



ELM Online Seminar: "How Does the World Look at Holy Week and Easter?"

A Service for Easter Sunday

**Evangelical Lutheran Church in Malawi**  
**EASTER LITURGY**  
**Innocent Kaphinde**

*As the liturgists enters the church, the whole congregation stand and sing the song below:*

**Congregation:** Holy, holy, holy! Our God  
The whole world is filled with your glory,  
The Lord is in His temple,  
Let us all bow before Him

*Chorus*

*Listen, listen, and listen to our God*

*Listen, listen, and listen to our Saviour*

*Listen, listen, and listen to our God*

*Let us all bow before Him.*

**Leader:** We begin our worship in the name of God the Father,  
the Son, and the Spirit. Amen!

**All:** Amen.

*(Then Psalm is read according to what has been written in almanac)*

*(Then a song by the congregation or a choir)*

**Leader:** Holy, holy, holy, God Almighty  
The whole world is filled with your glory.

**Leader:** Where does our help comes from?

**Congregation:** Our help comes from God the Father, maker of  
heaven and earth.

**Leader:** God is in His temple, let us worship Him in spirit and truth.

The word of God tells us that, if we say we are not sinners, we deceive ourselves, for the truth is not in us.

Let us therefore confess our sins to God our creator.

**All:** God Almighty, our Creator and Saviour, we are sinners.

We confess with humble hearts, that we were born sinners and that we sin against you in our thoughts, in our words and in our deeds.

Merciful God, you sent your only Son, Jesus Christ, to die for us. We ask for your mercy, and forgiveness, and through your Holy Spirit, give us wisdom to know you and your will.

Help us to hear your word, so that in your mercy, we shall receive everlasting life in heaven. Amen!

*(A repentance song is sung)*

**Congregation:** *Lord, Lord! Have mercy on us!*

*Christ, Christ have mercy on us!*

*Lord, Lord! Have mercy on us.*

**Leader:** God's word says;

If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just, and ready to forgive us and cleans all our sins.

To those who believe in Jesus Christ, God gives them power to be His children, and He sent them Holy Spirit.

All those who believe and baptized, they shall be saved.

**Congregation:** Lord, we ask for this blessing. Amen!

## EASTER ANTIPHON

(TSIKU LA KUUKA KWA AMBUYE YESU)  
(Resurrection of Jesus our Saviour)

**ANTIFON:** (*Masalmo 118:15-17,22-24*)

(*Iyimbidwe molandirana, ndipo mtsogoleri ayang'ane mpingo*)

(*Antiphon should be sung in a way that the leader will lead and all shall respond*)

**Mtsogoleri:** Aleluya, Ambuye wauka! Aleluya!

**Leader:** *Aleluja, the Lord has risen, Aleluja*

**Mpingo:** Waukadi! Aleluya, Ale-lu-u-u-ya!

**All:** *Indeed He has risen, Aleluja!*

**SALMO:** (*Mtsogoleri ayang 'ane kugome*)

**PSALMS:** (*The leader should face the alter*)

**Mtsogoleri:** M'mahema a olungama muli liu lakupfuula  
mokondwera, ndi lachipulumutso!

**Leader:** *Shouts of joy and victory resound in the tents of the righteous!*

**Mpingo:** Dzanja la manja la Yehova lichita zazikulu.

**All:** *The Lord's right hand has done mighty things.*

**Mtsogoleri:** Dzanja lamanja la Yehova layamikidwa!

**Leader:** *The Lord's right hand is lifted!*

**Mpingo:** Dzanja la manja la Yehova lichita zazikulu.

**All:** *The Lord's right hand has done mighty things.*

**Mtsogoleri:** Sindidzafa, koma ndidzakhala ndi moyo!

**Leader:** *I will not die but live!*

**Mpingo:** Ndipo ndidzafotokozera ntchito za Yehova.

**All:** *And I will proclaim what the Lord has done.*

**Mtsogoleri:** Mwala umene omangawo anaukana!

**Leader:** *The stone the builder rejected!*

**Mpingo:** Wakhala mutu wapangodya.

**All:** *Has become the capstone*

**Mtsogoleri:** Ichi chidzera kwa Yehova!  
**Leader:** *The Lord has done this!*  
**Mpingo:** Chodabwitsa ichi, pamaso pathu.  
**All:** *And it is marvellous in our eyes.*  
**Mtsogoleri:** Tsiku ili ndilo adaliyika Yehova!  
**Leader:** *This is the day the Lord has made!*  
**Mpingo:** Tidzasekera ndikukondwera momwemo.  
**All:** *Let us rejoice and be glad in it.*  
**Mtsogoleri:** Ayamikike Mulungu Atate, ndi Mwana, ndi Mzimu Woyera!  
**Leader:** *Let God the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit be praised!*  
**Mpingo:** Monga kunali pachiyambi, kukhalenso tsopano, masiku onse ndi kunthawi zosatha! Ah-ah-ah-ah A-men!  
**All:** *As it was in the beginning, and now, and forever*  
**All:** *Aleluja, the Lord has risen, Aleluja, Indeed He has risen, Aleluja!*

*(After the Antiphon, the first reading and the second reading {Good News} from the Bible follow, according to the almanac)*

*(The creed of the apostles follows after the first and second reading from the Bible)*

*(A song follows, hymn or choir, for example)*

### **Nyimbo (Song)**

1. Lero Khristu anauka, Alleluya! Alleluya!  
 Ndilo tsiku lokondwera, Alleluya! Alleluya!  
 Iye kale anafera, Alleluya ! Alleluya!  
 Naombola otayika, Alleluya !

*(Then the preaching of the word of God)*  
*(After the preaching, offering follows and then a general prayer.)*

*(Mtsogoleri ayang'ane mpingo)*

*(The leader should face congregation)*

**Mtsogoleri:** Ambuye akhale nanu!

**Leader:** *The Lord be with you!*

**Mpingo:** Nakhalenso ndi inu!

**All:** *And also with you!*

**Leader:** *Let us pray*

*God Father Almighty, you gave us your Son Jesus Christ, to save us from the death on the cross, and deliver us from Satan. Make us holy and forgive us our sins, so that we shall receive everlasting life in heaven.*

*We ask you God Almighty to give us your Holy Spirit so that we receive your word with faith, so that we fellowship together with your Son Jesus Christ our Saviour. Amen.*

*(Service ends with a benediction)*

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#### Thanks

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