



[AP 131 - Fr George Vithayathil sings "Witawangunnen" from funeral service for priests](#)

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| Title | Fr George Vithayathil sings "Witawangunnen" from funeral service for priests. |
| Duration | 2:50 |
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Notes

Fr George Vithayathil sings "[Witawangunnen](#)" from funeral service for priests

Fr. George Vithaythil, Vicar, St. Francis Assisi Church, Athani, sings "[Witawangunnen](#)," from the funeral services for priests in the [Syro Malabar Church](#). Malayalam version of the Syriac chant "[Etha puslek](#)," by [Fr. Abel Periyappuram, CMI](#).

We are trying to post as many examples of this unique song for the sake of future scholars who want to study the history of transmission and for a comparative study of melodic variations. Melodies of these and other similar songs existed only in oral transmission. Singers often added their own ornamentations, depending on their musicality and vocal flexibility. What is interesting is that the melody of the [Malayalam version](#) is almost the same as that of the [Syriac version](#). The Malayalam version, as well as the original Syriac text and melody, are musical treasures of the [Syro Malabar Church](#).

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