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# 1st SUNDAY OF ADVENT (C) 1 December, 2024 [Orie] (Violet)

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Week 1**

In the First Reading, God promises a new phase of redemption in which a descendant of David will restore honesty and integrity in the land of Judah. The Responsorial Psalm prays for the docility to discern God's ways. In the Second Reading, St Paul prays for God's transforming love on Christians in Thessalonika whom he urges to persevere in the faith. In the Gospel, Jesus issues terrible signs about his final coming, even as he exhorts his followers unto hope for liberation. While warning against complacency, he calls for incessant prayer, sobriety and vigilance.

## Entry Antiphon

**T**o you, I lift up my soul, O my God. In you, I have trusted; let me not be put to shame. Nor let my enemies exult over me; and let none who hope in you be put to shame.

## Collect

**G**rant your faithful, we pray, almighty God, the resolve to run forth to meet your Christ with righteous deeds at his coming, so that, gathered at his right hand, they may be worthy to possess the heavenly kingdom. Through our Lord.

## First Reading

A reading from the prophet Jeremiah (33:14-16)

**S**ee, the days are coming - it is the Lord who speaks - when I am going to fulfil the promise I made to the House of Israel and the House of Judah: 'In those days and at that time, I will make a virtuous Branch grow for David, who shall practise honesty and integrity in the land. In those days Judah shall be saved and Israel shall dwell in confidence. And this is the name the city will be called: The Lord-our-integrity.'

The word of the Lord.

## Responsorial Psalm Ps 24:4-5.8-9.10.14 (R.v.1)

Response: **To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul.**

1. Lord, make me know your ways. Lord, teach me your paths. Make me walk in your truth, and teach me: for you are God my saviour. (R.)

2. The Lord is good and upright. He shows the path to those who stray, he guides the humble in the right path; he teaches his way to the poor. (R.)

3. His ways are faithfulness and love for those who keep his covenant and will. The Lord's friendship is for those who revere him; to them he reveals his covenant. (R.)

## Ukwe Mbata

**C**hineke m, ebulitere m Gi mmuo m elu. Atukwasara m Gi obi. E kwela ka ihere mee m. E kwela ka ndiiri m chigbuo m n'ochi, maka na enweghi onye na-atukwasa gi obi ihere na-eme.

## Ekpere Mmeghe

**C**hineke ji ike niile, biko mubaa ike ezi omume nke ndi kwerenu. Mgbe Kristi, Onye Nzoputa anyi ga-abia, ka anyi were obi na-anu oku na ezi oru nabata Ya. Ka anyi bu ndi I doro nso nweta onodu kwesiri ekwesiri n'aka nri Kristi n'alaeze eluigwe. Site na Dinweni anyi..

## Ihe Agugu Nke Mbụ

Ihe ogugu e wetaara n'akwukwo onye amuma Jeremaya (33:14-16)

**D**inweni anyi kwuru si, "Lee oge na-abia mgbe m ga-emejuputa nkwa m kwere ezinulo Izrel na Juda. N'ubochi ndi na-abia n'oge ahu, aga m eme ka Alaka nke ezionume puoro Devid. O ga-emekwa ka ikpe nkwmoto na ezionume di n'ala ahu. N'ubochi ndi ahu a ga-azoputa Juda, Jerusalem ga-ebikwa ndu na nchedo n'enweghi nsogbu. Nke a bu aha a ga-akpo ya, "Oseburuwa bu ikwuba aka oto anyi." Okwu nke Oseburuwa.

## Abuoma na Aziza: Abu 25:4-5.8-9.10.14. (Az.1)

Aziza: **Na ebe i no ka m welitere mmuo m elu, O Onyenweanyi.**

1. Mee ka m mata uzo gi, O Onyenweanyi, Kuziere m uzo gi. Dube m n'uzo eziokwu gi, ma kuzibere m, n'ihina o bu gi bu Chineke onye nzoputa m. (Az.)

2. Onyenweanyi di mma, burukwa onye ezionume, O na-akuziri ndi mmehie uzo; O na-eduzi ndi umeala n'ihe niile kwu oto, O na-akuziri ndi ogbenye uzo ya. (Az.)

3. Uzo nke Onyenweanyi bu ihunaanya na eziokwu, n'ebe ndi na-edebe iwu ya na ogbugbandu ya no. Ndi na-atu Onyenweanyi egwu maara ihe omimi ya, Ogbugbandu ya na-enye ha nghota. (Az.)

**The time has come: you must wake up now: our salvation is even near... let us give up all the things we prefer to do under cover of the dark (Rom 13:11 - 12).**



## Second Reading

A reading from the first letter of St. Paul to the Thessalonians (3:12-4:2)

**M**ay the Lord be generous in increasing your love and make you love one another and the whole human race as much as we love you. And may he so confirm your hearts in holiness that you may be blameless in the sight of our God and Father when our Lord Jesus Christ comes with all his saints.

Finally, brothers, we urge you and appeal to you in the Lord Jesus to make more and more progress in the kind of life that you are meant to live: the life that God wants, as you learnt from us, and as you are already living it. You have not forgotten the instructions we gave you on the authority of the Lord Jesus.

The word of the Lord.

**Alleluia, alleluia! Ps. 84:8**

**L**et us see, O Lord, your mercy and give us your saving help. Alleluia!

## Gospel

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke (21:25-28,34-36)

**J**esus said to his disciples: 'There will be signs in the sun and moon and stars; on earth nations in agony, bewildered by the clamour of the ocean and its waves; men dying of fear as they await what menaces the world, for the powers of heaven will be shaken. And then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. When these things begin to take place, stand erect, hold your heads high, because your liberation is near at hand.'

'Watch yourselves, or your hearts will be coarsened with debauchery and drunkenness and the cares of life, and that day will be sprung on you suddenly, like a trap. For it will come down on every living man on the face of the earth. Stay awake, praying at all times for the strength to survive all that is going to happen, and to stand with confidence before the Son of Man.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

## Prayer Over The Offerings

**A**cept, we pray, O Lord, these offerings we make, gathered from among your gifts to us, and may what you grant us to celebrate devoutly here below, gain for us the prize of eternal redemption. Through Christ our Lord.

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## The Ogugu Nke Abuo

Ihe ogugu e wetara n'akwukwo nke mbu Pol di aso degaara ndi Tesalonika (3:12-4:2)

**K**a Dinwenụ mee ka ihunaanya unu nwere n'ebe ibe unu nọ n'ebe mmadu niile nọ bawanye, otu ihunaanya anyi nwere n'ebe unu nọ siri baa ụba. Ka o wee wusie obi unu ike meekwa ka unu zuo oke n'idi nso n'ihu Chineke Nna anyi, mgbe Dinwenụ anyi Jesu na ndi nso ya niile ga-abia.

N'ikpeazu umunna m, unu mutara n'aka anyi otu unu ga-esi di ndu wee na-eme ihe ga-amasi Chineke. Otu ahukwa ka unu si adi ndu ruo ugbu a. Nke a mere anyi ji ario, ma na-ariosikwa unu ike n'aha Dinwenụ anyi Jesu Kristi ka unu mee kari. Unu matara nkuzi di ichiiche anyi kuziiri unu site na Dinwenụ Jesu Kristi.

Okwu nke Oseburuwa.

**Alaluya, alaluya! Abụ. 85:7**

**O**nyenweanyi, mee ka anyi hu ebere Gi. Nyekwa anyi enyemaka nzoputa Gi. Alaluya!

## Ozioma

Ihe ogugu nke a si n'Ozioma di aso nke Luk dere (21:25-28,34-36)

**J**esu gwara ndi na-eso ụzọ ya si ha: 'Ihe nriibaama di ichiiche ga-adi n'anyanwu, na onwa na kpakpando. N'elu uwa, mba di ichiiche ga-ano na mkpagbu na mgbagwoju anya, n'ihu mbigbo nke oke osimiri na nughari nke ebili mmiri. Otutu mmadu ga-enwe ume nkoropu n'ihu oke egwu na ile anya maka ihe ga-adakwasa uwa, n'ihina a ga-enughari ike niile nke eluigwe. Mgbe ahu ka a ga-ahu Nwa nke Mmadu ka O si n'urukpu na-abia n'ike na oke ebube. Ma mgbe ihe ndi a malitere ime, welitenu isi unu, lelie anya elu, n'ihina oge mgbaputa unu abiala nso.

'Ma kpacharanu onwe unu anya: unu ekwela ka obi unu daa mba site n'ila aku n'iyi na oke anumanu na nhegbu nke ndu a, ubochi ahu ewee biakwasa unu, mgbe unu na-atughi anya. N'ihina ubochi ahuhu ahu ga-biakwasa mmadu niile bi n'elu uwa. Ma nodunu na nche; na-ekpekwanu ekpere mgbe niile, ka unu nwee ike igbalahu ihe ndi a niile gaje imezu, nwekwaa ike iguzo n'ihu Nwa nke mmadu ahu.'

Ozioma nke Oseburuwa.

## Ekpere Nhunye

**N**ara, anyi na-ario, O Dinwenụ, onyinye ndi a, anyi sitere n'onyinye giga kpokoba, ma mee ka ihe ndi ahu i kwere ka anyi were nsopuru eme mmemme ha n'elu uwa nke a, nwetara anyi ugwo nke nzoputa ebighiebi. Site na Kristi Onyenweanyi.

### Communion Antiphon

The Lord will bestow his bounty, and our earth shall yield its increase.

### Prayer After Communion

May these mysteries, O Lord, in which we have participated, profit us, we pray, for even now, as we walk amid passing things, you teach us by them to love the things of heaven and hold fast to what endures. Through Christ our Lord.

### Solemn Blessing

V./ May the almighty and merciful God, by whose grace you have placed your faith in the First Coming of his Only Begotten Son and yearn for his coming again, sanctify you by the radiance of Christ's Advent and enrich you with his blessing. R./ Amen.

V./ As you run the race of this present life, may he make you firm in faith, joyful in hope and active in charity. R./ Amen.

V./ So that you who now rejoice with devotion at our Redeemer's coming in the flesh, you may be endowed with the rich reward of eternal life when he comes again in majesty. R./ Amen.

V./ And may the blessing of Almighty God, the Father, and the Son, + and the Holy Spirit, come down on you and remain with you for ever. R./ Amen.

### Ukwe Oriri Nso

Onyenweanyi ga-emere anyi amara ya, uwa ga-amiputakwa otutu mkpuru.

### Ekpere A Natachaa Oriri Nso

Ka iheomimi ndi a, O Dinwenụ, nke anyi ketarala oke n'ime ha, baara anyi uru, anyi na-ariọ, n'ihina obunaadi ugbua, anyi na-aga njem n'etiti ihe ndi na-agafe agafe, I na-esitena ha akuziri anyi ihu ihe nke eluigwe n'anya ma jidesie aka ike n'ihe di okputorokpu. Site na Kristi Onyenweanyi.

### Ngozi Puru Iche

V./ Ka Chineke ji ike niile di ebere, Onye unu kwenyere n'obibia mbu nke so Otu Nwa Ya, ma na-atukwa anya obibia Ya nke abuo, doo unu nso site na nchawaputa nke obibia Ya ahu, biakwa mee ka ngozi Ya mubaara unu. R./ Amen.

V./ Ka unu na-agba oso nke ndu ugbua, ka O mee ka unu kwuru chim n'okwukwe, na-anuri onu na nchekwube, bia na-achawaputakwa n'ihunaanya. R./ Amen.

V./ Ka unu ji ezi mmuo ofufe na-egori maka obibia nke Onyenzoputa anyi n'anuah; n'obibia Ya nke abuo, mgbe O ga-abia n'ebube Ya, ka e jiri ugwo nke ndu ebighiebi choo unu mma. R./ Amen.

V./ Ya bu, ka ngozi nke Chineke ji ike niile, Nna, na Nwa, + na Mmuo nso, biakwasi unu, ma nonyere unu oge niile. R./ Amen.

## Holy Hour: Maranatha! Come Lord Jesus!

### 2 December [Afor] Monday of 1st Week of Advent (Violet)

### Entry Antiphon

Hear the word of the Lord, O nations; I declare it to the distant lands: Behold, our Saviour will come; you need no longer fear.

### Collect

Keep us alert, we pray, O Lord our God, as we await the advent of Christ your Son, so that, when he comes and knocks, he may find us watchful in prayer and exultant in his praise. Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of...

### First Reading

Reading from the prophet Isaiah (2:1-5)

The vision of Isaiah son of Amoz, concerning Judah and Jerusalem. In the days to come, the mountain of the Temple of the Lord shall tower above the mountains and

### Ukwe Mbata

Nuru okwu nke Onyenweanyi, unu mba niile, kwuputanu ya rue na nsotu uwa niile. Lee, Onye nzoputa anyi anorola nso: egwu atula unu ozo.

### Ekpere Mmeghe

Kpalite mmuo anyi elu, anyi na-ariọ, O Onyenweanyi Chineke, ka anyi na-eche obibia nke Kristi otu Nwa gi, ka o ga-abu mgbe o biara kuo aka, o hu n'anyi no nche n'ekpere ma na-egolikwa n'otito ya, Onye di ndu na-achi.

### Ihe Ogugu Nke Mbu

Ihe ogugu e wetara n'onye amuma Aizaya (2:1-5)

Nke a bu ihe Aizaya nwa Amoz huru gbasara Juda na Jerusalem. Oge na-abia mgbe ugwu nke ulonso nke Oseburwa ga-adị elu



be lifted higher than the hills. All the nations will stream to it, peoples without number will come to it; and they will say: 'Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the Temple of the God of Jacob, that he may teach us his ways so that we may walk in his paths; since the Law will go out from Zion, and the oracle of the Lord from Jerusalem.' He will wield authority over the nations and adjudicate between many peoples; these will hammer their swords into ploughshares, their spears into sickles. Nation will not lift sword against nation, there will be no more training for war. O House of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the Lord.

The word of the Lord.

**Responsorial Psalm: Ps.121:1-48-9(R.v.1)**

Response: **I rejoiced when I heard them say: 'Let us go to God's house.'**

1. I rejoiced when I heard them say: 'Let us go to God's house.' And now our feet are standing within your gates, O Jerusalem. (R.)
2. Jerusalem is built as a city strongly compact. It is there that the tribes go up, the tribes of the Lord. (R.)
3. For love of my brethren and friends I say: 'Peace upon you!' For love of the house of the Lord. I will ask for your good. (R.)

**Alleluia, alleluia! (Ps. 79:4)**

**G**od of hosts, bring us back; let your face shine on us and we shall be saved. Alleluia!

**Gospel**

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew (8:5-11)

**W**hen Jesus went into Capernaum, a centurion came up and pleaded with him. 'Sir' he said 'my servant is lying at home paralysed, and in great pain.' 'I will come myself and cure him' said Jesus. The centurion replied, 'Sir, I am not worthy to have you under my roof; just give the word and my servant will be cured. For I am under authority myself, and have soldiers under me; and I say to one man: Go, and he goes; to another: Come here, and he comes; to my servant: Do this, and he does it.' When Jesus heard this he was astonished and said to those following him, 'I tell you solemnly, nowhere in Israel have I found faith like this. And I tell you that many will come from east and west

karichaa ugwu niile, a ga-ewelikwa ya elu karia ugwu nta niile. Mba niile gana-asoba na ya di ka mmiri. Otutu ndi mmadu ga-abiakwa n'asi, "Bianu ka anyi rigoo n'ugwu nke Dinweni, bu ulo nso Chineke nke Jekob; ka o kuziere anyi uzo ya, ka anyi nwee ike iga ije n'uzo ya." N'ihina site na Zayon ka iwu ahụ ga-esi abia, okwu nke Onyenweanyi ga-esikwa na Jerusalem bia. O ga-abu onyeikpe nke mba niile, o ga-edoziri otutu mmadu esemokwu n'etiti ha. Ha ga-eji mmaagha ha kpuo ogu, werekwa ube ha kpuo nko. Mba obula agaghi ebusokwa mba ozo agha, nke ha ga-enwe mmuo ibu agha. O, ulo Jekob, bianu ka anyi na-aga n'ihe nke Onyenweanyi. Okwu nke Oseburuwa.

**Abuoma na Aziza: Abu.122:1-2,4-5,6-9.(Az.1)**  
Aziza: **Añuri juru m obi mgbe m nuru ka ha kwuru si, "Ka anyi gaa n'ulo nke Chineke".**

1. Añuri juru m obi mgbe m nuru ka ha kwuru si, "Ka anyi gaa n'ulo nke Chineke". Ugbu a, anyi kwuzi n'onuuzo ama gi. O Jerusalem. (Az.)
2. A ruru Jerusalem dika obodo e jikotara onu nke oma. O bu na ya ka agburu niile na-aga, agburu nke Izrel. (Az.)
3. N'ihini umunna m na ndi enyi m, ana m asi: "Udo diri gi!" N'ihini ulo nke Onyenweanyi na Chineke anyi, aga m achọ maka odimma nke gi. (Az.)

**Alaluya, Alaluya! (Ps 80:7)**

**C**hineke nke igwe ndiagha, kpochigha anyi azu, mee ka ihu gi chakwasi anyi, ka anyi wee nweta nuoputa. Alaluya!

**Ozioma**

Ihe ogugu nke a si n'Ozioma di aso nke Matiu dere (8:5-11)

**K**a Jesu batara Kapanau, otu onye Kochiagha biakwutere ya rfo ya si, "Onyenwe m, nwodibo m togboro n'ulo n'oke ahụ mgbu, akuku ahụ ya nwuru anwu." Jesu asi ya: "Aga m abia igwo ya." Ma onye ochiagha ahụ zara ya si, "Onyenwe m, etosighi m ka i bata n'ulo m, ma kwuo so okwu gi, nwodibo m ga-adi mma. N'ihina mu onwe m bu onye no n'okpuru ike ochichi, enwekwara m ndiagha no n'okpuru m; ana m enye otu onye iwu 'gaa', o gaa, si onye nke ozo 'bia', o bia, m nyekwa nwodibo m iwu 'mee otu a', o mee ya." Nke a turu Jesu n'anya mgbe o nuru ya. O wee si ndi na-eso ya; "N'ezie agwa m unu, ahubeghi m udi okwukwe di otu a obuladi n'Izrel. Agwa m

to take their places with Abraham and Isaac and Jacob at the feast in the kingdom of heaven.’

The Gospel of the Lord.

### Prayer Over The Offerings

**A**cept, we pray, O Lord, these offerings we make, gathered from among your gifts to us, and may what you grant us to celebrate devoutly here below, gain for us the prize of eternal redemption. Through Christ our Lord.

### Communion Antiphon

**C**ome, O Lord, visit us in peace, that we may rejoice before you with a blameless heart.

### Prayer After Communion

**M**ay these mysteries, O Lord, in which we have participated, profit us, we pray, for even now as we walk amid passing things, you teach us by them to love the things of heaven and hold fast to what endures. Through Christ our Lord.

unu, otutu ga-esi n’owuwa anyanwu na n’odida anyanwu bia nonyere Abraham, Aizik na Jakob n’oché n’alaeze eluigwe. Ozioma nke Oseburuwa.

### Ekpere Nhunye

**O**nyenweanyi, biko nara onyinye ndi a, anyi sitere n’ihe oma niile I nyere anyi e were na-ebutere Gi. Otu I si eme ka ofufe anyi na-eфе Gi n’elu uwa a na-adị ire, meekwa ka anyi nweta ugwo nke nzoputa ebighi ebi. Site na Kristi Dinwenụ anyi.

### Ukwe Oriri Nso

**B**ia, O Onyenweanyi, were udo leta anyi, ka anyi were obi di ocha nrija n’ihu gi.

### Ekpere A Natachaa Oriri Nso

**K**a ihe omimi ndi a, Onyenweanyi, nke anyi mere baara anyi uru, anyi na-arịo gi. Ugwu a anyi no njem n’etiti ihe ngafe nke uwa, I na-esite na ha akuziri anyi ihu ihe nke eluigwe n’anya, ma jidesie aka ike ihe na-adigide ebighiebi. Site na Kristi Dinwenụ anyi.

## 3 December [Nkwo] Tuesday of 1st Week of Advent (White)



### St Francis Xavier, Priest (Memorial)

**B**orn in Spain in 1506, Francis Xavier studied in Paris where he met Ignatius Loyola and became one of the seven who in 1534, founded the Society of Jesus. Shortly after his ordination in 1537, he became the first Jesuit missionary to be sent to the Far East. He spent six months in Mozambique during his one year’s voyage, where he preached and gave aid to the sick. Arriving in Goa, India in 1542, he made many converts. Living among them and adopting their customs, he fought against the exploitation of the native population by the Europeans. Opposition by European officials added to his other ordeals, such as language

problems, inadequate funding, and lack of cooperation by fellow missionaries. Ignatius made Francis its first provincial in 1551 when India and the East became a separate province. Francis’ successful mission to Japan laid the foundations of many Christian communities. Francis in 1552 set out to enter China secretly, but died of fever and exhaustion before he could reach the mainland. He was canonized in 1622 and proclaimed patron of all foreign missions.

### Entry Antiphon

**I** will praise you, Lord, among the nations, I will tell of your name to my kin.

### Collect

**O** God, who through the preaching of Saint Francis Xavier won many peoples to yourself, grant that the hearts of the faithful may burn with the same zeal for the faith, and that Holy Church may everywhere rejoice in an abundance of offspring. Through our Lord.

### First Reading

A reading from the prophet Isaiah (11:1-10)

**A** shoot springs from the stock of Jesse, a scion thrusts from his roots: on him

### Ukwe Mbata

**A**ga m eto gi, Dinwenụ, n’etiti mba niile, a ga m ekwuputa aha gi n’etiti umunna m.

### Ekpere Mmeghe

**O**Chineke, onye sitere na nzisa ozi nke Francis Gzavia di Aso dotara onwe gi otutu mmadu, mee ka obi ndi kwerenu na-anu oku maka okwukwe, ka Nzuko di Aso goriwe ebe niile n’iweta otutu umu. Site na Dinwenụ anyi.

### Ihe Ogugu Nke Mbu

Ihe ogugu e wetara n’onye amuma Aizaya (11:1-10)

**O**me ga-esi n’ukwu osisi nke Jesse puta, alaka ga-etoputa na mgborogwu ya. Minuo nke

the spirit of the Lord rests, a spirit of wisdom and insight, a spirit of council and power, a spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the Lord. (The fear of the Lord is his breath). He does not judge by appearances, he gives no verdict on hearsay, but judges the wretched with integrity, and with equity gives a verdict for the poor of the land. His word is a rod that strikes the ruthless, his sentences bring death to the wicked. Integrity is the loincloth round his waist, faithfulness the belt about his hips. The wolf lives with the lamb, the panther lies down with the kid, calf and lion cub feed together with a little boy to lead them. The cow and the bear make friends, their young lie down together. The lion eats straw like the ox. The infant plays over the cobra's hole; into the viper's lair, the young child puts his hand. They do no hurt, no harm, on all my holy mountain, for the country is filled with the knowledge of the Lord as the waters swell the sea. That day, the root of Jesse shall stand as a signal to the peoples. It will be sought out by the nations and its home will be glorious.

