

Group 2 - Panchapuram

The Thirumurais are sacred Saiva hymns filled with divine grace. In the Tamil Saivite tradition, one of the most important devotional practices is the singing of the Panchapuram. The word “Pancha” means five, and “Puranam” refers to hymns that praise the Lord. Thus, Panchapuram is a collection of devotional songs drawn from five important sections of the Thirumurais.

These are sung in the order of Thevaram, Thiruvagasam, Thiruvaisippa, Thiruppallandu, and Periyapuram. Each of these hymns expresses boundless devotion to Lord Shiva and guides us towards spiritual upliftment.

The Panchapuram is sung in Saiva temples during poojas, as well as at home during special occasions. It is customary to begin the recitation with the words “Thiruchitrabalam” and to end with the same. After the recitation, traditionally a Thiruppugazhl is sung, followed by a Vaazhlthu - concluding blessing.

By singing, reciting or even just listening to the Panchapuram, devotion to God grows within us, and it brings peace to our minds. More than just a tradition, singing the Panchapuram is a spiritual journey - one that helps us to live in the constant remembrance of Lord Shiva.

Let us all embrace this beautiful practice and sing it with true devotion.

Meinmai Kol Saiva Neethi Vilankuha Ulakam Ellam (மேன்மை கொள் சைவ நீதி விளங்குக
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May the eternal Saivite philosophy enlighten all throughout the world.