

# **HOLY QURBANA**

# 1. Public Worship – Opening of the Veil

## SONG – NIN MATHAVU VISHUDHENMAR....

1. Veil represents opening / closing of heaven
2. Altar – heaven; Priest – Jesus
3. Remembering birth and baptism of Jesus
4. Remembering St. Mary who gave birth and John the Baptist who baptized Him
5. John the Baptist the fore runner is represented by the altar assistant who holds the candle and walks ahead of the priest.
6. The other altar assistants as the disciples / apostles of Jesus, the maruvasa as angels.

## **2. Anpudayone nin vaathil - Song**

1. Time remembering the passion, crucifix and burial of Christ
2. Veil closes – reminds us that it was darkness all over the earth and the pain Jesus went through
3. Time to crucify our old selves and resurrect to a new person in Christ –repent and pray
4. Song – to remember the Seraphim who placed live coal in Isaiah’s mouth in his vision to purify his sins. Similarly our earnest prayers for our sins to be forgiven.
5. Veil opens – to remember that Jesus had appeared to his disciples several times after resurrection.

### **3. Second coming – Procession to the west with the Holy Mysteries**

1. Closed veil opens to show that Jesus has come again – the second coming
2. All disciples, saints, angels are there with him
3. The altar boys with lighted candles remind us of the angels and the sounds of the bells proclaim the triumph of his second coming.
4. The priest crosses his hand with the paten and chalice to symbolize that God will judge the good and the evil and put them in two groups and then prays for all those who have received HQ for their sins to be forgiven.