The word of the Lord.

**Responsorial Psalm: Ps. 71:1-2. 7-8. 12-13, 17 (R.v. 7)**

**Response: In his days justice shall flourish and peace till the moon fails.**

1. O God, give your judgement to the king, to a king's son your justice, that he may judge your people in justice and your poor in right judgement (R.)
2. In his days justice shall flourish and peace till the moon fails. He shall rule from sea to sea, from the Great River to earth's bounds (R.)
3. For he shall save the poor when they cry, and the needy who are helpless. He will have pity on the weak and save the lives of the poor (R.)
4. May his name be blessed forever and endure like the sun. Every tribe shall be blessed in him, all nations bless his name. (R.)

**Alleluia, alleluia! Ps. 84:8**

**L**et us see, O Lord, your mercy and give us your saving help. Alleluia!

**Gospel**

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke (10: 21-24)

**I**t was then that, filled with joy by the Holy Spirit, Jesus said, 'I bless you, Father, Lord

Oseburuwa ga-adakwasa ya, mmuo nke amamihe na nghota, mmuo nke ndumodu na ike, mmuo nke omuma na egwu nke Chukwu. Itu egwu nke Chukwu ga-abu ihe na-atọ ya uto. O gaghi eji naani ihe anya na-ahụ kpee ikpe, nke a ga-eji naani ihe o nuru na nti wee kpebie okwu. Kama eziumume ka o ga-eji kpeere ndi ogbenye ikpe; o ga-enye ndi di umeala n'ụwa ikpe nkwmoto; Okwu ya ga-abu mkpara igwe ga-akutu uwa, ikpe ya ga-ewetara ndi ajo mmadu onwu. Eziumume ga-abu akwa o ma n'ukwu ya, ikwudosiike ga-abu aji o kere n'ukwu ya. Nkita ohia na umuaturu ga-ebi otu ebe, agu na umu ewu ga-ebi otu ebe, agu na umu ewu ga-edina. Nwa ehi na odum na nwa odum ga-anokwa otu ebe; Obere nwa ga na-edu ha; Ehi na edi ga na-edina otu ebe; odum ga na-ata ahihia ka ehi. Nwa na-anu ara ga-egwu egwu n'onu agwo nwa na-eto eto ga-amanye aka n'onu agwo ajuala. Ha agaghi emebi mobu meruo mmadu ahụ n'elu ugwu m di nso, n'ihina uwa ga-ejuputa n'amamihe nke Onyenweanyi, dika otu mmiri si juputa n'osimiri. N'ubochi ahụ, mgborogwu nke Jesse, ga-akwuru dika ihe akara n'ihu mmadu niile. Mba niile ga-achọba ya, ebe obibi ya ga-adị ebube.

Okwu nke Oseburuwa.

**Abuomana Aziza: Abu. 72:1-2. 7-8. 12-13. 17. (Az. 7)**

**Aziza: N'oge ya eziumume ga-achawaputa, udo ga-adikwa ruo na njedebe uwa.**

1. Nye eze ikpe nkwmoto gi, O Chineke, nyekwa nwa eze eziumume nke gi, ka o were nwee ike ichi ndi nke gi n'uzo ziri ezi, nyekwa ndi ogbenye ikpe ziri ezi. (Az.)
2. N'oge ya eziumume ga-achawaputa, udo ga-adikwa ruo na njedebe nke uwa. Alaeze ya ga-esi n'osimiri ruo n'osimiri, bido na mmiri ruo n'isi ngwucha nke uwa. (Az.)
3. O ga-atohapu onye ogbenye kpokuru ya, na ndi niile choro enyemaka ya. O ga-emere ndi ogbenye na ndi esighi ike ebere, na azokwa ndu ndi no na mkpa. (Az.)
4. Ngozi diri aha ya ebeebe, ka o digide dika anyanwu, ka agburu niile di n'awa nweta ngozi na ya, ka mba niile kpoo ya onye di ngozi (Az.)

**Alaluya, alaluya! Abu. 85:7**

**O**nyenweanyi, mee ka anyi hu ebere Gi. Nyekwa anyi enyemaka nzoputa Gi. Alaluya!

**Ozioma**

Ihe ogugu nke a si n'ozoma di aso nke Luk dere (10:21-24)

**N**otu oge ahụ, obi toro Jesu uto site na Mmuo Nso, o wee si, Ekelee m gi Nna,

of heaven and of earth, for hiding these things from the learned and the clever and revealing them to mere children. Yes, Father, for that is what it pleased you to do. Everything has been entrusted to me by my Father, and no one knows who the Son is except the Father and who the Father is except the Son and those to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.'

Then turning to his disciples he spoke to them in private, 'Happy the eyes that see what you see, for I tell you that many prophets and kings wanted to see what you see, and never saw it; to hear what you hear, and never heard it.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

### Prayer Over The Offerings

**R**ecieve, O Lord, these offerings we bring you in commemoration of Saint Francis Xavier, and grant that, as he journeyed to distant lands out of longing for the salvation of souls, so we, too, bearing effective witness to the Gospel, may, with our brothers and sisters, eagerly hasten towards you. Through Christ our Lord.

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### Communion Antiphon

**W**hat I say to you in the darkness speak in the light, says the Lord, what you hear whispered, proclaim on the housetops.

### Prayer After Communion

**M**ay your mysteries, O God, kindle in us that fire of charity with which Saint Francis Xavier burned for the salvation of souls, so that, walking ever more worthily in our vocation, we may obtain with him the reward you promise to those who labour well in your harvest. Through Christ our Lord.

**4 December [Eke] Wednesday of 1st Week of Advent (Violet)**

**St. John Damascene Priest & Doctor (Opt Mem)**

### Entrance Antiphon

**T**he Lord will come and he will not delay. He will illumine what is hidden in darkness, and reveal himself to all the nations.

### Collect

**P**repare our hearts, we pray, O Lord our God, by your divine power, so that at the coming of Christ your Son, we may be found worthy of the banquet of eternal life and merit to receive heavenly nourishment from his hands. Who lives and reigns...

Dinwenụ nke eluigwe na ụwa, n'ihina i zobere ihe ndị a n'ebe ndi amamihe na oke mmuta no, ma kpugheere ha umuntakiri. Ee Nna, otu a ka o si masi uche gi di nso. Nna m enyefeela m ihe niile n'aka. O dighikwa onye obula maara onye Nwa ahụ bu ma o bughị Nna, mobu onye Nna ahụ bu ma o bughị Nwa ahụ, na onye obula nke Nwa ahụ chorọ ikpughere ya. Jesu tughariri gwa ndi na-esọ uzo ya na nzuzo si, "Ngozi diiri anya huru ihe unu huru! Ana m agwa unu na otutu ndi amuma na ndieze mgbe ochie chosiri ike ihu ihe unu na-ahu, ma ha ahughị ha, na inu ihe unu na-anu, ma ha anughị ha."

Ozioma nke Oseburuwa.

### Ekpere Nhunye

**N**ara, O Dinwenụ, onyinye ndi a anyi na-ebutere gi na ncheta Francis Gzavia di aso, ma mee ka, etu o siri gaa njem rute mba tereaka n'ihu inuoku o nwere maka nzoputa mkpuruobiga, ka anyi sikwa n'igbara Ozioma akaebe di ire, zoliwe njem oso oso, anyi na umunne anyi nwoke na nwaanyi ayiri, ibiakwute gi. Site na Kristi Onyenweanyi.

### Ukwe Oriri Nso

**I**he m gwara unu n'ochichiri, kwusaanu ya n'ihe, Onyenweanyi na-ekwu, ihe atakwunyere unu na nti, kwusaanu ya n'elu ulo.

### Ekpere A Natachaa Oriri Nso

**K**a iheomimi giga, O Chineke, munye nime anyi oku ihunaanya nke nwuru n'ime Fransis Gzavia di aso icho maka nzoputa mkpuruobiga, ka o ga-abu, anyi na-etosiwanye etosi maka okpukpo a kporo anyi, anyi esoro ya nweta ugwo i kwere ndi ruu oru ofuma n'owuwe ihe ubi gi. Site na Kristi Onyenweanyi.

### Ukwe Mbata

**O**nyenweanyi na-abia, o gaghi egbu oge. O ga-eme ka ihe zoro ezo n'ochichiri puta ihe, were gosiputa onwe ya n'ihu mba niile.

### Ekpere Mmeghe

**K**wadobe obi anyiga, anyi na-ario, O Dinwenụ Chineke anyi, sitena ike gi di ngozi, ka o ga-abu n'obibia nke Kristi Nwa gi, ahota anyi ka ndi ga-etosi isonye n'oriri nke ndu ebighiebi, were kwesi i site n'aka ya nata nri ozuzu eluigwe. Gi onye di ndu na-achi...



## First Reading

A reading from the prophet Isaiah (25:6-10)  
**O**n this mountain, the Lord of hosts will prepare for all peoples a banquet of rich food, a banquet of fine wines, of food rich and juicy, of fine strained wine. On this mountain he will remove the mourning veil covering all peoples, and the shroud enwrapping all nations, he will destroy Death for ever, the Lord will wipe away the tears from every cheek; he will take away his people's shame every where on earth, for the Lord has said so. That day, it will be said: See, this is our God in whom we hoped for salvation; the Lord is the one in whom we hoped. We exult and we rejoice that he has saved us; for the hand of the Lord rests on the mountain. The word of the Lord.

## Responsorial Psalm: Ps. 22. (R.v.6)

Response: **In the Lord's own house shall I dwell for ever and ever.**

1. The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want. Fresh and green are the pastures where he gives me repose. (R.)
2. Near restful waters he leads me, to revive my dropping spirit. He guides me along the right path; he is true to his name. (R.)
3. You have prepared a banquet for me in the sight of my foes. My head you have anointed with oil; my cup is overflowing. (R.)
4. Surely goodness and kindness shall follow me all the days of my life. In the Lord's own house shall I dwell for ever and ever. (R.)

## Alleluia, alleluia! Is.33:22

**T**he Lord is our judge, the Lord our lawgiver, the Lord our king and our saviour. Alleluia!

## Gospel

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew (15:29-37)

**J**esu went on from there and reached the shores of the Sea of Galilee, and he went up into the hills. He sat there, and large crowds came to him bringing the lame, the crippled, the blind, the dumb and many others; these they put down at his feet, and he cured them. The crowds were astonished to see the lame speaking, the cripples whole again, the lame walking and the blind with their sight, and they

## The Ogugu nke Mbu

Ihe ogugu e wetara n'akwukwo onye amuma Aizaya (25:6-10)

**N**'elu ugwu nke a, Dinwenu nke igwe ndiagha ga-akwadoro mba nile oke oriri nke nri kacha mma na mmanya kacha uto. N'elu ugwu a, o ga-eyipu mmadu nile akwa mkpe ha yi n'ahu, wepukwa akwaozu e kpuchigidere mba nile. O ga-emebi onwu kpm kpm; Oseburuwa Chineke ga-chichapu anya mmiri n'ihu obula, o ga-ewepu ihere ndi nke ya n'ebe obula n'uwa, n'ihina Chineke ekwuola ya. A ga-ekwu n'ubochi ahụ si "Lee nke a bu Chineke anyi; onye anyi chekwubere izoputa anyi. Ya bu Oseburuwa, onye anyi chekwubere na ya; ka anyi nurianu; ka anyi gorienu n'ihina - o zoputala anyi." N'ihina aka nke Dinwenu ga-echekwaba ugwu a, n'ebe a ka a ga-azopia Moab n'ukwu, dika e si azopia ahihia n'ebe a na-ekpofu ahihia. Okwu nke Oseburuwa.

## Abuoma na Aziza: Abu.23. (Az.6)

Aziza: **Aga m ebi n'ulo nke Chineke ebeebe ebeebe.**

1. Chineke bu onyenche m o nweghi ihe m ga-achọ. O na-eme ka m zruru ike ebe ahihia ndu di, O na-eduga m na mmiri.
2. Ebe ahụ ka O na-enye m ike, O na-edu m n'uzo eziumume; n'ihia aha ya, oburugodu na m na-aga na ndagwurugwu nke onwu, egwu obula agaghi atụ m; i ji mkpara na ngu gi nodebe m, O bu ha na-enye agbamume. (Az.)
3. I na-akwadoro m nri n'ihu ndi m. I teela isi m mmanu, iko m ejula n'onu na-agbofu. (Az.)
4. N'ezie, obioma na ebere ga na-eso m, ubochi ndu m nile. Aga m ebi n'ulo nke Chineke ebeebe ebeebe!

## Alaluya, alaluya! Aiz. 33:22

**N**'ihina Oseburuwa bu okaikpe anyi, o bukwa onye ndu anyi, Chineke bu eze anyi, o ga-azoputa anyi. Alaluya!

## Ozioma

Ihe ogugu nke a si n'Ozioma di aso nke Matiu dere (15:29-37)

**J**esu siri ebe ahụ puo gafee akuku osimiri Galili. O rigooro n'elu ugwu, nodu ala n'ebe ahụ. Otutu igwe mmadu biakwutere ya, kpotara ya ndi ngwuro, ndi olusi, ndiisi, ndi ogbi na otutu ndi ozo. Ha togboro ha n'ukwu Jesu, o wee gwoo ha nile. O bu ihe itunanya nye igwe mmadu ahụ mgbe ha huru ndi ogbi ka ha na-ekwu okwu, ndi olusi ka ahụ zuru ha oke, ndi ngwuro ka ha na-aga ije

praised the God of Israel.

But Jesus called his disciples to him and said, 'I feel sorry for all these people; they have been with me for three days now and have nothing to eat. I do not want to send them off hungry, they might collapse on the way.' The disciples said to him, 'Where could we get enough bread in this deserted place to feed such a crowd?' Jesus said to them, 'How many loaves have you?' 'Seven' they said 'and a few small fish'. Then he instructed the crowd to sit down on the ground, and he took the seven loaves and the fish, and he gave thanks and broke them and handed them to the disciples who gave them to the crowds. They all ate as much as they wanted, and they collected what was left of the scraps, seven baskets full.

The Gospel of the Lord.

### Prayer Over The Offerings

**M**ay the sacrifice of our worship, Lord, we pray, be offered to you unceasingly, to complete what was begun in sacred mystery and powerfully accomplish for us your saving work. Through Christ our Lord.

### Communion Antiphon

**B**ehold our Lord will come with power, and will enlighten the eyes of his servants.

### Prayer After Communion

**W**e implore your mercy, Lord, that this divine sustenance may cleanse us of our faults and prepare us for the coming feasts. Through Christ our Lord.

## 5 December [Orie] Thursday of 1st Week of Advent (Violet)

### Entry Antiphon

**Y**ou, O Lord, are close, Lord, and all your ways are truth. From of old I have known your decrees, for you are eternal.

### Collect

**S**tir up your power, O Lord, and come to our help with mighty strength, that what our sins impede the grace of your mercy may hasten. Through our Lord.

### First Reading

A reading from the prophet Isaiah (26:1-6)

**T**hat day, this song will be sung in the land of Judah: We have a strong city; to guard us he has set wall and rampart about us. Open the gates! Let the upright

na ndiisi ka ha na-ahụ ụzọ. Ha wee too Chineke nke Izrel.

Jesu kpokọtara ndi na-eso ụzọ ya wee si ha, "Ebere igwe mmadu a na-eme m n' ihina mu na ha anoolala ubochi ato ugbo a ma ha enweghikwa ihe ha ga-eri; achoghi m ka ha buru onu laa, ka ike ghara igwu ha n'uzo." Ndi na-eso ụzọ ya wee juo ya si, "Olee ebe anyi ga-esi nweta ogbe achicha n'ozara ebe a, nke ga-ezu inyeju igwe mmadu a afo?" Jesu juru ha si, "Ogbe achicha ole ka unu nwere?" Ha azaa ya si, "Ogbe asaa na mkpuru azu olemaole." Jesu gwara igwe mmadu ahụ ka ha nodu ala. O naara ha ogbe achicha asaa na azu ndi ahụ, mgbe o nyechara ekele, o nyawara ha, nye ndi na-eso ụzọ ya. Ha kesaara ha igwe mmadu ahụ. Ha nile rijuru afo; ndi na-eso ụzọ ya wee tụtukota irighiri ndi fodurunu nke juru nkata asaa.

Ozioma nke Oseburuwa.

### Ekpere Nhunye

**K**a aja ofufe nru anyi, Dinwenụ, anyi na-ario, buru ihe a na-achunyere gi akwusi akwusi, iji mejuo ihe e bidorola na iheomimi nso ma n'uzo di ike na-emejuru anyi oru nzoputa gi. Site na Kristi Onyenweanyi.

### Ukwe Oriri Nso

**L**ee Onyenweanyi ga-ewere ike ya abia, lo ga-emegee anya umu odibo ya ga.

### Ekpere A Natachaa Oriri Nso

**A**nyi na-ario ebere gi, Onyenweanyi, ka nri mgbodo a kachasi nso sachaa anyi mmehie anyiga were kwado anyi maka oriri na-abianu. Site na Kristi Onyenweanyi.

### Ukwe Mbata

**O**nyenweanyi, I no nso; ụzọ gi niile bu eziokwu. Eri mgbe ochie ka m mataara iwu gi, n'ihi na I di ebighiebi.

### Ekpere Mmeghe

**J**alite ike gi, O Onyenweanyi, ka i were jume gi di ukwu bia nyere anyi aka, ka ihe ndi mmehie anyiga bibigara, ka amara ebere gi kpolitekwa ha. Site na Dinwenụ anyi.

### Ihe Ogugu nke Mbụ

Ihe ogugu e wetara n'onye amuma Aizaya (26:1-6)

**N**'ubochi ahụ, a ga-ekwe ukwe nke a na Juda: "Anyi nwere obodo e wusiri ike; O na-akwuwa nzoputa na ya dika mgbidi siri ike. Meghee onuzo ama, ka mba eziumume, mba

nation come in, she, the faithful one whose mind is steadfast, who keeps the peace, because she trusts in you. Trust in the Lord for ever, for the Lord is the everlasting Rock; he has brought low those who lived high up in the steep citadel; he brings it down, brings it down to the ground, flings it down in the dust: the feet of the lowly, the footsteps of the poor trample on it. The word of the Lord.

**Responsorial Psalm: Ps. 117:1.8-9.19-21.25-27. (R.v.26)**

**Response: Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.**

1. Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, for his love has no end. It is better to take refuge in the Lord than to trust in men: it is better to take refuge in the Lord than to trust in princes (R.)

2. Open to me the gates of holiness: I will enter and give thanks. This is the Lord's own gate where the just may enter. I will thank you for you have given answer and you are my saviour. (R.)

3. O Lord, grant us salvation; O Lord, grant success. Blessed in the name of the Lord is he who comes. We bless you from the house of the Lord; the Lord God is our light. (R.)

**Alleluia, alleluia! (Is. 40:9-10)**

**S**hout with a loud voice, joyful messenger to Jerusalem. Here is the Lord God coming with power. Alleluia!

**Gospel**

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew (7:21.24-27)

**J**esus said to his disciples: 'It is not those who say to me, "Lord, Lord", who will enter the kingdom of heaven, but the person who does the will of my Father in heaven.

'Therefore, everyone who listens to these words of mine and acts on them will be like a sensible man who built his house on rock. Rain came down, floods rose, gales blew and hurled themselves against that house, and it did not fall because it was founded on rock. But everyone who listens to these words of mine and does not act on them will be like a stupid man who built his house on sand. Rain came down, floods rose, gales blew and struck that house, and it fell; and what a fall it had!'

The Gospel of the Lord.

nwere okwukwe bata. I na-eme ka o nwee udo zuru oke bu onye ahu nke obi ya di n'ebe i no, n'ihina o tukwasiri obi na gi. Tukwasanu obi na Onyenweanyi mgbe nile, n'ihina Onyenweanyi Chineke bu nkume mgbe ebighiebi. N'ihina o butuola ndi bi n'ebe di elu, n'obodo di elu. O wedaala ya, togbo ya n'ala, turaa ya n'aja. Ukwu ga-azopia ya, ukwu ndi ogbenye na nzo ukwu ndi a na-emegbu emegbu. Okwu nke Oseburuwa.

**Abuoma na Aziza: Abu. 118:1.8-9. 19-21.25-27. (Az.26)**

**Aziza: Ngozi diri onye ahu na-abia n'aha Onyenweanyi.**

1. Nye Onyenweanyi ekele, n'ihina o di mma, ihunanya ya enweghi njedebe. O ga-akara m mima, igbaba n'Onyenweanyi, karia itukwasio bi m na ndi mma du, O ga-akara m mima igbaba na Chineke, karia itukwasio bi n'umu ndieze. (Az.)

2. Megheere m uzo nke eziumume ka m bata bia nye Onyenweanyi ekele. Nke a bu onuzo nke Onyenweanyi, ebe ndi eziumume ga-esi bata. Ana m ekele gi n'ihina i nula olu m, i bukwu onye nzoputa m. (Az.)

3. Biko Onyenweanyi, biko zoputa anyi, biko Onyenweanyi, biko nye anyi oganihu! Ngozi diri onye ahu na-abia n'aha Onyenweanyi, anyi na-eto gi site n'ulo Onyenweanyi, Oseburuwa bu Chineke bu ihe anyi. (Az.)

**Alaluya, Alaluya! (Aiz 40:9-10)**

**W**elie olu gi elu tisie mkpu ike, O Jerusalem, onye ji onu ezisa ozi oma, lee Oseburuwa Chineke anyi ji ike abia. Alaluya!

**Ozioma**

Ihe ogugu nke a si n'Ozioma di aso nke Matiu dere (7:21, 24-27)

**J**esu gwara ndi na-eso uzo ya: O bughi onye obula nke na-akpo m 'Dinweni, Dinweni' ga-aba n'alaeze eluigwe, kama o bu onye na-eme uche nke Nna m bi n'igwe. "Onye obula nke na-anu okwu m ndi a, na-emekwa ha, dika nwoke maara ihe, nke ruu ulo ya n'elu okwute; mmiri wee zoo, ide mmiri tojuo, ifufe bukwara ya ma o daghi, n'ihina a toro ntoala ya n'elu okwute. Onye obula nke na-anu okwu ndi a, ma o naghie eme ha, dika onye nzuzu nke ruu ulo ya n'elu aja; mmiri zoro, ide mmiri tojuo, ifufe bukwara ya, o wee daa. Odida nke ulo ahu buru ibu nke ukwu." Ozioma nke Oseburuwa

### Prayer Over The Offerings

**A**ccept, we pray, O Lord, these offerings we make, gathered from among your gifts to us, and may what you grant us to celebrate devoutly here below, gain for us the prize of eternal redemption. Through Christ our Lord.

