of the Father; receive our prayer. For You alone are the Holy One, You alone are the Lord, You alone are the Most High, Jesus the Messiah, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

## **Scripture & Sermon**

### **Intercession**

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

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 we and our enemies turn towards peace.  
**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 Lord be our shield and defender.  
**Amen. Lord, have mercy.**

May the path of the world be swept of all dangers. **Amen.**  
**The Lord is with us. Immanuel!**

### **Prayers of Penitence**

Listen carefully to the words of Jesus:  
“If anyone would come after Me,

let him deny himself, take up his cross and follow Me. For whoever will save his life will lose it; but whoever loses his life for My sake will save it.”

**Everlasting Father, Creator of all, You marvelously made us in your image; but we have corrupted ourselves and distorted your likeness by rejecting your love and hurting our neighbor. 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 fill us with your Spirit. We ask this through 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 under your kingship and keep us upright until the last day; through Jesus the Messiah 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 hunger and thirst for righteousness and ask for our hearts to be satisfied with the body and blood of your Son, Jesus the Messiah. Amen.**

## **Offering**

### **The Peace**

For unto us a Child is born, unto us a Son is given, and His name shall be called the Prince of Peace. The peace of the Lord be always with you.  
**And also with you.**

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

## Prayer of Thanksgiving

Is the Father with us?

**He is.**

Is the Son among us?

**He is.**

Is the Spirit here?

**He is with us!**

This is our God.

**Father, 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, supreme over all the world, Creator, Provider, Savior and Giver.

For Abraham the wandering nomad You made an everlasting covenant and called your family; for a burdened people You raised up Moses as prophet and leader; for a confused nation You chose David to be king; for a rebellious community You sent your prophets.

As foretold in the Scriptures You sent us your Son, your perfect image. He was born a Jewish child: He was obedient to Torah; He established your kingdom and revealed your will. He died in our place, making full atonement for the sins of the world.

You accepted His offering by raising Him from the dead, and granting Him great honor at your right hand on high. In Him, we have seen a great light and have been rescued from the shadow of death.

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.**

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

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

**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 Savior. **Amen. Jesus is Lord.**

This is the feast of victory.  
**The Lamb who was slain has begun  
His reign. Hallelujah!**

We break this bread to share in the body of Messiah.

**Though we are many we are one body,  
for we all share in one bread.**

Draw near with faith and receive. Jesus is the host;

**And we are His guests.**

## **Agnus Dei**

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.**

## **Prayer after Communion**

**Almighty Father we thank You that the Word of Life became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen His glory, the glory of a Father's only Son, full of grace and truth. Amen.**

## **Blessing**

May the Son of God, born of Mary, fill you with his grace to trust his promises and obey his will; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always.

**Amen.**

## **Dismissal**

Lord, send your servants out in peace, for our eyes have seen your salvation that You have prepared in the sight of all nations;

**A light to the Gentiles, and the glory of your people Israel. Amen.**



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