### Communion Antiphon

**L**et us live justly and devoutly in this age, as we await the blessed hope, and the coming of the glory of our great God.

### Prayer After Communion

**M**ay these mysteries, O Lord, in which we have participated, profit us, we pray, for even now, as we walk amid passing things, you teach us by them to love the things of heaven and hold fast to what endures. Through Christ our Lord.

### Ekpere Nhunye

**N**ara, anyi na-ario, O Dinwenu, onyinye ndi a, anyi sitere n'onyinye giga kpokoba, ma mee ka ihe ndi ahu I kwere ka anyi were nsopuru eme mmemime ha n'elu uwa nke a, nwetara anyi ugwo nke nzoputa ebighiebi. Site na Kristi Onyenweanyi.

### Ukwe Oriri Nso

**K**a anyi biwenu ndu kwu oto n'ime uwa ka, na-eche mmeju olile anya di nso: obibia ebube Chineke anyi di ukwu.

### Ekpere A Natachaa Oriri Nso

**K**a ihe omimi ndi a, Onyenweanyi, nke anyi mere baara anyi uru, anyi na-ario gi. Ugwu a anyi no njem n'etiti ihe ngafe nke uwa, I na-esite na ha akuziri anyi ihu ihe nke eluigwe n'anya, ma jidesie aka ike ihe na-adigide ebighiebi. Site na Kristi Dinwenu anyi.

**6 December [Afor] Friday of 1st Week of Advent (Violet)**

## St Nicholas, Bishop (Opt. Mem)

### Entry Antiphon

**B**ehold, the Lord will come descending with splendour to visit his people with peace, and he will bestow on them eternal life.

### Collect

**S**tir up your power, we pray, O Lord, and come, that with you to protect us, we may find rescue from the pressing dangers of our sins, and with you to set us free, we may be found worthy of salvation. Who lives and reigns with God the Father...

### First Reading

A reading from the prophet Isaiah (29:17-24)

**T**he Lord says this: In a short time, a very short time, shall not Lebanon become fertile land and fertile land turn into forest? The deaf, that day, will hear the words of a book and, after shadow and darkness, the eyes of the blind will see. But the lowly will rejoice in the Lord even more and the poorest exult in the Holy One of Israel; for tyrants shall be no more, and scoffers vanish, and all be destroyed who are disposed to do evil: those who gossip to incriminate others, those who try at the gate to trip the arbitrator and get the upright man's case dismissed for groundless reasons. Therefore the Lord speaks, the God of the House of Jacob, Abraham's redeemer: No longer shall Jacob be ashamed, no more shall his face grow pale, **11**

### Ukwe Mbata

**L**ee, Onyenweanyi ga-eji ebube Lzidata iji udo eleta ndi nke ya. O ga-enye ha ndu ebighiebi.

### Ekpere Mmeghe

**J**alite ike gi ma bia, anyi na-ario gi, Onyenweanyi. Ka I na-aguzoro echekwa anyi, ka anyi na-ezere onya mmehie na-ekwere anyi; ka I na-eme ka anyi nwere onwe anyi, ka anyi na-etosiwanye inata nzoputa. Gi onye di ndu na-achi ...

### The Ogugu nke Mbu

The ogugu e wetara n'onye amuma Aizaya (29:17-24)

**O**nyenweanyi kwuru nke a: O bu na o foghi nwantiti oge, mgbe Lebanon ga-agbanwe buru ezigbo ala ubi na-amita mkpuru, ma ala ubi na-amita otutu mpuru aghoo oke ohia? N'ubochi ahu ndi nti chiri ga-anu okwu si n'akwukwo ahu; ndiisi, ndi ahu na ejeghari n'ochichiri ga-emegeha anya ha, hukwa uzo ozo. Ndi umeala ga-enweta anuri ohuru n'ime Chineke; ndi ogbenye n'etiti ha ga-enwe anuri n'ime onye Nso nke Izrel. Maka na ndi obi ojoo agaghi adikwa adi, ndi na-akwa Chineke emo agaghikwa adi. A ga-ekpochapu ndi echiche ojoo nile; ndi ahu na-ebo ndi aka ha di ochi ebubo, na-esiri ndi na-adu ha aka na nti onya n'onu uzo ama, na-esite n'irio aririo na-enweghi isi mee ka ikpe nkwmoto ghara irute onye ezionume aka. Ya mere, Oseburuwa, Chineke nke ulo Jakob na onye mgbaputa nke Abraham jiri kwuo si, "There agaghi emekwa Jakob ozo, o gaghi enwekwa ihu



for he shall see what my hands have done in his midst, he shall hold my name holy. They will hallow the Holy One of Jacob, stand in awe of the God of Israel. Erring spirits will learn wisdom and murmurers accept instruction.

The word of the Lord.

### **Responsorial Psalm: Ps. 26:1.4.13-14 (R.v.1)**

Response: **The Lord is my light and my help**

1. The Lord is my light and my help; whom shall I fear? The Lord is the stronghold of my life; before whom shall I shrink?(R.)

2. There is one thing I ask of the Lord, for this I long, to live in the house of the Lord, all the days of my life, to savour the sweetness of the Lord, to behold his temple.(R.)

3. I am sure I shall see the Lord's goodness in the land of the living. Hope in him, hold firm and take heart. Hope in the Lord!.(R.)

### **Alleluia, alleluia! Is. 45:8**

**S**end victory like a dew, you heavens, and let the clouds rain it down. Let the earth open and bring forth the saviour. Alleluia!

### **Gospel**

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew (9:27-31)

**A**s Jesus went on his way, two blind men followed him shouting, 'Take pity on us, Son of David.' And when Jesus reached the house, the blind men came up with him and he said to them, 'Do you believe I can do this?' They said, 'Sir, we do.' Then he touched their eyes saying, 'Your faith deserves it, so let this be done for you.' And their sight returned. Then Jesus sternly warned them, 'Take care that no one learns about this.' But when they had gone, they talked about him all over the countryside.

The Gospel of the Lord.

### **Prayer Over The Offerings**

**B**e pleased, O Lord, with our humble prayers and offerings, and since we have no merits to plead our cause, come, we pray to our rescue with the protection of your mercy. Through Christ our Lord.

### **Communion Antiphon**

**W**e await a Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ, who will change our mortal bodies, to conform with his glorious body.

mgbaru ozo; Maka na mgbe o huru umuaka ya nke bu aka oru m,n'etiti ha, ha ga-edobe aha m nso, ha ga-edo onye Nso nke Jekob aso. Ha ga na-aturu Chineke nke Izrel egwu. Ndi nile mejoro n'ime immuo ga-amata ihe, ndi nile na-atamu ntamu ga-anabata ndumodu."

Okwu nke Oseburuwa.

### **Abuoma na Aziza: Abu. 27:1.4.13-14 (Az.1)**

**Aziza: Dinwenu bu ihe na nzoputa m**

1. Dinwenu bu ihe na nzoputa m, onye ka m ga-atu egwu? Dinwenu bu ide nke ndu m, onye ga-eyi m egwu!.(Az.)

2. Otu ihe ka m na-ario Dinwenu, otu ihe ka m na-acho. Ka m biri n'ulo nke Dinwenu, ubochi nile nke ndu m.(Az.)

3. Ekwere m na m ga-ahu idi mma nke Chineke, n'ala ndi di ndu. Chekwube na Dinwenu. Obi sie gi ike; tukwasi ya obi, chekwube na ya.(Az.)

### **Aléluya, aléluya! Aiz. 45:8**

**K**a eluigwe zodata mmeri dika igirigi, ka urukpu zoo eziumume dika mmiri, ka ala meghee, ka nzoputa toputa. Aléluya!

### **Ozioma**

Ihe ogugu nke a si n'Ozioma di aso nke Matiu dere (9:27-31)

**M**gbe Jesu si ebe ahụ pụọ, mmadụ abụọ kpuru isi sooro ya, ha na-eti mkpu si, "Nwa Devid, meere anyị ebere." Mgbe Jesu batara n'ime ulo, ndi isi ahụ biakwutere ya. O juo ha si, "Unu kwere na m nwere ike ime ka unu hu uzo?" Ha azaa ya si. "Ee, Onyenweanyị!" Jesu emetụ ha aka n'anya si, "Ya meere unu ka okwukwe unu si di." Anya ha wee meghee. Jesu dosiri ha aka na nti ike si, "Unu agwakwala onye obula nke a." Mana ha si ebe ahụ pụọ, na-agbasa ude Jesu n'akukụ ala ahụ niile.

Ozioma nke Oseburuwa.

### **Ekpere Nhunye**

**K**a ekpere umeala na onyinye anyị masi gi, Onyenweanyị. Ebe o bu na anyi erughi ogo ikpeputa onwe anyi, bia, anyi na-ario, ka I were nchedo nke ebere gi gbaputa anyi. Site na Kristi Onyenweanyị.

### **Ukwe Oriri Nso**

**A**nyị na-eche Onye Nzoputa, Onyenweanyị Jesu Kristi, Onye ga-eme ka ahụ anyi puru inwu anwu dika nke ya n'ebube.

### Prayer After Communion

**R**ep replenished by the food of spiritual nourishment, we humbly beseech you, O Lord, that, through our partaking in this mystery, you may teach us to judge wisely the things of earth and hold firm to things of heaven. Through Christ our Lord.

### Ekpere ANatachaa Oriri Nso

**O**nyenweanyi, anyi ji umeala ario, ebe anyi jigooro nri nke na-azu mmuo rijuo afo, ka I kuziere anyi site na iketa oké n'ihe omimi a, iji amamihe enyocha ihe nke uwa, ma jidesie aka ike ihe nke eluigwe. Site na Kristi Onyenweanyi.

## 7 December [Nkwo] Saturday of 1st Week of Advent (White)

### St Ambrose, Bishop, Doctor (Memorial)

**S**t. Ambrose was born at Trier (now in Germany) in 333 of a noble Roman family. He studied classics, Greek and philosophy in Rome to become a renowned poet and orator. He later became governor with residence at Milan. While attempting to settle a dispute between Catholics and the Arians over the appointment of a new bishop, he was himself nominated to be the Bishop in 374, even when he was still a catechumen - as it was customary to delay baptism until candidate was mature in the faith. December 7 on that year, he was baptized, ordained and installed as Bishop. Thereupon, he gave his money to the poor and his land to the Church.

St. Ambrose was an illustrious preacher, and through his sermons he brought St. Augustine of Hippo to the faith and baptized him. He wrote much on the Scriptures and Fathers, resisted the interference of the secular powers with the rights of the Church, opposed the heretics. He took a great interest in the Liturgy, composed many hymns and promoted sacred chant. As Bishop, he called and chaired several theological councils, many of which were devoted to fighting heresies, especially Arianism.

Ambrose died at Milan in 397 at about the age of 57, and was proclaimed a great Doctor of the Latin Church in 1298.

### Entry Antiphon

**I**n the midst of the Church, he opened his mouth, and the Lord filled him with the spirit of wisdom and understanding and clothed him in a robe of glory.

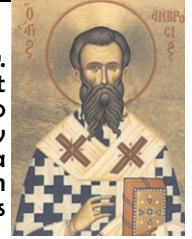
### Collect

**O** God, who made the Bishop Saint Ambrose a teacher of the Catholic faith and a model of apostolic courage, raise up in your Church men after your own heart to govern her with courage and wisdom. Through our Lord.

### First Reading

A reading from the prophet Isaiah (30:19-21,23-26)

**T**hus says the Lord God, the Holy One of Israel: people of Zion, you will live in Jerusalem and weep no more. He will be gracious to you when he hears your cry; when he hears he will answer. When the Lord has given you the bread of suffering and the water of distress, he who is your teacher will hide no longer, and you will see your teacher with your own eyes. Whether you turn to right or left, your ears will hear these words behind you, 'This is the way, follow it.' He will send rain for the seed you sow in the ground, and the bread that the



### Ukwe Mbata

**N**'etiti Nzuko o meghere onu ya, Onyenweanyi weere mmuo nke amamihe na nghota hujuputa ya ma yibe ya uwe mwuda otito.

### Ekpere Mmeghe

**O** Chineke, onye mere Bishop Ambrus di aso onye nkuzi nke okwukwe Katolik na iheomumaatu obiisiike nke ndiozi, kponite n'ime Nzuko gi ndi mmadu di gi n'obi ga-ewere ntachi obi na amamihe edu ya. Sitena Dinwenụ anyi.

### Ihe Ogugu nke Mbu

Ihe ogugu e wetara n'onye amuma Aizaya (30:19-21,23-26)

**O**seburuwa Chineke kwuru si: Eee, unu ndi Zayon bi na Jerusalem; unu agaghi ebekwa akwa ozo. O ga-egosikwa unu amara mgbe o nuru mkpu akwa unu; o ga-azokwa unu. O bu ezie na Chineke nyere unu achicha nke ntaramahulu, nakwa mmiri nke ita ahuhu, ma onye nkuzi unu agaghi ezokwa onwe ya ozo, unu ga-ahu onye nkuzi unu. Ma unu ga-anukwa okwu n'azu unu, nke na-asi, 'Nke a bu uzo, gabanu na ya,' mgbe unu tughariri n'aka nri mobu n'aka ekpe unu. O ga-ezite mmiri ozuzo n'ebe ihe nile unu kuru n'ala di, nakwa mkpuru nke ala miputara,

ground provides will be rich and nourishing. Your cattle will graze, that day, in wide pastures. Oxen and donkeys that till the ground will eat a salted fodder, winnowed with shovel and fork. On every lofty mountain, on every high hill there will be streams and watercourses, on the day of the great slaughter when the strongholds fall. Then moonlight will be bright as sunlight and sunlight itself be seven times brighter - like the light of seven days in one - on the day the Lord dresses the wound of his people and heals the bruises his blows have left. The word of the Lord.

**Responsorial Psalm: Ps. 146:1-6.(R.Is. 30:18)**

**Response: Happy are all who hope in him.**

1. Praise the Lord for he is good; sing to our God for he is loving: to him our praise is due. The Lord builds up Jerusalem and brings back Isreal's exiles. (R.)
2. He heals the broken-hearted, he binds up all their wounds. He fixes the number of the stars; he calls each one by its name. (R.)
3. Our Lord is great and almighty; his wisdom can never be measured. The Lord raises the lowly; he humbles the wicked in the dust. (R.)

**Alleluia, alleluia! Is.33:22**

**T**he Lord is our judge, the Lord our lawgiver, the Lord our king and our Saviour. Alleluia!

**Gospel**

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew (9:35-10:1,5a,6-8)

**J**esus made a tour through all the towns and villages, teaching in their synagogues, proclaiming the Good news of the kingdom and curing all kinds of diseases and sickness. And when he saw the crowds he felt sorry for them because they were harassed and dejected, like sheep without a shepherd. Then he said to his disciples, 'The harvest is rich but the labourers are few, so ask the Lord of harvest to send labourers to his harvest.'

He summoned his twelve disciples, and gave them authority over unclean spirits with power to cast them out and to cure all kinds of diseases and sickness. These twelve Jesus sent out, instructing them as follows: 'Go rather to the lost sheep of the House of Israel. And as you go, proclaim that the kingdom of heaven

nke ga-aba uba ma buokwa ibu. N'ubochi ahụ ehi unu ga-atakwa nri n'ebe ahinia bara uba. Ma ehi ori nakwa inyinyaibu unu nke na-ako oru, ga-erikwa ahinia di uto, dikwa mma, bu nke e ji ogu na ndudu koputa. Mmiri ga-agbaputa site n'elu ugwu ukwu na nke nta niile, n'ubochi nke oke ogbugbu mmadu, mgbe ulo nche ha nile ga-ada. Ihe onwa ga-achawa dika nke anyanwu, n'oge ahụ ihe anyanwu ga-achawaputa okpukpu asaa dika ihe nke abali asaa. N'ubochi ahụ Oseburuwa ga-ekechi onya ndi nke ya. Ma gwokwaa ha mimeru ahụ nke ha nwetara site n'aka ya. Okwu nke Oseburuwa.

**Abuoma na Aziza: Abu.147:1-6 (Az.Aiz 30:18)**

**Aziza: Ngozi diri ndi nile chekwubere na ya.**

1. Toonu Chineke n'ihina o di mma; kweere Chineke anyi ukwe n'ihina o di ihunanya: O kwesiri inara otito. Onyenweanyi na-ewughari Jerusalem; o bu ya na akpoghachi umu Izrel ndi a dooro n'agha. (Az.)
2. O na-akasi ndi obi gbawara obi, na-ekechikwa onya ha niile. O maara onuogugu kpakpando niile na-enyekwa nke obula aha ya. (Az.)
3. Chineke anyi di ukwu, onye ji ike niile, Amamihe ya enweghikwa ngwucha. Onyenweanyi na-ebulite ndi umeala, ma na-ebuda ndi obi ojoo n'ala. (Az.)

**Aleluya, aleluya! Aiz. 33:22**

**N**'ihina Oseburuwa bu okaikpe anyi, o bukwu onye ndu anyi, Chineke bu Eze anyi, o ga-azoputa anyi. Aleluya!

**Ozioma**

Ihe ogugu nke a si n'ozoma di aso nke Matiu (9:35 -10:1,5a,6-8)

**J**esu na-agaghari n'obodo na n'ogbe ha niile, na-akuzi nkuzi n'ulo nzuko ha, na-ekwusa ozioma nke alaeze Chineke, na-agwokwa oria na nrianaria ha niile. Mgbe o huru otutu igwe mmadu ahụ, ebere ha mere ya, n'ihina ha no na nsogbu. Ha enweghikwa onye enyemaka, ha dika aturu na-enweghi onye nche. Jesu wee gwa ndi na-eso uzo ya si, "Owuwe ihe ubi bara uba, mana ndi ori di olemaole. Ya bu, rionu Dinwenu nke owuwe ihe ubi ka o ziga ndi ori n'ugbo ya."

Jesu kpoozo ndi umuazu ya iri na abuo, nye ha ike ichupu ajo mmuo na igwo oria na nrianria niile di icheiche. Jesu zipuru mmadu iri na abuo ndi na-eso uzo ya, nye ha iwu si, "Kama jekwurunu umu aturu furu efu nke ulo Izrel. Ka unu na-aga, na-ekwu si, 'Alaeze eluigwe adila nso.' Gwoonu ndi oria, kpolitenu ndi nwuru

is close at hand. Cure the sick, raise the dead, cleanse the lepers, cast out devils. You received without charge, give without charge.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

### Prayer Over The Offerings

**A**s we celebrate the divine mysteries, O Lord, we pray, may the Holy Spirit fill us with that light of faith by which he constantly enlightened Saint Ambrose for the spreading of your glory. Through Christ our Lord.

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### Communion Antiphon

**H**e who ponders the law of the Lord day and night will yield fruit in due season.

### Prayer After Communion

**L**ead us, who have been strengthened by the power of this Sacrament, O Lord, so to profit from the teaching of Saint Ambrose that, hastening fearlessly along your paths, we may be prepared for the delights of the eternal banquet. Through Christ our Lord.

anwụ, meenu ndị ekpenta ka ha dị ocha, chupụkwanu aja mmụọ. Unu natara n'efu, nyekwanu n'efu.

Ozioma nke Oseburuwa.

### Ekpere Nhunye

**K**a anyị na-eme mmemme iheomimi Kkachasi nso, O Dinwenụ, anyị na-ario, ka Mụọ Nso hujuo n'ime anyị ihe nke okwukwe ahụ o sitere na ya kuziere Ambrus dị aso mgbe dum maka mgbasa nke otito ya. Siten a Kristi Onyenweanyi.

### Ukwe Oriri Nso

**O**nye na-atule iwu nke Onyenweanyi kwa ubochi kwa anyasi ga-amita mkpuru mgbe oge ya ruru.

### Ekpere A Natachara Oriri Nso

**D**ube ndi I sirila na ike nke Sakramenti a doo ike, O Dinwenụ, ka nkuzi nke Ambrose di aso baa ha uru, ka, anyi na-aga osooso enweghi itu ujo n'uzo gi, ewere kwado anyi maka iheuto nke nnukwu oriri di ebighiebi. Siten a Kristi Onyenweanyi.

## 2ND SUNDAY OF ADVENT (C) 8 December 2024 [Eke] (Violet)

**Office:  
Week 2**

The three Readings of today strive to restore hope in God's salvation. In the First Reading, God promises to restore Jerusalem after her years of distress, adorning her with splendor and integrity. The Responsorial Psalm extols and expresses confidence in the marvels of God's deliverance acknowledged also by the heathens. In the Second Reading, St Paul prays for his Philippine community that they might be sustained in good works, growing in brotherly love that brings perfection. The Gospel introduces John who with his baptism of repentance prepares a way for the Lord that will enable mankind to fully embrace God's salvation.

### Entry Antiphon

**O** people of Zion, behold, the Lord will come to save the nations, and the Lord will make the glory of his voice heard in the joy of your heart.

### Collect

**A**lmighty and merciful God, may no earthly undertaking hinder those who set out in haste to meet your Son, but may our learning of heavenly wisdom gain us admittance to his company. Who lives and reigns.

### First Reading

**A** reading from the prophet Baruch (5:1-9)  
Jerusalem, take off your dress of sorrow and distress, put on the beauty of the glory of God for ever, wrap the cloak of the integrity of God around you, put the diadem of the glory of the Eternal on your head: since God means to,

### Ukwe Mbata

**N**di Zayon, leenu, Dinwenụ na-Nabia izoputa mba niile. Obi unu ga-añuri oñu.

### Ekpere Mmeghe

**C**hineke puru ime ihe nile, Nna nke ebere, ebe anyi ji añuri na-agbaga oso inabata Kristi Nwa Gi, biko wepuru anyi ihe nile na-anochiri anyi uzo, iji añuri anabata Ya; ka anyi wee keta oke n'amamihe Ya, iji binyere Ya n'alaeze eluigwe. Onye Gi na Ya di ndu na-achi, n'idiko n'otu nke Mmụọ Nso, Chukwu, site n'uwatụwa niile.

### Ihe Ogugu Nke Mbu

Ihe ogugu e wetara n'akwukwo Onye amuma Baruk (5:1-9)

**J**erusalem, yipu akwa iru uju, akwa mkpagbu; yirikwa ebube Chineke bu so mma ebighiebi. Chiri uwe mwuda nke omume ziri ezi nke Chineke yiri, were okpueze nke ebube onye ahụ di ebighiebi



show your splendour to every nation under heaven, since the name God gives you for ever will be, "Peace through integrity, and honour through devotedness." Arise, Jerusalem, stand on the heights and turn your eyes to the east: see your sons reassembled from west and east at the command of the Holy One, jubilant that God has remembered them. Though they left you on foot, with enemies for an escort, now God brings them back to you like royal princes carried back in glory. For God has decreed the flattening of each high mountain, of the everlasting hills, the filling of the valleys to make the ground level so that Israel can walk in safety under the glory of God. And the forests and every fragrant tree will provide shade for Israel at the command of God; for God will guide Israel in joy by the light of his glory with his mercy and integrity for escort.

The word of the Lord.

### **Responsorial Psalm: Ps. 125.(R.v.3)**

Response: **What marvels the Lord worked for us! Indeed we were glad.**

1. When the Lord delivered Zion from bondage, it seemed like a dream. Then was our mouth filled with laughter, on our lips there were songs. (R.)
2. The heathens themselves said: 'what marvels the Lord worked for them!' What marvels the Lord worked for us! Indeed we were glad. (R.)
3. Deliver us, O Lord, from our bondage as streams in dry land. Those who are sowing in tears will sing when they reap. (R.)
4. They go out, they go out, full of tears, carrying seed for the sowing: they come back, they come back, full of song, carrying their sheaves. (R.)

### **Second Reading**

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians (1:4-6.8-11)

Every time I pray for all of you, I pray with joy, remembering how you have helped to spread the Good News from the day you first heard it right up to the present. I am quite certain that the One who began this good work in you will see that it is finished when the Day of Christ Jesus comes.

God knows how much I miss you all, loving you as Christ Jesus loves you. My prayer is that your love for each other may increase more and more and never stop improving your knowledge and deepening

kpuru n'isi gi. N'ihina Chineke ga-egosi mba niile di n'uwa ebube gi na-enweghi atu. Maka na aha Chineke ga-akpo gi ebube bu, "Udo sitere n'omume ziri ezi puta, na ugwu sitere na ndu di nso na Chineke." Kulie, O Jerusalem, gaa guzoro n'elu ugwu; lee ebe Chineke bu onye ahụ di nso na-akpokowa umu gi, site n'owuwa anyanwu na n'odida ya. Ha na-anuri n'ihina Chineke echetala ha. Jerusalem, o bu ezie na ha bu umu gi ji ukwu ala mgbe ha hapuru gi, mgbe ndi ro biara duru ha puo. Ma ugbu a, Chineke na-akpochighara gi ha azu dika umueze e ji ugwu na otito edubata. N'ihina Chineke etela iwu na a ga-ekpoda ugwu obula di elu, kpodakwa ugwu nta ndi di mgbe niile, bia kpojuchaa ndagwurugwu niile, ka ala di larii, ka Izrel were nwee ike ibata n'udo n'ebube nke Chineke. Site n'iwu Chineke nyere, oke ohia na-osisi di icheiche na-esi isi uto ga-enye umu Izrel ndo. N'ihina Chineke ga-eji anuri were na-edu Izrel n'ihe nke ebube ya; ebere ya na ikpe nkwurumoto ya ka o ga-eji nodebe ya.

Okwu nke Oseburuwa.

### **Abuoma na Aziza: Abu. 126.(Az.3)**

Aziza: **Lekene oru itunaanya Onyenweanyi ruuru anyi, n'ezie anyi na-enwe anuri.**

1. Mgbe Oseburuwa gbaputara Zayon n'ohu, o di anyi ka nro. Oge ahụ ochi na ukwe juru anyi onu. (Az.)
2. Obuladi ndi ogommuo na-ekwu n'onwe ha na-asi; "lee oru itunaanya Chineke ruuru ha." Lekene oru itunaanya Onyenweanyi ruuru anyi, n'ezie anyi na-enwe anuri. (Az.)
3. Kpoghachi ndi nke anyi e ji eji azu O Oseburuwa, dika mmiri si alaghachi na Negeb! Ndi niile ji anya mmiri na-aku mkpuru, ji mkpu onu ugbu a agho mkpuru. (Az.)
4. Mgbe ha na-apu, ha bu mkpuru akuku na-ebe akwa, mgbe ha na-alota, ha bu ukwu oka na-ekwe ukwe anuri. (Az.)

### **Ihe Ogugu Nke Abu**

Ihe ogugu e wetara n'akwukwo Pol di aso degaara ndi Filipi (1:4-6.8-11)

Na m ekele Chineke n'ih i unu mgbe obula m chetara unu. Mgbe obula m na-ekpere unu ekpere ana m ekpe ya n'onu. Ana m ekele unu maka enyemaka n'igbasa ozioma site n'ubochi nke mbu ruo ugbu a. Eji m n'aka na onye bidoro oru oma a n'ime unu ga-aruzu ya ubochi Kristi ga-abia."

Chineke bu onye akaebe m, otu aguu unu niile si agusi m ike site n'ihunaanya nke Jesu Kristi. Ekpere m bu ka ihunaanya unu na-abawanye uba nke ukwu, ka unu juputakwa

your perception so that you can always recognise what is best. This will help you to become pure and blameless, and prepare you for the Day of Christ, when you will reach the perfect goodness which Jesus Christ produces in us for the glory and praise of God. The word of the Lord.

### **Alleluia, alleluia! Lk.3: 4.6**

**P**repare a way for the Lord, make his paths straight. And all mankind shall see the salvation of God. Alleluia!

### **Gospel**

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke (3:1-6)

**I**n the fifteenth year of Tiberius Caesar's reign, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judaea, Herod tetrarch of Galilee, his brother Philip tetrarch of the lands of Ituraea and Trachonitis, Lysanias tetrarch of Abilene, during the pontificate of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah, in the wilderness. He went through the whole Jordan district proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, as it is written in the book of the prophet Isaiah: A voice cries in the wilderness: Prepare a way for the Lord, make his paths straight. Every valley will be filled in, every mountain and hill be laid low, winding ways will be straightened and rough roads made smooth. And all mankind shall see the salvation of God.

The Gospel of the Lord.

### **Prayer Over The Offerings**

**B**e pleased, O Lord, with our humble prayers and offerings, and, since we have no merits to plead our cause, come, we pray, to our rescue with the protection of your mercy. Through Christ our Lord.

### **For Preface, see Usoro Emume Missa (2018 Edition) p. 23**

### **Communion Antiphon**

**J**erusalem, arise and stand upon the heights, and behold the joy which comes to you from God.

### **Prayer After Communion**

**R**eplenished by the food of spiritual nourishment, we humbly beseech you, O Lord, that, through our partaking in this mystery, you may teach us to judge wisely the things of earth and hold firm to the things of heaven. Through Christ our Lord.



**Theme: Hope for Future Age of Salvation**

n'amamihe na ezi mkpebi niile. Ka unu nwee ike ikwado ihe di mma. Mgbe ahụ unu ga-adi ocha n'enweghi ntuṣo obula maka ubochi nke Kristi, unu ejuputakwa na mkpuru nke eziomume nke si n'aka Jesu Kristi, maka otito na ebube nke Chineke.

Okwu nke Oseburuwa.

### **Alaluya, alaluya! Luk. 3:4.6**

**D**ozienụ ụzọ Onyenweanyi, meenụ ka ụzọ ya kwurụ ọto. Mmadu niile ga-ahụkwa nzoputa nke Chineke. Alaluya!

### **Ozioma**

Ihe ogugu nke a si n'Ozioma di aso nke Luk dere (3:1-6)

**N**'afo nke iri na ise ochichi eze Tiberius Siza, mgbe Pontius Paillet na-achi ala Judia, mgbe Herod na-achikwa ala Galili, nwanne ya Filip buru eze na-achi Ituria na Trakonitis, Lisanius burukwa eze na-achi Abiliin. Mgbe Anas na Kaifas bu ndiisi nchuaja, okwu nke Chineke biakwutere Jon nwa Zekaria n'ime ozara; o wee gagharị n'ala niile gbara Jodan gburugburu na-ekwusa okwuchukwu mmirichukwu nke nchegharị maka mgbaghara nke njo. Dika e dere n'akwukwo onye amuma Aizaya si: "Otu olu na-eti mkpu n'ozara si, Dozienụ ụzọ Onyenweanyi, Meenụ ka ụzọ ya kwurụ ọto. A ga-ekpochi ndagwurugwu obula, a ga-ebuda ugwu ukwu na ugwu nta obula, a ga-eme ka ebe niile gbagoro agbago kwurụ ọto, a ga-emekwa ka ụzọ niile di njo di larịi; mmadu niile ga-ahukwa nzoputa nke Chineke."

Ozioma nke Oseburuwa.

### **Ekpere Nhunye**

**O**nyenweanyi, anyi na-ariọ Gi, nara aja na ekpere nke anyi ji umeala ehunyere Gi. E wepu Gi, o nweghi ihe anyi puru ime. Biko, were obi oma Gi gbata oso chekwawa anyi. Site na Kristi Onyenweanyi.

### **Ukwe Oriri Nso**

**J**erusalem, Kulite kwuru n'elu ugwu ka i hu anuri si n'aka Chineke abijara gi.

### **Ekpere A Natachaa Oriri Nso**

**O**nyenweanyi, I jirila nri nke eluigwe nyejuo anyi afo. Biko, anyi ji umeala ariọ Gi, ka anyi site n'iketa oke n'ihe omimi nke a, muta iji amamihe na-eso ihe nke uwa a; biakwa jidesie aka ike n'ihe nke eluigwe. Site na Kristi Onyenweanyi.

## Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception



**T**oday the Church celebrates the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary. This doctrine teaches that the Virgin Mary was conceived without original sin – the origin of concupiscence that weighs on human nature. Blessed Pope Pius IX in 1854 defined it as dogma. Redeemed from the moment of her conception “by a singular grace and privilege of almighty God and by virtue of the merits of Jesus Christ”, Mary was preserved from all stain to be worthy dwelling of the Incarnate Word and sign of the redeemed humanity. It should be mentioned that the belief in Mary’s immaculate birth is shared by Muslims. The feast of the Immaculate Conception coming in the course of Advent heralds the splendours of the Incarnation of Jesus Christ the Redeemer.

### Entry Antiphon

**I** rejoice heartily in the Lord, in my God is the joy of my soul; For he has clothed me with a robe of salvation, and wrapped me in a mantle of justice, like a bride adorned with her jewels.

### Collect

**O** God, who by the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin prepared a worthy dwelling for your Son, grant, we pray, that as you preserved her from every stain by virtue of the Death of your Son, which you foresaw, so, through her intercession, we, too, may be cleansed and admitted to your presence. Through our Lord.

### First Reading

A reading from the book of Genesis (3:9-15,20)

**A**fter Adam had eaten of the tree, the Lord God called to him. ‘Where are you?’ he asked. ‘I heard the sound of you in the garden,’ he replied. ‘I was afraid because I was naked, so I hid.’ ‘Who told you that you were naked?’ he asked. ‘Have you been eating of the tree I forbade you to eat?’ The man replied, ‘It was the woman you put with me; she gave me the fruit, and I ate it.’ Then the Lord God asked the woman, ‘What is this you have done?’ The woman replied, ‘The serpent tempted me and I ate.’

Then the Lord God said to the serpent, ‘Because you have done this, ‘Be accursed beyond all cattle, all wild beasts. You shall crawl on your belly and eat dust every day of your life. I will make you enemies of each other: you and the woman, your offspring and her offspring. It will crush your head and you will strike its heel.’ The man named his wife ‘Eve’ because she was the mother of all those who live.

The word of the Lord.

### Ukwe Mbata

**A**ga m ańurisiike na Onyenweanyi, obi m aga-ańuli na Chineke; n’ihina O yikwasala m uwe idiaso, were amara ya doo m ebube, dika nwaanyi eji akwa olulu nwanyi choo mma.

### Ekpere Mmeghe

**O** Chineke, onye sitere na Itu-ime na ejighi njo nke Vegin di Aso kwadebere Nwa gi ebe obibi kwesiri ekwesị, mee, anyi na-ario, ka dika I chekwawara ya n’atutu mmehie obula site n’elele Onwu nke Nwa gi, nke I hutaburu, ka site n’aririo ya, ka awuchaa anyiazi ma nabata anyi n’ihu gi. Site na Dinwenu anyi.

### Ihe Ogugu nke Mbụ

Ihe ogugu e wetara n’akwukwo Jenesis (3:9-15, 20)

**M**a Dinwenu Chineke kporo nwoke ahụ juo ya si, “Olee ebe i no?” O zara ya si, “Anuru m uda ukwu gi n’ime ogige, ujo jidere m n’ihina agba m oto, m wee zoo onwe m.” O juru ya si, “Onye gwara gi na i gba oto? I taala mkpuru osisi ahụ m nyere gi iwu ka i ghara ita?” Nwoke ahụ azaa ya, “O bu nwaanyi a i kponyere m ka mu na ya biri; o nyere m mkpuru osisi ahụ m taa.” N’oge a ka Dinwenu Chineke juru nwaanyi ahụ, Gini bu ihe nke a i mere?” Nwaanyi ahụ zara ya, “Agwo ahụ rafuru m, mu ataa ya.” Mgbe ahụ ka Dinwenu Chineke siri agwo ahụ, “N’ihina i mere ihe nke a, a buola gi onu karia umu anumaanu niile di n’ohia na nke di n’ulo; i ga-eji afo gi na-aga ije bia na-ata aja ubochi niile nke ndu gi. Aga m eme ka iro diri n’etiti gi na nwaanyi a, na n’etiti umu gi na nke ya; o ga-azopia gi isi ma i ga-ata ya n’ukwu.” Nwoke ahụ guru nwunye ya liv n’ihina o bu nne ndi niile di ndu.

Okwu nke Oseburuwa.

## **Responsorial Psalm: Ps. 97:1-4.(R.v.1)**

**Response: Sing a new song to the Lord for he has worked wonders.**

1. Sing a new song to the Lord for he has worked wonders. His right hand and his holy arm have brought salvation. (R.)
2. The Lord has made known his salvation; has shown his justice to the nations. He has remembered his truth and love for the house of Israel. (R.)
3. All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God. Shout to the Lord all the earth ring out your joy. (R.)

## **Second Reading**

A reading from the letter of St. Paul to the Ephesians (1:3-6,11-12)

**B**lessed be God the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with all the spiritual blessings of heaven in Christ. Before the world was made, he chose us, chose us in Christ, to be holy and spotless, and to live through love in his presence, determining that we should become his adopted sons, through Jesus Christ for his own kind purposes, to make us praise the glory of his grace, his free gift to us in the Beloved. And it is in him that we were claimed as God's own, chosen from the beginning, under the predetermined plan of the one who guides all things as he decides by his own will; chosen to be, for his greater glory, the people who would put their hopes in Christ before he came.

The word of the Lord.

## **Alleluia, alleluia! Lk.1:28**

**H**ail, Mary, full of grace; the Lord is with thee! Blessed art thou among women. Alleluia!

## **Gospel**

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke (1:26-38)

**T**he angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin betrothed to a man named Joseph, of the House of David; and the virgin's name was Mary. He went in and said to her, 'Rejoice, so highly favoured! The Lord is with you.' She was deeply disturbed by these words and asked herself what this greeting could mean, but the angel said to her, 'Mary, do not be afraid; you have won God's favour. Listen! You are to conceive and bear a son, and you must name him Jesus. He will be great and will be called Son of the Most High. The Lord God will give

## **Abụoma na Aziza: Abụ . 98:1-4 (Az.1)**

**Aziza: Kweere Onyenweanyi ukwe ohuru, n'ihina o ruru oru ebube.**

1. Kweere Onyenweanyi ukwe ohuru, n'ihina o ruru oru ebube, aka nri ya di nso eweterela ya mmiri.(Az.)
2. Onyenweanyi egosila ike nzoputa ya, o meela ka mba niile mata eziomume ya. O chetala ihunaanya ya na ikwudosiike ya n'ebe ezinuulo Izrel no.(Az.)
3. Uwa niile tijerenụ onyenweanyi mkpu onu, werenu ukwe na mkpu onu too ya. (Az.)

## **Ihe Ogugu nke Abuo**

Ihe ogugu e wetara n'akwukwo ozi Pol di aso degaara ndi Efesus (1:3-6,11-12)

**N**gozi diri Chineke na Nna nke Dinwenu anyi Jesu Kristi, onye sitere n'eluigwe were ngozi niile nke mmuo gozie anyi n'ime Kristi. O hooro uwa, ka anyi diri ya nso n'enweghi ntipu obula n'ihu ya. O jiri ihunaanya nye anyi onodu; ka anyi buru umu ya site na Jesu Kristi dika ochicho nke uche ya siri di. O bu maka mbuli elu nke ngozi ya di otito, nke o nyere anyi n'efu n'ime Nwa ya o huru n'anya. N'ime ya, dika nzube nke ya bu onye ahụ na-emejuputa ihe niile si di, nakwa ka ntiputa nke obi ya siri di, anyinwa bu ndi buru uzo chekwube na Kristi. Ndi emerela, hoputakwa ka ha bie ndu maka otito nke ebube ya.

Okwu nke Oseburuwa.

## **Aleluya, aleluya! Luk. 1:28**

**E**kele, i juputara na grasia, Oseburuwa nonyeere gi!" I di ngozi n'etiti umunwaanyi niile. Aleluya!

## **Ozioma**

Ihe ogugu nke a si n'Ozioma di aso nke Luk dere (1:26-38)

**N**onwa nke isii, Chineke zigara Mmuoma Gebrel ka o gaa n'obodo Galili a na-akpo Nazaret; ka o gakwuru otu nwaagbogho na-amaghi nwoke, onye ikwunibe ya kwekoritara na otu nwoke aha ya bu Josef, nke si n'agburu Devid, ga-alu. Aha nwaagbogho ahụ bu Maria. Mmuoma ahụ biakwutere Maria si ya, "Ekele, i juputara na grasia, Oseburuwa nonyeere gi!" Obi loro ya mmiri nke ukwu n'udi ekele a, nke mere na o malitere itule n'uche ya ihe udi ekele a putara. Mmuoma ahụ siri ya, "Atula egwu, Maria, n'ihina i natala ngozi n'aka Chineke. Lee, i ga-adi ime, mụta nwa nwoke; aha i ga-



him the throne of his ancestor David; he will rule over the House of Jacob for ever and his reign will have no end.' Mary said to the angel, 'But how can this come about, since I am a virgin?' 'The Holy Spirit will come upon you,' the angel answered 'and the power of the Most High will cover you with its shadow. And so the child will be holy and will be called Son of God. Know this too: your kinswoman Elizabeth has, in her old age, herself conceived a son, and she whom people called barren is now in her sixth month, for nothing is impossible to God.' 'I am the handmaid of the Lord,' said Mary 'let what you have said be done to me.' And the angel left her.

The Gospel of the Lord.

akpo ya bu Jesu. O ga-adi ukwu, a ga-akpokwa ya nwa onye kacha elu. Dinwenu Chineke ga- enye ya ocheeze nna ya David. O ga-achi ezinụlọ Jakob ebebe; alaeze ya agaghị enwe ogwugwu." Maria juru Mmụọoma ahụ si, "Olee otu nke a ga-esi mee ebe ọ bụ na m amaghị nwoke." Ma Mmụọoma ahụ zara ya si, :Mmụọ Nso ga-abiakwasa gi; ike nke onye kacha elu ga-ekpuchi gi. N'ihì nke a, a ga-akpo nwa ahụ i ga-amụ; onye nso, Nwa Chineke. Lee, Elizabet onye ikwu gi, onye ndi mmadu na-akpo nwaanyi aga, aturula ime n'agadi ya; ugbu a ọ di ime onwa isii. N'ihina ebe Chineke nọ, o nweghi ihe nyiri omume. Maria kwuru si, "Lee, abụ m odibo nwaanyi nke Oseburuwa, ka o reere m ka i siri kwu." Mmụọoma ahụ wee si n'ebe ọ nọ puo. Ozioma nke Oseburuwa.

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### Prayer Over The Offerings

**G**raciously accept the saving sacrifice which we offer you, O Lord, on the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary, and grant that, as we profess her, on account of your prevenient grace, to be untouched by any stain of sin, so, through her intercession, we may be delivered from all our faults. Through Christ our Lord.

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### Communion Antiphon

**G**lorious things are spoken of you, O Mary, because from you arose the sun of righteousness, Christ our Lord.

### Prayer After Communion

**M**ay the Sacrament we have received, O Lord our God, heal in us the wounds of that fault from which in a singular way you preserved Blessed Mary in her Immaculate Conception. Through Christ our Lord.

### Solemn Blessing

V./ May God, who through the childbearing of the Blessed Virgin Mary willed in his great kindness to redeem the human race, be pleased to enrich you with his blessings. **R./ Amen.**

V./ May you know always and everywhere the protection of her, through whom you have been found worthy to receive the Author of life.

**R./ Amen.**

V./ May you, who have devoutly gathered on this day, carry away with you the gifts of spiritual joys and heavenly rewards. **R./ Amen.**

### Ekpere Nhunye

**W**ere mmasi nara aja nzoputa anyi na-achunyerē gi, O Dinwenu, na Nnukwu Oriri nke Itụ-ime na-ejighi njo nke Vejin Maria di aso, ma mee ka, ọ buru na anyi ana-ekwuputa ya, n'ihì mbuuzo nke amara gi, ka atutu njo obula ghara imetu anyi, ka sitekwa n'ariri ya, ka a zoputa anyi na mmehie anyi niile ga. Site na Kristi Onyenweanyi.

### Ukwe Oriri Nso

**O**tutu ihēga ka a na-ekwu banyere gi, O Maria, n'ihì sitena gi ka anyanwu nke ezi omume siri malite, Kristi Dinwenu anyi.

### Ekpere A Natachaa Oriri Nso

**K**a Sakramenti anyi natarala, O Dinwenu Chineke anyi, gwoo n'ime anyi onya mmehie ahụ nke i siri n'uzo puru iche chekwawa Maria di Ngozi na otutu ime ya n'ejighi njo. Site na Kristi Onyenweanyi.

### Ngozi Puru Iche

**Uko/** Ka Chineke, onye sitere na omumu-nwa nke Vejin Maria di Ngozi kpebie na nnukwu afoma ya izoputa mmadu dum, nwee mmasi ihujuputa uba ngozi ya n'ime unu. **Oha/ Amen.**

**Uko/** Ka unu mata oge niile na n'ebe niile nchedo onye ahụ unu sitere n'aka ya buru ndi a gunyere isoro nata Isi-okike nke ndu.

**Oha/ Amen.**

**Uko/** Ka unu, ndi ji nsopuru gbakowa taata, buru lawa onyinye nke ofu mmu ga na ugwo nke eluigwe ga. **Oha/ Amen.**

V./ May almighty God bless you, the Father, and the Son, + and the Holy Spirit.

R./ Amen.

Uko/ Ka Chukwu ji ike niile gozie unu, Nna, na Nwa, + na Mmụọ Nso.

Oha/ Amen.

## 10 December [Afor] Tuesday of Week 2 of Advent (Violet)

### Entry Antiphon

**B**ehold, the Lord will come, and all his holy ones with him; and on that day there will be a great light.

### Collect

**O** God, who have shown forth your salvation to all the ends of the earth, grant, we pray, that we may look forward in joy to the glorious Nativity of Christ. Who lives and reigns with you.

### First Reading

A reading from the Prophet Isaiah (40:1-11)

**C**onsole my people, console them' says your God. 'Speak to the heart of Jerusalem and call to her that her time of service is ended, that her sin is atoned for, that she has received from the hand of the Lord double punishment for all her crimes.' A voice cries, 'Prepare in the wilderness a way for the Lord. Make a straight highway for our God across the desert. Let every valley be filled in, every mountain and hill be laid low, let every cliff become a plain, and the ridges a valley; then the glory of the Lord shall be revealed and all mankind shall see it; for the mouth of the Lord has spoken.' A voice commands: 'Cry' and I answered, what shall I cry? All flesh is grass and its beauty like the wild flower's. The grass withers, the flower fades when the breath of the Lord blows on them. (The grass is without doubt the people.) The grass withers, the flower fades, but the word of our God remains for ever.' Go up on a high mountain, joyful messenger to Zion. Shout with a loud voice. Joyful messenger to Jerusalem. Shout without fear, say to the towns of Judah, 'here is your God.' Here is the Lord coming with power, his arm subduing all things to him. The prize of his victory is with him, his trophies all go before him. He is like a shepherd feeding his flock, gathering lambs in his arms, holding them against his breast and leading to their rest the mother ewes.

The word of the Lord.

**Responsorial Psalm: Ps. 95:1-3.10-13. (R.Is.40:9-10).**

Response: **Here is our God coming with power.**

### Ukwe Mbata

**L**ee, Onyenweanyi na-abia, ya na ndi Nso niile; n'ubochi ahụ, a ga enwe nnukwu ihe.

### Ekpere Mmeghe

**O** Chukwu, onye gosiputarala nzoputa gi ruo na nsotu uwa niilega, mee, anyi na-ario, ka anyi were oñu na-atu anya maka Omumu nke Kristi di otito. Onye gi na ya di ndu na-achi.

### Ihe Ogugu nke Mbụ:

Ihe ogugu e wetara n'Onye Amuma Aizaya (40:1-11)

**O**seburuwa kwuru si: kasie ndi nke m obi, kasienu ha obi. Were nwayoo gwa Jerusalem okwu, gwa ya na ubochi igba ohu ya agwula, na a gbagharala mmehie ya niile, na Chineke ga-enye mgbaghara ga-adi mmaji abuo karia mmehie niile o mere. Otu olu na-eti mkpu na-asi, "Dozierenu Onyenweanyi uzo n'ikpa, meenu ka okporo uzo dikwa larii n'ime ozara maka Chineke anyi. Kpojuonu ndagwurugwu niile, kposakwaan ugwu niile, meenu ka ebe niile gbagoro agbago kwuru oto, meekwanu ka ebe niile di ndakoro ndakoro di larii. Ebube nke Chineke ga-achawaputa. Mmadu niile ga-ahu ya n'ihina Oseburuwa ekwuola ya." Otu olu na-ekwu si, "Tie mkpu." M wee si, "Gini ka m ga-eti?" "Mmadu di ka ahilia, mma ya dika ifuru osisi di n'ime ohia. Ahilia na-akponwu, ifuru osisi na-achanwu, mgbe Chineke kusara ha ume. N'ezie mmadu dika ahilia. Ahilia na-akponwu, ifuru osisi na-achanwukwa, ma okwu nke Chineke anyi na-adigide ruo mgbe ebighiebi." Rigoro n'elu ugwu, gi bu Zayon onye na-ezisa ozi oma, welie olu gi elu tisie mkpu ike, o Jerusalem onye na-ezisa ozi oma, tisie mkpu ike, atula egwu, gwa obodo niile nke Juda si: "Lee Chineke unu!" Lee, Oseburuwa Chineke anyi ji ike abia, o ga-eji aka a na-achi. O ga-enye onye obula ihe ruru ya. O ga-azu igwe aturu ya dika onye nche aturu. O ga-ebu ha n'ubu ya. O ga-eji nwayoo duo ndi na-enye umu ara. Okwu nke Oseburuwa.

**Abuoma na Aziza: Abu. 96:1-3.10-13. (Az.Aiz. 40:9-10).**

Aziza: **Leenu Chineke anyi ka O ji ike abia.**

21 1. Kweerenu Onyenweanyi ukwe ohuru; uwa

1. O sing a new song to the Lord, sing to the Lord all the earth. O sing to the Lord, bless his name. Proclaim his help day by day. (R.)
2. Tell among the nations his glory and his wonders among all the peoples. Proclaim to the nations: 'God is king'. 'He will judge the peoples in fairness. (R.)
3. Let the heavens rejoice and earth be glad, Let the sea and all within it thunder praise, let the land and all it bears rejoice, all the trees of the wood shout for joy at the presence of the Lord for he comes, he comes to rule the earth. (R.)
4. With justice he will rule the world, he will judge the peoples with his truth. (R.)

### Alleluia, alleluia!

**C**ome Lord! Do not delay. Forgive the sins of your people. Alleluia!

### Gospel

A Reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew (18:12-14)

**J**esus said to his disciples: 'Tell me. Suppose a man has a hundred sheep and one of them strays; will he not leave the ninety-nine on the hill side and go in search of the stray? I tell you solemnly, if he finds it, it gives him more joy than do the ninety-nine that did not stray at all. Similarly, it is never the will of your Father in heaven that one of these little ones should be lost.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

### Prayer Over The Offerings

**B**e pleased with our humble prayers and offerings, O Lord, we pray, and since we have no merits to plead our cause, come to our rescue with the protection of your mercy. Through Christ our Lord.

### Communion Antiphon

**T**he just judge will bestow a crown of righteousness on those who eagerly await his coming.

### Prayer After Communion

**R**eplenished by the food of spiritual nourishment, we humbly beseech you, O Lord, that, through our partaking in this mystery, you may teach us to judge wisely the things of earth and hold firm to the things of heaven. Through Christ our Lord.

niile kweerenụ onyenweanyi ukwe. Kweerenụ onyenweanyi ukwe, too aha ya; kwuputa nzoputa ya ubochi niile. (Az.)

2. Mee ka uwa niile mara maka otito ya, kwuputakwa oru itunaanya ya n'ebe ndi mmadu no. Kwusachaanu n'uwa niile na Onyenweanyi bu eze, o kwuwasiri uwa ike, e nweghi ike ibughari ya. O ga-eji ikpe nkwmoto kpee mba niile ikpe. (Az.)

3. Eluigwe nriiba, uwa goribe, oke osimiri na ihe niile di n'ime ya, tienu mkpu onu. Ala-ubi niile na ihe niile di n'ime ya nriibanu, ka osisi niile di n'oke ohia kwebe ukwe anuri n'ihu nke Onyenweanyi n'ihu na o na-abia, o na-abia ikpe uwa ikpe. (Az.)

4. O ga-eji ikpe nkwmoto na eziokwu were kpee uwa na ndi mmadu ikpe. (Az.)

### Alaluya, alaluya!

Bia Onyenweanyi! Egbula oge. Gbaghara mmehie ndi nke Gi. Alaluya!

### Ozioma

Ihe ogugu nke a si n'Ozioma di nsọ nke Matiu dere (18:12-14)

**J**esu gwara ndi na-eso ụzọ ya si: Gini ka unu chere? O bu ru na otu onye nwere otu nari aturu, ma otu n'ime ha agahie ụzọ, o bu na o gaghi ahapu iri itoolu na itoolu ndiozo n'elu ugwu, gaa icho nke ahụ gahiere ụzọ? O bu ru na o nwere ka o si chota ya, n'ezie agwa m unu, o ga-anuri onu n'ihu ya karia otu o ga-anuri n'ihu iri itoolu na itoolu ndiozo ahụ na-agahieghị ụzọ. Ya mere, o bughị uche Nna m nke bi n'eluigwe ka otu n'ime umuaka ndi a laa n'iyi.

Ozioma nke Oseburuwa.

### Ekpere Nhunye

**K**a o masi gi bu ekpere umeala na onyinye anyiga, O Dinwenu, anyi nari, ebe o bu n'anyi erughi ogo ikpeputa onwe anyi, bia were nchedo nke ebere gi gbaputa anyi. Site na Kristi Onyenweanyi.

### Ukwe Oriri Nso

**O**nye ikpe na-akwuba aka oto ga-ekpuke ndi niile di njikere eche obibia ya okpu ezi omume.

### Ekpere A Natachaa Oriri Nso

**E**be anyi jirila nri ozuzu mmuo rijuo afo, anyi ji umeala ariọ gi, O Dinwenu, ka I site n'oke anyi na-eketa n'ihe omimi a, kuziere anyi iji amamihe atule ihe nke uwa, ma jidesie ike n'ihe nke eluigwe. Site na Kristi Onyenweanyi.

**Behold, I send my messenger to prepare the way before me; the messenger of the covenant in whom you delight is coming (Mal 3:1).**

St Damasus 1, Pope (Opt. Mem)

Entry Antiphon

The Lord will come and he will not delay. He will illumine what is hidden in darkness, and reveal himself to all the nations.

Collect

Almighty God, who command us to prepare the way for Christ the Lord, grant in your kindness, we pray, that no infirmity may weary us as we long for the comforting presence of our heavenly physician. Who lives and reigns.

First Reading

A reading from the prophet Isaiah (40:25-31)

To whom could you liken me and who could be my equal?" says the Holy One. Lift your eyes and look. Who made these stars if not he who drills them like an army, calling each one by name? So mighty is his power, so great his strength, that not one fails to answer.

How can you say, Jacob, how can you insist, Israel, 'my destiny is hidden from the Lord, my rights are ignored by my God?' Did you not know? Had you not heard? The Lord is an everlasting God, he created the boundaries of the earth. He does not grow tired or weary, his understanding is beyond fathoming. He gives strength to the wearied, he strengthens the powerless. Young men may grow tired and weary, youths may stumble, but those who hope in the Lord renew their strength, they put out wings like eagles. They run and do not grow weary, walk and never tire.

The Word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm: Ps. 102:1-4.8.10 (R.v.1)

Response: My soul, give thanks to the Lord.

1. My soul, give thanks to the Lord, all my being, bless his holy name. My soul, give thanks to the Lord and never forget all his blessings. (R.)

2. It is he who forgives all your guilt, who heals every one of your ills, who redeems your life from the grave, who crowns you with love and compassion. (R.)

3. The Lord is compassion and love, slow to anger and rich in mercy. He does not treat us according to our sins nor repay us according to our faults. (R.)

Ukwe Mbata

Onyenweanyi na-abia, o gaghi egbu oge. O ga-eme ka ihe zoro ezo n'ochichiri puta ihe, were gosiputa onwe ya n'ihu mba niile.

Ekpere Mmeghe

Chineke ji ike niile, onye tiere anyi iwe ka anyi kwado uzo maka Kristi Onyenweanyi, mee site n'ihunaanya gi, anyi na-ario, ka o ghara inwe oria ga-akwudebe anyi ka anyi na-atu anya maka nguzoro igbaume nke dibia eluigwe. Onye di ndu na-achi.

Ihe Ogugu nke Mbu

Ihe ogugu e wetara n'onye amuma Aizaya (40:25-31)

Onye nso na-aju si, "Onye ka unu ga-eji tunyere m, nke na mu ga-adi ka ya? Lee anya n'elu ka ihu onye kere ihe ndi a niile? O bu onye ahu na-eduputa ha n'igwe, na-akpo nke obula aha ya. Site n'ike aka ya na ike ya di egwu o nweghi nke furu efu.

O! Jekob, gini mere i ji na-ekwu, o! Izrel gini mere i ji na-atamu si, "Chineke amaghi nsogbu m, o na-elegha oke ruuru m anya?" O bu na unu amaghi? O bu na unu anubeghi? Chineke bu Chukwu di ebebe, onye kere nsotu uwa niile. O naghị ada mba, nke ike na-agwu ya, nghota ya di omimi. O na-enye ndi dara mba ike, na-emekwa ka ndi na-enweghi ume nwee ume. Obuladi umuokorobia ga-ada mba, ike ga-agwukwa ha. Ike ga-agwukwa ndi na-eto eto. Ma ndi niile chekwubere na Chukwu ga-enweta ike ozo. Ha ga-eke n'elu dika ugo. Ha ga-agba oso, ma ike agaghi agwu ha. Ha ga-aga ije ma ha agaghi ada mba. Okwu nke Oseburuwa.

Abuoma na Aziza: Abu. 103:1-4.8.10. (Az. 1)

Aziza: Gozie Onyenweanyi, mkpuruobi m.

1. Gozie Onyenweanyi, mkpuruobi m, gozie aha ya di nso, ihe niile di n'ime m! Gozie Onyenweanyi, mkpuruobi m, echezokwala obi ebere ya niile. (Az.)

2. Nke o ji gbaghara njo gi niile, ma gwoo oria gi niile, nke o ji si n'olulu zoputa ndu gi, nke o ji were ihunaanya na obi ebere kpuke gi okpueze. (Az.)

3. Oseburuwa di ebere na ihunaanya, o naghị ewe iwe ngwa ngwa, ihunaanya ya di ukwu; o naghị ata anyi ahuhu, dika amamikpe anyi na njo anyi si di. (Az.)



### Alleluia, alleluia!

**B**ehold our Lord will come with power, and will enlighten the eyes of his servants. Alleluia!

### Gospel

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew (11:28-30)

**A**t that time Jesus exclaimed, 'come to me, all you who labour and are overburdened, and I will give you rest. Shoulder my yoke and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. Yes, my yoke is easy and my burden light.' The Gospel of the Lord.

### Prayer Over The Offerings

**M**ay the sacrifice of our worship, Lord, we pray, be offered to you unceasingly, to complete what was begun in sacred mystery and powerfully accomplish for us your saving work. Through Christ our Lord.

### Communion Antiphon

**B**ehold our Lord will come with power, and will enlighten the eyes of his servants.

### Prayer After Communion

**W**e implore your mercy, Lord, that this divine sustenance may cleanse us of our faults and prepare us for the coming feasts. Through Christ our Lord.

**12 December [Eke] Thursday of Week 2 of Advent (Violet)**

## Our Lady of Guadalupe, (Opt. Mem)

### Entry Antiphon

**Y**ou, O Lord, are close, and all your ways are truth. From of old I have known of your decrees, for you are eternal.

### Collect

**S**tir up our hearts, O Lord, to make ready the path of your Only-Begotten Son, that through his coming, we may be found worthy to serve you with minds made pure. Through our Lord.

### First Reading

A reading from the prophet Isaiah (41:13-20)

**F**or I, the Lord, your God, I am holding you by the right hand; I tell you, 'Do not be afraid, I will help you.' Do not be afraid, Jacob, poor worm, Israel, puny mite. I will help you - it is the Lord who speaks - the Holy One of Israel is your redeemer. See, I turn you into a threshing-sled, new, with doubled teeth; you

### Alleluya, Alleluya!

**L**ee Onyenweanyi ga-ewere ike ya abia, Lo ga-emeeghee anya umu odibo ya ga. Alleluya.

### Ozioma

Ihe ogugu nke a si n' Ozioma di aso nke Matiu dere (11:28-30)

**N**'oge ahụ, Jesu welitere onu si: Biakwetenu m unu niile ndi na-adogbu onwe unu n'oru na ndi e boro ibu di aro, aga m enye unu ezumike. Nyaranu inyagba nke m n'olu unu; mutakwanu ihe n'omume m, n'ihina adi m nwaayo dikwa obi umeala. Unu mee otu a, obi unu ga-enweta ezumike. N'ihina inyagba m di mfe, ibu m adighikwa aro. Ozioma nke Oseburuwa.

### Ekpere Nhunye

**K**a aja ofufe ndu anyi, Dinwenu, anyi na-ario, buru ihe a na-achunyerere gi akwusi akwusi, iji mejuo ihe e bidorola na iheomimi nso ma n'uzo di ike na-emejuru anyi oru nzoputa gi. Site na Kristi Onyenweanyi.

### Ukwe Oriri Nso

**L**ee Onyenweanyi ga-ewere ike ya abia, Lo ga-emeeghee anya umu odibo ya ga.

### Ekpere ANatachaa Oriri Nso

**A**nyi na-ario ebere gi, Onyenweanyi, ka Anri mgbodo a kachasi nso sachaa anyi mmehie anyiga were kwado anyi maka oriri na-abianu. Site na Kristi Onyenweanyi.

### Ukwe Mbata

**G**i, O Onyenweanyi, no m nso, uzo gi niile bukwazi eziokwu. O teelari m matara iwu giga, n'ihina na adi ebebe.

### Ekpere Mmeghe

**K**palite obi anyiga, O Onyenweanyi, ka anyi kwado uzo nke Otu-Nwa-I-Muru-Nani-Ya, ka site n'obibia ya, were buru ndi ga-etosi etosi iji echiche di ocha efe gi. Site na Dinwenu anyi.

### Ihe Ogugu nke Mbata

Ihe ogugu e wetara n'onye amuma Aizaya (41:13-20)

**M**u onwe m bu Oseburuwa Chineke gi sekpu gi n'aka nri, na-asi gi, 'Ujo atula gi. Aga m enyerere gi aka. Atula egwu, gi bu Jekob di nta dika ahuhu. Unu atula egwu umu Izrel. Aga m enyerere unu aka, o bu Dinwenu na-ekwu, 24onye nzoputa unu bu onye Nso nke Izrel. Lee,

shall thresh and crush the mountains, and turn the hills to chaff. You shall winnow them and the wind will blow them away, the gale will scatter them. But you yourself will rejoice in the Lord, and glory in the Holy One of Israel. The poor and needy ask for water, and there is none, their tongue is parched with thirst. I, the Lord, will answer them, I, the God of Israel, will not abandon them. I will make rivers well up on barren heights, and fountains in the midst of valleys; turn the wilderness into a lake, and dry ground into water spring. In the wilderness I will put cedar trees, acacias, myrtles, olives. In the desert I will plant juniper, plant tree and cypress side by side; so that men may see and know, may all observe and understand that the hand of the Lord has done this, that the Holy One of Israel has created it. The word of the Lord.

#### **Responsorial Psalm: Ps. 144:1.9-13. (R.v.8)**

**Response: The Lord is kind and full of compassion, slow to anger, abounding in love.**

1. I will give you glory, O God my king, I will bless your name for ever. How good is the Lord to all, compassionate to all his creatures. (R.)
2. All your creatures shall thank you, O Lord, and your friends shall repeat their blessing. They shall speak of the glory of your reign and declare your might, O God, to make known to men your mighty deeds and the glorious splendour of your reign. (R.)
3. Yours is an everlasting kingdom; your rule lasts from age to age. (R.)

#### **Alleluia, alleluia!**

**C**ome to us, Lord, with your peace that we may rejoice in your presence with sincerity of heart, Alleluia!

#### **Gospel**

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew (11:11-15)

**J**esus spoke to the crowds: 'I tell you solemnly, of all the children born of women, a greater one than John the Baptist has never been seen; yet the least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he is. Since John the Baptist came, up to this present time, the kingdom of heaven has been subjected to violence and the violent are taking it by storm. Because it was towards John that all the prophecies of the prophets and of the Law were leading; and he, if you

aga m eme ka unu buru igwe na-akwo oka di ohuru, nke eze ya di nko. Unu ga-egwutu ugwu niile, mekwaa ka ugwu nta niile ghozo uzuzu aja. Unu ga-ayocha ha; ikuku ga-ebufu ha; oke ikuku ga-ekposacha ha. Mana unu ga-enweta oke onu n'ime Chineke, n'ime Onye Nso nke Izrel ka unu ga-enweta otito. Mgbe ndi ogbenye na ndi no na mkpagbu choro mmiri ma o dighi nke di, mgbe akpiri na-akpo ha nku, mu bu Chineke ga-aza ha. Mu bu Chineke nke Izrel agaghi agbahapu ha. Aga m eme ka mmiri si n'ala ugwu kporo nku na-erudata. Aga m eme ka isiiyi na-asoputa n'etiti ndagwurugwu niile, Aga m eme ka mmiri juputa n'ikpa, mekwaa ka isi mmiri site n'ala kporo nku na-asoputa. Aga m aku osisi sida, ugba, achi na oliv n'ozara. Aga m akukota osisi nkwi, junipe na pain onu n'ozara. Nke a ka mmadu niile ga-ahu, wee matakwa; ha ga-aghota, tulekwa na o bu Chineke ruru ha, na o bu aka onu Onye Nso nke Izrel. Okwu nke Oseburuwa.

#### **Abuoma na Aziza: Abu. 145:1.9-13. (Az.8)**

**Aziza: Onyenweanyi bu onye amara na onye obi ebere, o naghị ewe iwe ososo, o juputara n'ihunaanya.**

1. Aga m enye gi otito, Chineke bu eze m, aga m eto aha gi ruo mgbe ebighiebi. Onyenweanyi na-egosi mmadu niile obioma ya, ebere nke Onyenweanyi na-erute ihe niile o kere. (Az.)
2. Onyenweanyi, ihe niile i kere ga-ekere gi, ndi kwere na gi ga-agozi gi. Ha ga-ekwuputa ebube nke alaeze gi ma kwuputakwa idi ike gi. Ka mmadu niile mata onu itunaanya gi niile, na ebube di elu nke alaeze gi (Az.)
3. Alaeze gi ga-adi ebееbe, ochichi gi na-adi na ndudugandu niile. (Az.)

#### **Alaluya, alaluya!**

**W**ere udo Gi biakwute anyi, Onyenweanyi, ka anyi were obi ziri ezi nri na n'ihu Gi, Alaluya!

#### **Ozioma**

Ihe ogugu nke a si n'Ozioma di aso nke Matiu dere (11:11-15)

**J**esu gwara igwe mmadu si: N'ezie agwa m unu, n'etiti ndi niile nwaanyi muru, O nweghi onye obula di ukwu kara Jon onye na-eme mmirichukwu; ma onye ahu nke dikarichara nta n'alaeze eluigwe ka ya ukwu. Site n'oge Jon onye na-eme mmirichukwu ruo ugbo a, ndi mmadu ji anyaike na izo uzo abanye n'alaeze eluigwe. Ndi na-emesi ihe ike na-abanye na ya. Tupu Jon abia, iwu Mosis na ndiamuma niile buru amuma banyere alaeze ahu; O buru na unu di

will believe me, is the Elijah who was to return.  
If anyone has ears to hear, let him listen!  
The Gospel of the Lord.

nk Wadebe inabata ya, o bu ya bu Elaija ahụ  
nke ga-abianu. Onye nwere nti ya nuru.  
Ozioma nke Oseburuwa.

### Prayer Over The Offerings

**A**cept, we pray, O Lord, these offerings we make, gathered from among your gifts to us, and may what you grant us to celebrate devoutly here below, gain for us the prize of eternal redemption. Through Christ our Lord.

### Communion Antiphon

**L**et us live justly and devoutly in this age, as we await the blessed hope and the coming of the glory of our great God.

### Prayer After Communion

**M**ay these mysteries, O Lord, in which we have participated, profit us, we pray, for even now, as we walk amid passing things, you teach us by them to love the things of heaven and hold fast to what endures. Through Christ our Lord.

### Ekpere Nhunye

**N**ara, anyi na-ario, O Dinwenu, onyinye ndi a, anyi sitere n'onyinye giga ekpokoba, ma mee ka ihe ndi I kwere ka anyi were nsopuru eme mmemme ha n'elu uwa nke a, nwetara anyi ugwo nke nzoputa ebighiebi. Site na Kristi Dinwenu anyi.

### Ukwe Oriri Nso

**K**a anyi na-ebi ndu eziomume na ndu ikpere Chineke n'uwa a, ka anyi na-eche olileanya anyi di ngozi, na obibia nke otito nke Chineke anyi di ukwu.

### Ekpere A Natachaa Oriri Nso

**K**a ihe omimi ndi a, O Dinwenu, anyi ketara oke n'ime ya, baara anyi uru, anyi na-ario, n'ihu o bunaadi ugbo a anyi na-aga njem n'etiti ihe ndi na-agafe agafe, I na-esite na ha akuziri anyi ihu ihe nke eluigwe n'anya, ma jidesie aka ike n'ihe na-adị okpu. Site na Kristi Dinwenu anyi.



**13 December [Orie] Friday of Week 2 of Advent (Red)**

## St. Lucy, Virgin & Martyr (Memorial)

**L**ucy was born in Syracuse of rich and noble Roman parents about the year 283. Her father's early death left her dependent upon her mother, Eutychia. Lucy had consecrated her virginity to God, but her mother arranged a marriage for her, instead.

At that time, the fame of the virgin-martyr Agatha was attracting numerous visitors to her relics at Catania, due to many miracles associated with the saint. Lucy's mother, Eutychia was persuaded to make a pilgrimage in the hope to be cured of her haemorrhage. Lucy then took advantage of her cure to seek to be allowed to distribute a great part of the family riches among the poor. Eutychia, in gratitude, left her at full liberty to pursue her pious inclinations.

The young noble suitor with whom Eutychia arranged to marry Lucy learnt about this development and became enraged. He accused Lucy before the Governor, of being a Christian. Lucy was exposed to prostitution in a brothel house; but God rendered her immovable, so that they could not drag her away to the place of shame. She was set ablaze, but God saved her. Finally, she met her death by the sword.

### Entry Antiphon

**B**ehold, now she follows the Lamb who was crucified for us, powerful in virginity, modesty her offering, a sacrifice on the altar of chastity.

### Collect

**M**ay the glorious intercession of the Virgin and Martyr Saint Lucy give us new heart, we pray, O Lord, so that we may celebrate her heavenly birthday in this present age and so behold things eternal. Through our Lord.

### Ukwe Mbata

**L**ee, ugbo a o so Nwaaturu ahụ a kpogburu maka anyi, di ike n'onodu amaghi nwoke, kee nkwucha n'onyinye onwe ya, bu aja o churu n'ekwuaja idiocha di aso.

### Ekpere Mmeghe

**K**a aririo di otito nke Vejin na onye e gburu maka gi bu Lusi di aso nye anyi obi ohuru, anyi na-ario, O Onyenweanyi, ka anyi were mee mmemme oriri ubochi omumu ya n'eluigwe n'agburu taa, were huga ihe diga ebighiebi. Site na Dinwenu anyi.

**MARANATHA, Come, Lord Jesus! (Revelation 22:20)**

## First Reading

A reading from the prophet Isaiah (48:17-19)  
**T**hus says the Lord, your redeemer, the Holy One of Israel: I, the lord, your God, teach you what is good for you, I lead you in the way that you must go. If only you had been alert to my commandments, your happiness would have been like a river, your integrity like the waves of the sea. Your children would have been numbered like the sand, your descendants as many as its grains. Never would your name have been cut off or blotted out before me.

The word of the Lord.

## Responsorial Psalm: Ps. 1:1-4.6.(R.Jn.8:12)

Response: **Anyone who follows you, Lord, will have the light of life**

1. Happy indeed is the man who follows not the counsel of the wicked; nor lingers in the way of sinners nor sits in the company of scorners, but whose delight is the law of the Lord and who ponders his law day and night. (R.)

2. He is like a tree that is planted beside the flowing waters, that yields its fruit in due season and whose leaves shall never fade; and all that he does shall prosper. (R.)

3. Not so are the wicked, not so! For they like winnowed chaff shall be driven away by the wind. For the Lord guards the way of the just but the way of the wicked leads to doom (R.)

## Alleluia, Alleluia!

**S**ee, the king, the Lord of the world, will come. He will free us from the yoke of our bondage.

## Gospel

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew (11:16-19)

**J**esus spoke to the crowds: 'What description can I find for this generation? It is like children shouting to each other as they sit in the market place: "We played the pipes for you, and you wouldn't dance; we sang dirges, and you wouldn't be mourners." For John came, neither eating nor drinking, and they say, "He is possessed." The Son of Man came, eating and drinking, and they say, "Look, a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners." Yet wisdom has been proved right by his actions.' The Gospel of the Lord.

## Ihe Ogugu nke Mbu

Ihe ogugu e wetara n'onye amuma Aizaya (48:17-19)

**N**ike a ka Chineke, Onye Nzoputa unu na Onye Nso nke Izrel kwuru: "Abu m Oseburuwa Chineke unu, onye na-akuziri unu ihe maka odimma nke unu, onye na-edu unu n'uzo unu kwesiri isi na-aga. N'ezie, a si na unu gere nti n'iwu m, udo gaara na-ehuru unu dika mmiri iyi, eziomume unu dika ebili oke osimiri. Umụ unu gaara adi ka aja di n'ala, umu unu dika mkpuru aja. A gaghi ehichapu aha ha ehichapu mobu kpochapu ha n'ebe m no.

Okwu nke Oseburuwa.

## Abuoma na Aziza: Abu. 1:1-4.6. (R.Jon 8:12)

Aziza: **Onye O bula na-eso gi, Dinwenu, ganeweta ihe nke ndu.**

1. Anuri ga-adiri nwoke ahụ nke anaghi eso ndumodu onye ajoomume, mobu na-akwughari n'uzo ndi ome njo, mobu nodu n'otu ndi na-ekwuto Chineke. Kama o na-enwe anuri n'ebe iwu onyenweanyi di ma na-achighari iwu ya n'obi ya ehihie na abali (Az.)

2. O di ka osisi a kuru n'akuku iyi, nke na-amiputa mpuru ya n'oge ya, nke akwukwo ya anaghi akponwu akponwu, ihe niile o na-eme na-agara ya nke oma.(Az.)

3. O dighi otu a n'ebe ndi ajo mmadu no; Mba, n'ihina ha dika afuru oka nke ikuku na-ebughari. N'ihina Onyenweanyi na-echekwaba uzo ndi eziomume, mana uzo ndi ajo mmadu na-eduba n'ila n'iyi. (Az.)

## Aléluya, aléluya!

**L**eenu, eze, Onyenweuwa niile, na-Labia. O ga-abia itibesị uyogbe agbu kere unu.

## Ozioma

Ihe ogugu nke a si n'Ozioma di aso nke Matiu dere (11:16-19)

**J**esu gwara ndi mmadu si: ma gini ka m ga-eji atunyere ogbo a? O di ka umuntakiri ndi no n'omaahia na-akpo ibe ha oku; 'Anyi gbuuru unu oja, ma unu agbaghi egwu; anyi tiri mkpu akwa, ma unu erughi uju'. Jon biara na-ebu onu na-asokwa mmanya, ha si na ajo mmuo bi n'ime ya. Nwa nke mmadu abia, na-eri na anu, ha si, 'Lee onye oke oriri na onye anumanu, enyi ndi onautu na ndi omenjo!' Ma amamihe egosiputala onwe ya site n'ezi oru ya.

27 Ozioma nke Oseburuwa.



### Prayer Over The Offerings

**M**ay the offerings we bring in celebration of blessed Lucy win your gracious acceptance, O Lord, we pray, just as the struggle of her suffering and passion was pleasing to you. Through Christ our Lord.

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### Communion Antiphon

**T**he Lamb who is at the centre of the throne will lead them to the springs of the waters of life.

### Prayer After Communion

**O** God, who bestowed on blessed Lucy a crown among the Saints for her twofold triumph of virginity and martyrdom, grant, we pray, through the power of this Sacrament, that, bravely overcoming every evil, we may attain the glory of heaven. Through Christ our Lord.

### Ekpere Nhunye

**K**a onyinye ndi anyi na-ebute na mmemme Oriri Lusi di aso ritere anyi amara nnabata gi, O Onyenweanyi, anyi na-arijo, dika etu ndoli ya n'ime ahuhu na nhusianya o gabiri siri masi gi. Site na Kristi Onyenweanyi

### Ukwe Oriri Nso

**N**waturu onye no n'etiti ukpoeze ga-edu ha eduga na umi mmiri nke ndu.

### Ekpere ANatachaa Oriri Nso

**O** Chukwu, onye nke kpukwasara Lusi di aso okpu n'etiti NdiNso maka mmeri abuo ya bu onodu amaghi nwoke na ikwafu obara maka gi, mee, anyi na-arijo, site na ike nke Sakramenti a, ka anyi site na itachi obi n'imeri ajo ihe niile, were nweta otito nke eluigwe. Site na Kristi Onyenweanyi.

## 14 December [Afor] Saturday Week 2 of Advent (White)

### St. John of the Cross, Priest & Doctor (Memorial)

**B**orn in Spain in 1542, John learned the importance of self-sacrificing love from his parents. His father gave up wealth, status, and comfort when he married a weaver's daughter and was disowned by his noble family. After his father's death, his mother kept the destitute family together.

At fourteen, John took a job in support of the family, caring for hospital patients who suffered from incurable diseases and madness.

John joined the Carmelite order. Discovering his talent, St. Teresa of Avila asked him to help her reform the movement. John helped to bring the order back to life of prayer. But many Carmelites felt threatened by this reform; and some members of John's own order kidnapped him. He was locked in a cell six feet by ten feet and beaten three times a week by the monks. There was only one tiny window high up near the ceiling. Yet in that unbearable dark, cold, and desolation, his love and faith were like fire and light. He had nothing left but God - and God brought John his greatest joys in that tiny cell.

After nine months, John escaped by unscrewing the lock on his door and creeping past the guard. Taking only the mystical poetry he had written in his cell, he climbed out through a window using a rope made of stirps of blankets. With no idea where he was, he followed a dog to civilization. He hid from pursuers in a convent infirmary where he read his poetry to the nuns. From then on, his life was devoted to sharing and explaining his experience of God's love.

His life of poverty and persecution could have produced a bitter cynic. Instead it gave birth to a compassionate mystic. He left us many books of practical advice on spiritual growth and prayer that are just as relevant today as they were then. John died on 14 December 1591 at Ubeda, was beatified in 1675, and canonized in 1726.

### Entry Antiphon

**M**ay I never boast, except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, through which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world.

### Collect

**O** God, who gave the Priest Saint John an outstanding dedication to perfect self-denial and love of the Cross, grant that, by imitating him closely at all times, we may come to contemplate eternally your glory. Through our Lord

### Ukwe Mbata

**K**a m ghara itu onu, karja n'obe nke Dinwenụ anyi Jesu Kristi, nke e si na ya kpogbuo uwa n'ime m, ma werekwa m kpogbuoro uwa.

### Ekpere Mmeghe

**O** Chineke, onye nyere Uko-chukwu Jon di aso mmasiri puru ichie iju onwe ya n'uzo zuru oke na inwe ihunaanya maka Obe, mee ka, site na isochi ya anya mgbe niile n'ifomi ya, anyi ewere malite itule otito gi ebighiebi. Siten a Dinwenụ anyi.



## First Reading

A reading from the book of Sirach (48:1-4.9-11)

**T**hen the prophet Elijah arose like a fire, his word flaring like a torch. It was he who brought famine on them, and who decimated them in his zeal. By the word of the Lord, he shut up the heavens, he also, three times, brought down fire. How glorious you were in your miracles, Elijah! Has anyone reasons to boast as you have? - taken up in the whirlwind of fire, in a chariot with fiery horses; designated in the prophecies of doom to allay God's wrath before the fury breaks, to turn the hearts of fathers towards children, and to restore the tribes of Jacob. Happy shall they be who see you, and those who have fallen asleep in love.

The word of the Lord.

**Responsorial Psalm: Ps.79:2-3.15-16.18-19 (R.v.4)**

**Response: God of hosts, bring us back; let your face shine on us and we shall be saved.**

1. O shepherd of Israel, hear us, shine forth from your cherubim throne. O Lord, rouse up your might, O Lord, come to our help. (R.)

2. God of hosts, turn again, we implore, look down from heaven and see. Visit this vine and protect it, the vine your right hand has planted. (R.)

3. May your hand be on the man you have chosen, the man you have given your strength. And we shall never forsake you again: give us life that we may call upon your name. (R.)

**Alleluia, alleluia! Lk. 3:4.6**

**T**he day of the Lord is near. Look, he comes to save us. Alleluia!

## Gospel

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew (17:10-13)

**A**s they came down from the mountain the disciples put this question to Jesus, 'Why do the scribes say then that Elijah has to come first?' True; he replied 'Elijah is to come to see that everything is once more as it should be; however, I tell you that Elijah has come already and they did not recognise him but treated him as they pleased; and the Son of Man will suffer similarly at their hands.' The disciples understood then that he had been speaking of John the Baptist.

The Gospel of the Lord.

## Ihe Ogugu Nke Mbu

Ihe ogugu e wetara n'akwukwo Sirak .(48:1-4.9-11)

**O**ge ahụ ka onye amuma Elaija ji bilite ka oku na-enwu enwu. Okwu ya na-achawaputa ka ire oku. O weteere ha ugani. N'obiinuoku ya, o belatara onuogu ha. Site n'okwu nke Chineke, o mechiri eluigwe mmiri kwusi izo. Ugboro ato kwa ka o si n'elu kpodata oku. Elaija, i di ebube n'oru itunaanya gi, onye tosi inya isi dika i puru ime? Gi bukwaa onye oke ikuku nke oku bugoro n'elu; gi onye di nkwaadebe n'oge a kara, dika akwukwo nsọ siri kwu, ime ka iwe Chineke dajuo tupu oke amuma ebido; Hugharia obi ndi bu nna n'ebe umu ha no, ma dozie ebo Jekob niile di ka ha di na mbu. Ngozi na-adiiri ndi ahu ga-ahu gi, ya na ndi ahu ji ihunaanya daa n'ura nke onwu.

Okwu nke Oseburuwa.

**Abuoma na Aziza: Abu. 80:1-2.14-15.17-18 (Az.3)**

**Aziza: Chineke nke igwe ndiagha, kpochigha anyi azu, mee ka ihu gi chakwasa anyi, ka anyi wee nweta nzoputa.**

1. Gee nti, onye nche nke Izrel, Gi onye no n'ebe kachasi ihe niile elu. Onyenweanyi walite n'ike ebube Gi, bia nyere anyi aka. (Az.)

2. Chineke nke Igwe ndiagha, kpochigha anyi azu, si n'eluigwe ledata anya. Bia chekwaba mkpuru Vain a i ji aka gi kuo. (Az.)

3. Ka aka gi chekwaba nwoke ahụ i hooro, onye ahụ i nyere ike. Mgbe ahụ anyi agaghị agbakuta gi azu ozo; nye anyi ndu ka anyi were na-akpoku aha gi. (Az.)

**Alaluya, alaluya! Luk. 3:4.6**

**U**bochi Onyenweanyi guzooro nso. Lee, o na-abia izoputa ndi nke ya. Alaluya.

## Ozioma

Ihe ogugu nke a si n'Ozioma di aso nke Matiu dere (17:10-13)

**N**di na-eso uzo Jesu juru ya si, "Gini mere ndi odeakwukwo ji kwuo na Elaija ga-eburiri uzo bia?" Jesu zara ha si, 'N'ezie Elaija na-abia imezi ihe niile. Ma ana m agwa unu na Elaija abialariji, ma ha amataghị ya. Kama ha jiri ya mere ihe masiri ha. Otu ahukwa ka ha ga-esi taa Nwa nke mmadu ahuhu. Oge ahụ ka ndi na-eso uzo ya ji ghota na o na-ekwu maka Jon onye na-eme mmirichukwu.

29 Ozioma nke Oseburuwa.

### Prayer Over The Offerings

Look upon the sacrificial gifts we offer, almighty God, in commemoration of Saint John of the Cross and grant that we, who celebrate the mysteries of the Lord's Passion, may imitate what we now enact. Through Christ our Lord.

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### Communion Antiphon

Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me, says the Lord.

### Prayer After Communion

O God, who in Saint John have wonderfully made known the mystery of the Cross, graciously grant that, drawing strength from this sacrifice, we may cling faithfully to Christ and labour in the Church for the salvation of all. Through Christ our Lord.

### Ekpere Nhunye

Lekwasa onyinye aja ndi a anyi na-enye, Chineke ji ike niile, na ncheta nke Jón di aso nke Obe, ma mee ka anyi bu ndi na-eme mmemme ihe omimi ahụhụ nke Onyenweanyi, ñomie ihe ndi a anyi na-emenwo. Sitena Kristi Onyenweanyi.

### Ukwe Oriri Nso

Onye obula ga-eso m n'azu ga elozoo onwe ya, buru obe ya sobe m, Onyenweanyi na-ekwu.

### Ekpere A Natachaa Oriri Nso

O Chineke, onye sitere na Jón di aso were gosiputa n'uzo puru iche iheomimi nke Obe, were ebere mee ka, site na idoro ike n'ihe aja nke a, anyi akwudisie ike n'ilapado n'ime Kristi, ma rusikwaa oru ike n'ime Nzuko maka nzoputa nke mmadu niile. Sitena Kristi Dinwenu anyi.

## 3RD SUNDAY [GAUDETE] OF ADVENT (C) Office: Week 3 15 December 2024 [Nkwo] (Rose/Violet)

The three Readings of today (Gaudete Sunday) invite us to rejoice for the Lord is coming. In the First Reading, the people of Israel are called upon to give up fear and to rejoice, given that the Lord is in their midst to protect and renew them. The Responsorial Psalm joyfully acknowledges and exalts the Holy One of Israel. Similarly, for the Lord's coming, St Paul calls for joy in the Second Reading, exhorting his Philippine community to give up worry and to resort to prayer. In the Gospel, John the Baptist calls for ethical and moral preparations for the coming of the Lord who as Saviour and judge will baptize with the Holy Spirit and with fire to separate the wheat from the chaff.

### Entry Antiphon

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say, rejoice. Indeed, the Lord is near.

### Collect

O God, who see how your people faithfully await the feast of the Lord's Nativity, enable us, we pray, to attain the joys of so great a salvation, and to celebrate them always with solemn worship and glad rejoicing. Through our Lord.

### First Reading

A reading from the prophet Zephaniah (3:14-18)

Shout for joy, daughter of Zion, Israel, shout aloud! Rejoice, exult with all your heart, daughter of Jerusalem! The Lord has repealed your sentence; he has driven your enemies away. The Lord, the king of Israel, is in your midst; you have no more evil to fear. When that day comes, word will come to Jerusalem: Zion, have no fear, do not let your hands fall limp. The Lord your God is in your midst, and

### Ukwe Mbata

NUriwanu na Dinwenu oge niile. Agwa m unu ozo: ñuriwanu: Dinwenu no nso.

### Ekpere Mmeghe

Dinwenu Chineke anyi, lekwasanya bu umu Gi anyi, ndi ji okwukwe na-akwadowe maka obibja nke Nwa Gi Jesu Kristi. Biko, mee ka anyi were obi na-anu oku mgbe niile na-eme emume anuri nke a, wee soro nweta nnukwu anuri nke alaeze Gi. Sitena Dinwenu anyi.

### The Ogugu Nke Mbu

Ihe ogugu e wetara n'akwukwo onye amuma Zefanaya (3:14-18)

Kwesie ukwe ike, gi ada Zayon; tie mkpu, gi Izrel! Were obi gi niile ñuria ma goriwe, gi ada Jerusalem! Onyenweanyi akagbuola ikpe niile mara gi, O chupula ndi ro gi niile. Eze Izrel bu Oseburuwa no n'etiti gi, egwu ihe ojoo obula agaghi atu gi ozo. N'ubochi ahụ a ga-agwa Jerusalem si: "egwu atula gi, gi Zayon, ekwela ka aka gi adaa mba. Oseburuwa Chukwu gi no n'etiti

victorious warrior. He will exult with joy over you, he will renew you by his love; he will dance with shouts of joy for you as on a day of festival.

The word of the Lord.

**Responsorial Psalm: Is. 12:2-6 (R.v. 6)**

Response: Sing and shout for joy for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel.

1. Truly, God is my salvation, I trust, I shall not fear. For the Lord is my strength, my song, he became my saviour. With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation. (R.)

2. Give thanks to the Lord, give praise to his name! Declare the greatness of his name. (R.)

3. Sing a psalm to the Lord for he has done glorious deeds, make them known to all the earth! People of Zion, sing and shout for joy for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel. (R.)

**Second Reading**

A reading from the letter of St. Paul to the Philippians (4:4-7)

I want you to be happy, always happy in the Lord; I repeat, what I want is your happiness. Let your tolerance be evident to everyone: the Lord is very near. There is no need to worry; but if there is anything you need, pray for it, asking God for it with prayer and thanksgiving, and that peace of God, which is so greater than we can understand, will guard your hearts and your thoughts, in Christ Jesus.

The word of the Lord.

**Alleluia, alleluia! Lk 4:18**

The spirit of the Lord has been given to me. He has sent me to bring good news to the poor. Alleluia!

**Gospel**

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke (3:10-18)

When all the people asked John the Baptist, "What must we do, then?" he answered, "If anyone has two tunics he must share with the man who has none, and the one with something to eat must do the same." There were tax collectors too who came for baptism, and these said to him, "Master, what must we do?" He said to them, "Exact no more than your rate." Some soldiers asked him in their turn, "What about us? What must we do?" He said to them, "No intimidation! No extortion! Be content with your pay!"

gi, odogwu na-enye mmeri; o ga-eji obiuto n'uria na gi, o ga-emekwa ka i di ohuru n'ihunaanya ya, o ga-eji nnukwu ukwe gorie na gi dika ubochi emume.

Okwu nke Oseburuwa.

**Abuoma na Aziza: Aiz. 12:2-6 (Az.6)**

Aziza: Tisienụ mkpu ike, kweenụ ukwe oñu n'ihina onye nọ n'etiti unu bu nnukwu Onye Di Nso nke Izrel.

1. Lee, Chineke bu onye nzoputa m; enwere m nchekwube, egwu agaghi atu m; N'ihina Dinwenụ Chineke bu ike m na ukwe m, o bu onye nzoputa m." Unu ga-eji oñu kuru mmiri n'umị nke nzoputa. (Az.)

2. Nye Chineke ekele, kpokuonu aha ya, Meenu ka a mata aka oru ya n'ebe mba niile nọ, kwuputani na aha ya di elu (Az.)

3. Buoronu Oseburuwa abu oma, n'ihina o ruu otutu oru ebube; meenu ka a nu ya n'uru niile. Tisienụ mkpu ike, kweenụ ukwe oñu, unu ndi bi na Zayon, N'ihina onye nọ n'etiti unu bu nnukwu onye di nso nke Izrel. (Az.)

**Ihe Ogugu Nke Abu**

Ihe ogugu e wetara n'akwukwo Pol di aso degaara ndi Filipi (4:4-7)

N'urianu oñu n'ime Dinwenụ mgbe niile, N'ozokwa, n'urianu oñu. Meenu ka mmadu niile mara na unu nwere obioma. Dinwenụ nọ nso. Unu echegbula onwe unu gbasara ihe obula, kama n'ime niile, werenu ekpere, na ariri na ekele mee ka Chineke mara ihe na-akpa unu. Ka udo nke Chineke nke kariri nghota nke mmadu chebe obi unu na mmuo unu n'ime Jesu Kristi.

Okwu nke Oseburuwa.

**Alaluya, alaluya! Luk. 4:18**

Enyela m mmuo nke Onyenweanyi, n'ihina o teela m mmanu izi ndi ogbenye Ozioma. Alaluya!

**Ozioma**

Ihe ogugu nke a si n'Ozioma di aso nke Luk dere (3:10-18)

Igwemmadu juru Jon si "Oleekwanu ihe anyi ga-eme?" Ya azaa ha si "Onye nwere uwe abuo, ya nye onye na-enweghi otu, onye nwere ihe oniri ya mekwaa otu ahu." Ufodu ndi onautu biakwutekwa Jon ka e mee ha mmirichukwu juru ya si, "Onye inkuzi, oleekwanu ihe anyi ga-eme?" Ya azaa ha si, "Unu anala karia ihe iwu kwuru." Ufodu ndiagha jukwara si, "Olee ihe anyi ga-eme?" O zaa ha si, "Unu anala mmadu ihe ya n'ike, mobu site n'ibo ya ebubo ugha; ka afo ju unu n'ugwo oru unu."



A feeling of expectancy had grown among the people, who were beginning to think that John might be the Christ, so John declared before them all, "I baptise you with water, but someone is coming, someone who is more powerful than I am, and I am not fit to undo the strap of his sandals; he will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing-fan is in his hand to clear his threshing-floor and to gather the wheat into his barn; but the chaff he will burn in a fire that will never go out." As well as this, there were many other things he said to exhort the people and to announce the Good News to them. The Gospel of the Lord.

### Prayer Over The Offerings

**M**ay the sacrifice of our worship, Lord, we pray, be offered to you unceasingly, to complete what was begun in sacred mystery and powerfully accomplish for us your saving work. Through Christ our Lord.

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### Communion Antiphon

**S**ay to the faint of heart: Be strong and do not fear. Behold, our God will come, and he will save us.

### Prayer After Communion

**W**e implore your mercy, Lord, that this divine sustenance may cleanse us of our faults and prepare us for the coming feasts. Through Christ our Lord.



**Theme: Rejoice, for Your Lord and Saviour Comes!**

## 16 December [Eke] Monday, Week 3 of Advent (Violet)

### Entry Antiphon

**H**ear the word of the Lord, O nations; declare it to the distant lands: Behold, our Saviour will come; you need no longer fear.

### Collect

**I**ncline a merciful ear to our cry, we pray, O Lord, and casting light on the darkness of our hearts, visit us with the grace of your Son. Who lives and reigns...

### First Reading

A reading from the book of Numbers (24:2-7.15-17)

**R**aising his eyes Balaam saw Israel, encamped by tribes; the spirit of God

Ebe o bu na ndi mmadu no n'olileanya, mmadu niile na-atughari n'ime obi ha, ihe gbasara Jon, na-aju mobu ya bu Kristi ahu. Jon azaa ha si, "Eji m mmiri, eme unu mmirichukwu, ma onye ka m ike na-abia, onye m na-etosighi itopu eriri akpukpo ukwu ya. O ga-eji Mmuo Nso na oku mee unu mmirichukwu. O ji n'aka ya, myo o ji ayo oka, ka o wee yochachaa oka niile di n'ubi ya; kpobata ezi oka n'ime oha ya, were oku na-apughi imenyu emenyu rechapu afurifu oka." N'uzo di otu a Jon jiri okwu ndumodu di ichiiche zie ndi mmadu Ozioma. Ozioma nke Oseburuwa.

### Ekpere Nhunye

**O**nyenweanyi, biko nara onyinye ndi a anyi sitere n'ihe oma niile I nyere anyi were na-ebutere Gi. Otu I si eme ka ofufe anyi na-eke Gi n'elu uwa a na-adi ire, meekwa ka anyi nweta ugwo nke nzoputa ebighi ebi. Site na Kristi Dinwenụ anyi.

### Ukwe Oriri Nso

**O**nyenweanyi, were udo bia leta anyi, ka anyi were obi zuru oke n'irija n'ihu gi.

### Ekpere A Natachaa Oriri Nso

**B**iko Onyenweanyi, anyi na-ario Gi, mee ka ihe omimi nke a anyi na-anata ugboro ugboro nyere anyi aka n'uwa. Meekwa ka anyi bu ndi bi n'uwa nke a na-agafe agafe, nwee ihunaanya ugbo a maka ihe nke eluigwe, iji keta oke n'uwa ozo. Site na Kristi Onyenweanyi.

### Ukwe Mbata

**N**uru okwu nke Onyenweanyi, unu nmba niile, kwuputana ya rue na nsotu uwa niile. Lee, Onye nzoputa anyi anorola nso: egwu atula unu ozo.

### Ekpere Mmeghe

**C**hee nti ebere na mkpu akwa anyi, anyi na-Ario, O Onyenweanyi, ma ka i na-achakwasi ihe n'ochichiri nke obi anyiga, bia were amara nke Nwa gi zute anyi. Gi Onye di ndu na-achi.

### Ihe Ogugu nke Mbu

Ihe ogugu e wetara n'akwukwo Onuogugu (24:2-7.15-17)

**B**alaam chere ihu n'ikpa, hu ndi Izrel ka ha no n'agburu n'agburu. Mmuo nke

came on him and he declaimed his poem. He said: 'The oracle of Balaam son of Beor, the oracle of the man with far-seeing eyes, the oracle of one who hears the word of God. He sees what Shaddai makes him see, receives the divine answer, and his eyes are opened. How fair are your tents, O Jacob! How fair your dwellings, Israel! Like valleys that stretch afar, like gardens by the banks of a river, like aloes planted by the Lord, like cedars beside the waters! A hero arises from their stock, he reigns over countless peoples. His king is greater than Agag, his majesty is exalted.' Then Balaam declaimed his poem. He said: 'The oracle of Balaam son of Beor, the oracle of the man with far-seeing eyes, the oracle of one who hears the word of God, of one who knows the knowledge of the Most High. He sees what Shaddai makes him see, receives the divine answer, and his eyes are opened. I see him - but not in the present, I behold him - but not close at hand: a star from Jacob takes the leadership, a sceptre arises from Israel.'

The word of the Lord.

#### **Responsorial Psalm: Ps.24:4-9.(R.v.4)**

**Response: Lord, make me know your ways.**

1. Lord, make me know your ways. Lord, teach me your paths. Make me walk in your truth, and teach me: for you are God my saviour. (R.)
2. Remember your mercy, Lord, and the love you have shown from of old. In your love remember me, because of your goodness, O Lord. (R.)
3. The Lord is good and upright. He shows the path to those who stray, he guides the humble in the right path; he teaches his way to the poor. (R.)

#### **Alleluia, alleluia! Ps. 84:8**

**L**et us see, O Lord, your mercy and give us your saving help. Alleluia!

#### **Gospel**

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew (21:23-27)

**J**esus had gone into the Temple and was teaching, when the chief priests and the elders of the people came to him and said, 'What authority have you for acting like this? And who gave you this authority?' 'And Jesus replied 'I will ask you a question, only one; if you tell me

Chineke dakwasiri ya, o wee buo amuma nke a si: Ozi Balam nwa Beo, okwu nwoke ahụ nke na-ekwu ihe miri emi. Nke puru inuzu ihe Chineke na-ekwu. Eji m anya na-eke gbaa na-ahụ ohu nke si n'aka Chineke nke puru ime ihe niile. Uloikwu ndi Izrel mara mma nke ukwu, dika igu nkwa nke a turu n'ogbara di ogologo mobu dika ubi nke a kuru n'akuku osimiri, dika achara aloos nke Chineke kuru, mobu osisi sida nke na-eto n'akuku iyi! Mmiri ga-ezoro ha hie nne, si n'ite mmiri ha na-awusi. Ha ga-aghakwa mkpuru n'ubi ha nke mmiri dere nke oma. Eze ha ga-adị elu kara Agag. A ga-ebuli alaeze ya elu. Mgbe ahu o bukwara amuma nke a, si: Ozi Balam nwa Beo, okwu nwoke ahụ nke na-ahụ ihe di omimi, onye puru inuzu ihe Chineke na-ekwu, onye maara nzube nke Onye Kacha Elu, eji m anya na-eke gbaa na ahụ ohu nke si n'aka Chineke nke puru ime ihe niile. Ana m ahụ mba Izrel n'ogologo afọ ndi na-abianu. Otu eze ga-esi na mba ahụ waputa, dika kpakpando na-eke gbaa. Eze ahụ ga-esi n'Izrel waa dika onwa. O ga-ejikwa mkpara ya si n'akuku tigbuo ndi ndu Moab niile, were kwa ike ya tidaa ndi Set na nganga ha niile. Okwu nke Oseburuwa.

#### **Abuoma na Aziza: Abu.25:4-9.(Az.4)**

**Aziza: Mee ka m mata ụzọ gi, O Onyenweanyi.**

1. Mee ka m mata ụzọ gi, O Onyenweanyi. Kuziere m ụzọ gi. Dube m n'ụzọ eziokwu gi, ma kuziberē m, n'ihina o bu gi bu Chineke onye nzoputa m. (Az.)
2. Cheta ebere gi, O Onyenweanyi, Chetakwa ihunaanya gi na-enweghi ube nke i gosiri sitena mgbe ochie. Cheta m n'ihunaanya gi n'ihidi mma gi, O Onyenweanyi. (Az.)
3. Onyenweanyi di mma, burukwa onye ezimume, O na-akuziri ndi mmehie ụzọ. O na-eduzi ndi umeala n'ihie niile kwu otu, O na-akuziri ndi ogbenye ụzọ ya. (Az.)

#### **Aleluya, aleluya! Abu. 85:7**

**O**nyenweanyi, mee ka anyi hu ebere Gi. Nyekwa anyi enyemaka nzoputa Gi. Aleluya!

#### **Ozioma**

Ihe ogugu nke a si n'Ozioma di aso nke Matiu dere (21:23-27)

**M**gbe Jesu batara n'ulonso, ndi isi nchujaja na ndi okenye ndi Juu biakwutere ya ka o no na-akuzi nkuzi juo ya si, "Olee ike i ji eme ihe ndi a niile, onye nyere gi ike a?" Jesu zara ha si, "Aga m ajukwa unu otu ajuju. O buru na unu zaa m ya, aga m agwa unu ike m ji eme ihe ndi a

the answer to it, I will tell you my authority for acting like this. John's baptism: where did it come from: heaven or man?" And they argued it out this way among themselves, 'If we say from heaven, he will retort, "Then why did you refuse to believe him?"; But if we say from man, we have the people to fear, for they all hold that John was a prophet.' So their reply to Jesus was, 'We do not know.' And he retorted, 'Nor will I tell you my authority for acting like this.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

### Prayer Over The Offerings

**A**cept, we pray, O Lord, these offerings we make, gathered from among your gifts to us, and may what you grant us to celebrate devoutly here below gain for us the prize of eternal redemption. Through Christ our Lord.

### Communion Antiphon

**C**ome, O Lord, visit us in peace, that we may rejoice before you with a blameless heart.

### Prayer After Communion

**M**ay these mysteries, O Lord, in which we have participated, profit us, we pray, for even now, as we walk amid passing things, you teach us by them to love the things of heaven and hold fast to what endures. Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

## 17 December [Orie] Tuesday, Week 3 of Advent (Violet)

### Entry Antiphon

**R**ejoice, O heavens, and exult, O earth, for our Lord will come to show mercy to his poor.

### Collect

**O** God, Creator and Redeemer of human nature, who willed that your Word should take flesh in an ever-virgin womb, look with favour on our prayers, that your Only Begotten Son, having taken to himself our humanity, may be pleased to grant us a share in his divinity. Who lives and reigns with you.

### First Reading

A reading from the book of Genesis (49:2.8-10)  
**J**acob called his sons and said, 'Gather round, sons of Jacob, and listen; listen to Israel your father. Judah, your brothers shall praise you: you grip your enemies by the neck, your father's sons shall do you homage, Judah is a

niile. Ebee ka mmirichukwu nke Jon si? O si n'eluigwe ka o si n'aka mmadu?" Ha bidoro ruritaba uka n'etiti onwe ha na-asi, "O buru na anyi ekwuo si, o si n'eluigwe; o ga-aju anyi si; gini mere unu ejighi kwenye na ya. Ma o buru na anyi si na, o si n'aka mmadu, ujo ihe ndi mmadu ga-eme na-atu anyi n'ihina onye obula kwere na Jon bu onyeamuma." Ha zara Jesu si, "Anyi amaghi." Jesu asi ha, "Mu onwe m agaghikwa agwa unu ike m ji eme ihe ndi a niile. Ozioma nke Oseburuwa.

### Ekpere Nhunye

**N**ara, anyi na-ario, O Onyenweanyi, Onyinye ndiaga anyi na-enye, ndi anyi si n'onyinye giga kpokoba, ma mee ka ihe ndi I nyegara anyi iji nsopuru eme mmemme ha ugbo a chutere anyi ugwo nzoputa di ebighiebi. Sitena Kristi Onyenweanyi.

### Ukwe Oriri Nso

**B**ia, O Onyenweanyi, were udo zute anyi, ka anyi were jiri obi enweghi uta nrija n'ihu gi.

### Ekpere ANatachaa Oriri Nso

**K**a iheomimi ndiaga, O Onyenweanyi, ndi anyi ketarala oke n'ime ha baara anyi uru, anyi na-ario, n'ihina obulaadi ugbo a, ka anyi siga n'etiti ihe ndi na-agafe agafe aga njem, I na-esi na ha akuziri anyi ihuga ihe nke eluigwe n'anya, ma jidesie aka ike n'ihie nke na-anogidekwa. Gi Onye di ndu na-achi, ebighiebi ebighiebi.

### Ukwe Mbata

**K**a igwe nrija, ka uwa tikue mkpu onu, n'ihie na Onyenweanyi ga-abia igosi ebere n'ebe ndi ogbenye ya no.

### Ekpere Mmeghe

**O** Chineke, Onye Okike na Onye Nzoputa nke ekerechi mmadu, onye o masiri na Okwu ya ga-ewere ahu n'afu Vejini-di-okpu, were ebere lekwasị anya n'ariri anyi, ka Otu Nwa I muru naani ya, ketarala oke n'udi mmadu anyi, nwee mmasiri ikenye anyi oke udi ya ka Chukwu. Onye di ndu na-achi.

### he Ogugu nke Mbụ

Ihe ogugu e wetara n'akwukwo Jenesis (49:2.8-10)

**N**oruwenu m okirikiri umu Jekob; ka unu gee nna unu Izrel nti. Juda, umunne gi ga-eto gi; aka gi ka i ga-eji dogbuo ndiio gi niile. Umunna gi ga-asopuru gi. Juda, i bu

lion cub, you climb back, my son, from your kill; like a lion he crouches and lies down, or a lioness: who dare rouse him? The sceptre shall not pass from Judah, nor the mace from between his feet, until he come to whom it belongs, to whom the peoples shall render obedience.'

The word of the Lord.

**Responsorial Psalm: Ps. 71:1-4.7-8.17. (R.v.7)**

**Response: In his days justice shall flourish and peace till the moon fails**

1. O God, give your judgement to the king, to a king's son your justice, that they may judge your people in justice and your poor in right judgement. (R.)

2. May the mountains bring forth peace for the people and the hills, justice. May he defend the poor of the people and save the children of the needy. (R.)

3. In his days justice shall flourish and peace till the moon fails. He shall rule from sea to sea, from the Great River to earth's bounds. (R.)

4. May his name be blessed for ever and endure like the sun. Every tribe shall be blessed in him, all nations bless his name. (R.)

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

**W**isdom of the Most High, ordering all things with strength and gentleness, come and teach us the way of truth. Alleluia!

**Gospel**

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew (1:1-17)

**A** genealogy of Jesus Christ, son of David, son of Abraham: Abraham was the father of Isaac, Isaac the father of Jacob, Jacob the father of Judah and his brothers, Judah was the father of Perez and Zerah, Tamar being their mother, Perez was the father of Hezron, Hezron the father of Ram, Ram was the father of Amminadab, Amminadab the father of Nahshon, Nahshon the father of Salmon, Salmon was the father of Boaz, Rahab being his mother, Boaz was the father of Obed, Ruth being his mother, Obed was the father of Jesse; and Jesse was the father of King David. David was the father of Solomon, whose mother had been Uriah's wife, Solomon was the father of Rehoboam, Rehoboam the father of Abijah, Abijah the father of Asa, Asa was the father of Jehoshaphat, Jehoshaphat the father of

nwa odum. Site n'igbu anu oriri, nwa m, i gbagoliitela. O hulatarala ala; o dina n'ala ka odum, dika nne odum; kedụ onye nwere ike imesu ya? Mkpapa ochichi agaghị apụ na Juda. Ụmụụmụ ya ga na-achi mgbe niile.

Okwu nke Oseburuwa.

**Abuoma na Aziza: Abu.72:1-4.7-8.17 (Az.7)**

**Aziza: N'oge ya eziumume ga-achawaputa, udo ga-adikwa ruo na njedebe nke uwa**

1. Nye eze ikpe nkwo mọtọ gi, O Chineke, nyekwa nwa eze eziumume nke gi Ka o were nwee ike ichi ndi nke gi n'uzo ziri ezi, nye kwa ndi ogbenye ikpe ziri ezi. (Az.)

2. Ka ugwu ukwu wetara ndi nke gi udo, ka ugwu nta wetara ha ikpemkwumoto. Ka o zoputa ndi ogbenye, gbaputakwa umu ndi no na mkpa. (Az.)

3. N'oge ya eziumume ga-achawaputa, udo ga-adikwa ruo na njedebe nke uwa. Alaeze ya ga-esi n'osimiri ruo n'osimiri, bidọ na mmiri ruo n'isi ngwucha nke uwa. (Az.)

4. Ngozi diiri aha ya ebeebe, ka o digide dika anyanwu, ka agburu niile di n'uwa nweta ngozi na ya, ka mba niile kpoo ya onye di ngozi. (Az.)

**Alaluya, alaluya!**

**A**mamihe nke Onye Kasi Elu, Onye ji Aike na idinwayo ahazi ihe dum, bia kuziere anyi uzo nke eziokwu. Alaluya!

**Ozioma**

Ihe ogugu nke a si n'ozoma di aso nke Matiu dere (1:1-17)

**N**ke a bu usoro agburu Jesu Kristi, nwa Devid onye si n'agburu Abraham. Abraham muru Aizik, Aizik amuta Jekob, Jekob wee muta Juda na umunne ya. Juda mutara Perez na Zera ndi nne ha bu Tama, Perez amuta Hezron; Hezron wee muta Ram, Ram mutara Aminadab, Aminadab amuta Nashon, Nashon wee muta Salmon. Salmon mutara Boaz onye nne ya bu Rahab, Boaz amuta Obed onye nne ya bu Rut, Obed wee muta Jese, Onye bu nna eze Devid. Devid mutara Solomon site n'aka nwunye Uria. Solomon mutara Rehoboam, Rehoboam amuta Abija, Abija wee muta Asa, Asa mutara Jehoshafat, Jehoshafat amuta Joram, Joram amuta Uziya, Uziya mutara Jotam, Jotam amuta Ahaz, Ahaz wee muta Hezekaya, Hezekaya mutara Manase,



Joram, Joram the father of Azariah, Azariah was the father of Jotham, Jotham the father of Ahaz, Ahaz the father of Hezekiah, Hezekiah was the father of Manasseh, Manasseh the father of Amon, Amon the father of Josiah; and Josiah was the father of Jechoniah and his brothers. Then the deportation to Babylon took place. After the deportation to Babylon: Jechoniah was the father of Shealtiel, Shealtiel the father of Zerubbabel, Zerubbabel was the father of Abiud, Abiud the father of Eliakim, Eliakim the father of Zadok, Zadok the father of Achim, Achim the father of Eliud, Eliud was the father of Eleazar, Eleazar the father of Matthan, Matthan the father of Jacob; and Jacob was the father of Joseph the husband of Mary; of her was born Jesus who is called Christ. The sum of generations is therefore: fourteen from Abraham to David; fourteen from David to the Babylonian deportation; and fourteen from the Babylonian deportation to Christ.

The Gospel of the Lord.

### Prayer Over The Offerings

**S**anctify these gifts of your Church, O Lord, and grant that through these venerable mysteries we may be nourished with the bread of heaven. Through Christ our Lord.

### Communion Antiphon

**B**ehold, the Desired of all the nations will come, and the house of the Lord will be filled with glory.

### Prayer After Communion

**N**ourished by these divine gifts, Almighty God, we ask you to grant our desire: that, aflame with your Spirit, we may shine like bright torches before your Christ when he comes. Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

Manase amuta Emon, Emon wee muta Josaya, onye nke mutara Jekonaya na umunne ya, n'oge a dokpuuru umu Izrel n'agha jee Babilon. Mgbe a dotachara umu Izrel n'agha jee Babilon, Jekonaya mutara Shealtiel, Shealtiel, wee muta Zerubabel, Zerubabel mutara Abiud, Abiud amuta Eliakim, Eliakim wee muta Azo, Azo mutara Zadok, Zadok amuta Akim, Akim wee muta Eliud, Eliud mutara Elieza, Elieza amuta Matan, Matan wee muta Jekob. Jekob mutara Josef di Maria bu nne Jesu, onye a na-akpo Kristi.

Ya mere ogbo niile nke umu Izrel site n'Abraham ruo na Devid di ogbo iri na ano. Site n'oge nke Devid ruo n'oge a dokpuuru umu Izrel n'agha Babilon di ogbo iri na ano. Site na mgbe a dokpuuru umu Izrel n'agha jee Babilon ruo n'omumu Kirsti di ogbo iri na ano. Ozioma nke Oseburuwa.

### Ekpere Nhunye

**D**oo onyinye Nzuko gi nso, O Onyenweanyi, ma site na iheomimi ndi a di ebube mee ka e were achicha nke eluigwe zuo anyi. Sitena Kristi Onyenweanyi.

### Ukwe Oriri Nso

**L**ee, Onye ahụ uwa niile na-achọ ga-Labia; ulo nke Onyenweanyi ga-ejuputa n'ebube.

### Ekpere ANatachaa Oriri Nso

**E**be anyi nwetara ozuzu onyinye ndi a si n'igwe, Chineke ji ike niile, anyi na-arịo ka I meere anyi ihe anyi na-achọ: ka o ga-abu anyi na-anu oku site na Muo Nso, anyi ewere egbukesi ka mmuoku n'ihu Kristi gi oge o ga-abia. Onye di ndu na-achi.

## 18 December [Afor] Wednesday, Week 3 of Advent (Violet)

### Entry Antiphon

**C**hrist our king is near at hand, the Lamb of God whom John proclaimed.

### Collect

**G**rant, we pray, almighty God, that we who are weighed down from old by slavery beneath the yoke of sin, may be set free by the newness of the long-awaited Nativity of your Only Begotten Son. Who lives and reigns with you.

### Ukwe Mbata

**K**risti Eze anyi anorola nso, Nwaturu Chineke onye Jon kwuputara.

### Ekpere Mmeghe

**M**ee, anyi na-arịo, Chineke ji ike niile, ka anyi bu ndi o na-anyida n'ala site na mgbe ochie bu ohu n'okpuru uyogbe mmehie, nwere onwe ha site na ndu ohuru nke Omumu anyi na-atu anya ya bu Otu Nwa I Muru Naani Ya. Gi onye di ndu na-achi.

## First Reading

A reading from the prophet Jeremiah (23:5-8)

**S**ee, the days are coming - it is the Lord who speaks - when I will raise a virtuous Branch for David, who will reign as true king and be wise, practising honesty and integrity in the land. In his days Judah will be saved and Israel dwell in confidence. And this is the name he will be called: The Lord-our-integrity.

‘So, then, the days are coming - it is the Lord who speaks - when people will no longer say, “As the Lord lives who brought the sons of Israel out of the land of Egypt!” But, “As the Lord lives who led back and brought home the descendants of the House of Israel out of the land of the North and from all the countries to which he had dispersed them, to live on their own soil.”’

The word of the Lord.

**Responsorial Psalm: Ps. 71:1-2.12-13.18-19. (R.v.7)**

Response: **In his days justice shall flourish and peace till the moon fails**

1. O God, give your judgement to the king, to a king's son your justice, that he may judge your people in right judgement. (R.)

2. For he shall save the poor when they cry and the needy who are helpless. He will have pity on the helpless. He will have pity on the weak and save the lives of the poor. (R.)

3. Blessed be the Lord, God of Israel, who alone works wonders, ever blessed his glorious name. Let his glory fill the earth. Amen! Amen! (R.)

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

**R**uler of the House of Israel, who gave the law to Moses on Sinai, come and save us with outstretched arm. Alleluia!

## Gospel

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew (1:18-24)

**T**his is how Jesus Christ came to be born. His mother Mary was betrothed to Joseph, but before they came to live together she was found to be with child through the Holy Spirit. Her husband Joseph, being a man of honour and wanting to spare her publicity, decided to divorce her informally. He had made up his mind to do this when the angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said,

## Ihe Ogugu Nke Mbu

Ihe ogugu e wetara n'onye amuma Jeremaya (23:5-8)

**L**ee ubochi ahụ adila nso, Dinwenu na-ekwu, oge m ga-akpalitere Devid Alaka nke eziumume, onye ga-achi ochichi ka eze, marakwa ihe, ma na-ekpekwa ikpe nkwmoto na eziumume n'ala ahụ. N'ubochi ahụ Juda ga-enwe nzoputa, Izrel ga-ebikwa n'udo. Nke a bụ aha a ga-akpo ya: Dinwenu bụ onye eziumume anyi.

‘Lee, ubochi ahụ na-abia, Onyenweanyi na-ekwu, oge ndi mmadu agaghikwa anu iyi na-asi, ‘N’aha nke Oseburuwa onye gbaputara ndi Izrel n’obodo Ijipt, kama ha ga na-asi: ‘N’aha nke Oseburuwa di ndu, onye siri na mba ugwu, na mba di icheiche nke uwa, ebe a dogachara ndi nke ya n’agha kpolata ha. Mgbe ahụ, ha ga-ebi n’ala nke ha.’ Okwu nke Oseburuwa.

**Abuoma na Aziza: Abu.72:1-2.12-13.18-19 (Az.7)**

**Aziza: N’oge ya eziumume ga-achawaputa, udo ga-adikwa ruo na njedebere uwa**

1. Nye eze ikpe nkwmoto gi, O Chineke, nyekwa nwa eze eziumume nke gi, ka o were nwee ike ichi ndi nke gi n’uzo ziri ezi, nyekwa ndi ogbenye ikpe ziri ezi. (Az.)

2. O ga-atohapu onye ogbenye kpokuru ya, na ndi niile choro enyemaka ya. O ga-emere ndi ogbenye na ndi esighi ike ebere, na azokwa ndu ndi no na mkpa. (Az.)

3. Ngozi diri Onyenweanyi, Chineke nke Izrel, onye na-arụ ọrụ ebube ndi a. Ngozi diri aha ya di otito ebeebe, ka uwa niile juputa n’otito ya! Amen. Amen! (Az.)

**Alaluya, alaluya!**

**O**nye ndu nke Ulo Izrel, onye nyere Mosis iwu na Sinai, setia aka gi bia zoputa anyi. Alaluya!

## Ozioma

Ihe ogugu nke a si n’Ozioma di aso nke Matiu dere (1:18-24)

**O**tu a ka e siri muo Jesu Kristi: Mgbe ndi ikwunibe kwekoritara na Josef ga-ali Maria nne Jesu, a huru na Maria di ime site na Mmuo Nso tupu ha ebikoo onu. Mana di ya bu Josef, bu onye eziumume, o choghi imenye ya ihere kama o kpebiri ichu ya na nzuzo. Mgbe o na-atule ihe ndi a n’obi ya, mmuooma nke Onyenweanyi biakwutere ya na nro, si ya, “Josef, nwa Devid, atula egwu ikporo Maria

‘Joseph son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary home as your wife, because she has conceived what is in her by the Holy Spirit. She will give birth to a son and you must name him Jesus, because he is the one who is to save his people from their sins.’ Now all this took place to fulfil the words spoken by the Lord through the prophet: The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son and they will call him Emmanuel, a name which means ‘God-is-with-us’. When Joseph woke up he did what the angel of the Lord told him to do: he took his wife to his home.

The Gospel of the Lord

### Prayer Over The Offerings

**M**ay the sacrifice to be offered to you, O Lord, make us acceptable to your name, that we may merit for all eternity to be the companions of Christ, by whose Death our own mortality was healed. Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

### Communion Antiphon

**H**is name will be called Emmanuel, which means God-with-us.

### Prayer After Communion

**M**ay we receive your mercy in the midst of your temple, O Lord, and show fitting honour to the coming solemnities of our redemption. Through Christ our Lord.

nwunye gi, n’ihina nwa o di ime ya sitere n’ike nke Mmuo Nso. O ga-amu nwa nwoke, i ga-agu ya Jesu, n’ihina o ga-azoputa ndi nke ya na njo ha niile. Ihe niile ndi a mere iji mejuputa ihe Dinwenụ kwuru site n’olu onye amuma si: “Lee, otu nwaagbogho na-amaghi nwoke ga-adi ime, muta nwa-nwoke. A ga-agu ya Imanuel” nke putara, Chineke nonyeere anyi. Ya mere, mgbe Josef tetara n’ura, o mere dika mmuooma nke Onyenweanyi gwara ya, were kporo Maria nwunye ya. Ha enweghi mmeko di na nwunye obula, o wee muta nwa nwoke. Josef aguo ya Jesu.

Ozioma nke Oseburuwa.

### Ekpere Nhunye

**K**a aja nke a na-achunyere gi, O Dinwenụ, mee ka a nabata anyi n’ihi aha gi, ka anyi were kwesi okputorokpu ibu ndi enyi Kristi, onye ahụ anyi puru inwu anwu nwetara ogwugwo site n’Onwu ya. Onye di ndu na-achi.

### Ukwe Oriri Nso

**A**ha a ga-akpo ya bu Imanuel, nke loro Chukwu nonyeere anyi.

### Ekpere A Natachaa Oriri Nso

**G**osi anyi ebere gi, Onyenweanyi, n’ime Gebe obibi gi, ma nyere anyi aka iji nsopuru akwado maka oriri obibia nke nzoputa anyi. Sitena Kristi Onyenweanyi.

## 19 December [Nkwo] Thursday, Week 3 of Advent (Violet)

### Entry Antiphon

**H**e who is to come will come and will not delay, and now there will be no fear within our land, for he is our Saviour.

### Collect

**O** God, who through the child-bearing of the holy Virgin graciously revealed the radiance of your glory to the world, grant, we pray, that we may venerate with integrity of faith the mystery of so wondrous an Incarnation and always celebrate it with due reverence. Through our Lord.

### First Reading

A reading from the book of Judges (13:2-7. 24-25)

**T**here was a man of Zorak of the tribe of Dan, called Manoah. His wife was barren, she had borne no children. The angel of the Lord appeared to this woman and said to her, ‘you are barren and have had no child. But from now on,

### Ukwe Mbata

**O**nye nke na-abia ga-abia na-egbughi oge, ma ugbo a, a gaghi enwezi egwu n’ala anyi, n’ihi na o bu Onye Nzoputa anyi.

### Ekpere Mmeghe

**O** Chineke, onye sitere n’imu nwa nke Vejin di ngozi ji afooma kpugheere uwa ebube nke otito gi, mee, anyi na-ario, ka anyi were ozuzu nke okwukwe akporo iheomimi di oke itunaanya nke Iwerahu isiala, ma were nsopuru na-eme mmemme ya. Site na Dinwenụ anyi.

### Ihe Ogugu Nke Mbụ

Ihe ogugu e wetara n’akwukwo Ndiikpe (13:2-7.24-25)

**N**a mgbe ahụ, e enwere onye obodo Zora, aha ya bu Manoa. Nwoke ahụ bukwa onye agburu Dan. Nwunye ya bu nwaanyi aga. Mana mmuooma Oseburuwa wee biakwute nwaanyi ahụ si ya, “I bu nwaanyi aga, na-

take care. Take no wine or strong drink, and eat nothing unclean. For you will conceive and bear a son. No razor is to touch his head, for the boy shall be God's nazirite from his mother's womb. It is he who will begin to rescue Israel from the power of the Phillistines.' Then the woman went and told her husband, 'a man of God has just come to me; his presence was like the presence of the angel of God, he was so majestic. I did not ask him where he came from, and he did not reveal his name to me. But he said to me, "you will conceive and bear a son. From now on, take no wine or strong drink, and eat nothing unclean. For the boy shall be God's nazirite from his mother's womb to his dying day."

The woman gave birth to a son and called him Samson. The child grew, and the Lord blessed him and the spirit of the Lord began to move him.  
The word of the Lord.

### **Responsorial Psalm: Ps. 70:3-6. 16-17 (R.v. 8)**

**Response: My lips are filled with your praise, with your glory all the day long.**

1. Be a rock where I can take refuge, a mighty stronghold to save me; for you are my rock, my stronghold. Free me from the hand of the wicked. (R)

2. It is you, O Lord, who are my hope, my trust, O Lord, since my youth. On you I have leaned from my birth, from my mother's womb you have been my help. (R)

3. I will declare the Lord's mighty deeds proclaiming your justice, yours alone. O God, you have taught me from my youth and I proclaim your wonders still. (R)

### **Alleluia, alleluia!**

**R**oot of Jesse, set up as a sign to the people, come to save us and delay no more. Alleluia!

### **Gospel**

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke (1:5-25)

**I**n the days of king Herod of Judaea there lived a priest called Zechariah who belonged to the Abijah section of the priesthood, and he had a wife, Elizabeth by name, who was a descendant of Aaron. Both were worthy in the sight of God, and scrupulously observed all the commandments and observances of the Lord. But they were childless: Elizabeth was barren

enweghi nwa. Ma n'oge a, i ga-aturu ime, muo nwa nwoke. Ya mere, lezie anya, ka i ghara inu mmanya oku obula, mobu ihe onunu obula na-aba n'anya, mobu iri ihe obula ruru aru. Mgbe i mutara nwa nwoke ahu, aguba obula agaghị aga ya n'isi. N'ihina site n'ubochi a muru ya, a ga-edoro ya Chineke nso ibu onye Nazirait. O ga-amalitekwa oru inaputa ndi Izrel n'aka ndi Filistia. Nwaanyi ahu wee gaa, gwa di ya si, "Onye nke Chineke biakwutere m. O dika mmuooma Chineke, na-atu egwu. Ajughị m ya ebe o siri bia, O gwaghikwa m aha ya. Mana o gwara m na m ga-aturu ime, muo nwa nwoke. O gwakwara m ka m ghara inu mmanya oku obula, mobu ihe onunu obula na-aba n'anya, mobu rie ihe obula ruru aru. N'ihina a ga-edoro Chineke nwa ahu nso na ndu ya niile."

Nwaanyi ahu mutara nwa nwoke, kpoo aha ya Samsin. Nwata ahu tolitere. Onyenweanyi gozikwara ya. Mmuo nke Onyenweanyi wee bido ikwalite ike Samsin.

Okwu nke Oseburuwa.

### **Abuoma na Aziza: Abu. 71:3-6.16-17.(Az.8)**

**Aziza: Onu m juputara n'otito nke gi ogologo ubochi niile.**

1. Buru okwute nke mgbaba m, mgbidi aja nke ga-azoputa m! N'ihina i bu okwute m, na nchedo m. Chineke m, zoputa m n'aka ndi ajo mmadu. (Az.)

2. N'ihina so gi, Onyenweanyi bu nchekwube m, Onyenweanyi, echekwubere m na gi bido na mgbe m di n'okorobia, Atukwasara m gi obi bido na mgbe a muru m, I buru oke nke m site n'afu nne m. (Az.)

3. Aga m abia n'ike nke Onyenweanyi, wee cheta ikpe nkwmoto gi, sooso nke gi. O Chineke, I kuziiri m bido na nwata m, aga m na-ekwuputa oru ebube gi. (Az.)

### **Aléluya, aléluya!**

**M**gborogwu Jesse eweputara ka akara nye ndi mmadu, bia zoputa anyi. E gbula oge. Aléluya!

### **Ozioma**

Ihe ogugu nke a si n'Ozioma di aso nke Luk dere(1:5-25)

**N**'oge Eze Herod na-achi ala Judia niile, e nwere otu onye nchujaja aha ya bu Zekaria. O so n'otu ndi ojeozu nke Abija. O nwere nwunye aha ya bu Elizabet, onye si n'agburu Eron, onyeisi nchujaja. Di na nwunye a bu ndi ezionume n'ihu Chineke. Ha na-edobe iwu niile na ukpuru niile nke Onyenweanyi, n'enweghi ntupo. Ma ha



and they were both getting on in years.

Now it was the turn of Zechariah's section to serve, and he was exercising his priestly office before God when it fell to him by lot, as the ritual custom was, to enter the Lord's sanctuary and burn incense there. And at the hour of incense the whole congregation was outside, praying.

Then there appeared to him the angel of the Lord, standing on the right of the altar of incense. The sight disturbed Zechariah and he was overcome with fear. But the angel said to him, 'Zechariah, do not be afraid, your prayer has been heard. Your wife Elizabeth is to bear you a son and you must name him John. He will be your joy and delight and many will rejoice at his birth, for he will be great in the sight of the Lord; he must drink no wine, no strong drink. Even from his mother's womb he will be filled with the Holy Spirit, and he will bring back many of the sons of Israel to the Lord their God. With the spirit and power of Elijah, he will go before him to turn the hearts of fathers towards their children and the disobedient back to the wisdom that the virtuous have, preparing for the Lord a people fit for him.' Zechariah said to the angel, 'How can I be sure of this? I am an old man and my wife is getting on in years.' The angel replied, 'I am Gabriel who stand in God's presence, and I have been sent to speak to you and bring you this good news. Listen! Since you have not believed my words, which will come true at their appointed time, you will be silenced and have no power of speech until this has happened.' Meanwhile the people were waiting for Zechariah and were surprised that he stayed in the sanctuary so long. When he came out he could not speak to them, and they realized that he had received a vision in the sanctuary. But he could only make signs to them, and remained dumb.

When his time of service came to an end he returned home. Some time later his wife Elizabeth conceived, and for five months she kept to herself. 'The Lord had done this to me' she said 'now that it has pleased him to take away the humiliation I suffered among men.' The Gospel of the Lord.

### Prayer Over The Offerings

Look with favour, we pray, O Lord, on the offerings we lay upon your altars, that what we bring despite our weakness may be sanctified by your power. Through Christ our Lord.

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amutaghi nwa, n'ihina Elizabet bu nwaanyi aga. Ya na di ya emekwaala agadi.

Mgbe Zekaria no na-eje ozi n'ihu Chineke oge ndi otu ya ketara iga ozi, ka usoro omenaala ndi nchujaja si di, o manyeere Zekaria ibanye ebe nchujaja di n'ulonso nke Chineke kpoo mgbaisiona oku. Oha ndi Juu niile no n'ezi na-ekpe ekpere n'oge aja mgbaisiona ahụ. N'ebe ahụ ka mmuooma nke Oseburuwa biakwutere ya, guzoro n'aka nri nke ekwajaja mgbaisiona ahụ. Mgbe Zekaria huru ya, obi mmapu na ujo jidere ya. Ma mmuooma ahụ siriri ya. "Atula egwu, Zekaria n'ihina a nula ekpere gi; Elizabet nwunye gi ga-amutara gi nwa nwoke. I ga-akpokwa ya Jon. I ga-enwe onu na obi uto; Otutu mmadu ga-enwe anuri n'omumu ya; n'ihina o ga-abu onye di ukwu n'ihu Chineke. O gaghi anu mimanya obula mobu ihe onunu obula na-egbu egbu. O ga-ejuputakwa na Mmuo Nso o buladi site n'afo nne ya. O ga-eme ka otutu umu Izrel loghachiazu n'ebe Chukwu ha no. O ga-aga ikwadoro Dinwenu uzo. N'udi muo na ike nke onye amuma Elaija, ka o ga-eji tugharia obi ndi bu nna n'ebe umu ha no. Meekwa ka ndi isi ike tugharia obi, lekwasia anya n'amamihe nke ndi ezionume, bia kwadobere Chineke ndi nke ya." Zekaria juru Mmuooma ahụ si, "Olee otu m ga-esi mata nke a, n'ihina aghoola m agadi. Nwunye m akakwaala nka?" Mmuooma ahụ zara ya si, "Abu m Gebrel, onye na-akwu n'ihu Chineke. E zitere m ka m gwa gi okwu ma wetakwara gi oziona nke a. Lee, i ga-ada ogbi, i gaghi ekwu okwu ruo ubochi ihe ndi a ga-emezu, n'ihina i kwenyeghi n'okwu m, nke ga-emezu mgbe oge ha ruru. Ndi mmadu no n'ezi na-eche Zekaria, o gbakwara ha ghari ihe kpataa o ji noo odu iputa n'ikwu ulonso. Mgbe o putara, o nweghi ike igwa ha okwu obula. Ha matara na o huru ohu n'ime ikwu ulonso, o jiri ife aka na-agwa ha okwu n'ihina o buzi onye ogbi. Mgbe ubochi ofufe ya zuru, o lara n'ulo ya.

Ka ubochi ndi a gachara, Elizabet nwunye ya tuuru ime. O zoro onwe ya n'ime ulo onwa ise; na-ekwu n'obi ya si, "O bu otu a ka Dinwenu si meere m ihe oma, n'ubochi o ji lee m anya ebere, iweputu m ihere n'etiti ndi mmadu." Ozioma nke Oseburuwa.

### Ekpere Nhunye

Were mmasi lekwasia anya, anyi na-ario, O Dinwenu, n'onyinye ndi a anyi na-edosa n'ekwunchujaja giga, ka ihe ndi anyi butere na-agbanyeghi adighiike anyi buru ihe edoro aso site n'ike gi. Site na Kristi Onyenweanyi.

### Communion Antiphon

The Dawn from on high will visit us,  
guiding our feet in the way of peace.

### Prayer After Communion

As we give thanks, almighty God, for these gifts you have bestowed, graciously arouse in us, we pray, the desire for those yet to come, that we may welcome the Nativity of our Saviour and honour it with minds made pure. Through Christ our Lord.

## 20 December [Eke] Friday, Week 3 of Advent (Violet)

### Entry Antiphon

A branch shall sprout from the root of Jesse, and the glory of the Lord will fill the whole earth, and all flesh will see the salvation of God.

### Collect

O God, eternal majesty, whose ineffable Word the immaculate Virgin received through the message of an Angel, and so became the dwelling-place of divinity, filled with the light of the Holy Spirit; grant, we pray, that by her example, we may in humility hold fast to your will. Through our Lord.

### First Reading

A reading from the prophet Isaiah (7:10-14)

Once again the Lord spoke to Ahaz and said, "Ask the Lord your God for a sign for yourself coming either from the depths of Sheol or from the heights above." "No," Ahaz answered "I will not put the Lord to the test." Then he said: "Listen now, House of David: are you not satisfied with trying the patience of men without trying the patience of my God, too? The Lord himself, therefore, will give you sign. It is this: the maiden is with child and will soon give birth to a son whom she will call Immanuel, a name which means 'God-is-with-us'!"

The word of the Lord.

### Responsorial Psalm: Ps.23:1-6 (R.v.7.10)

Response: **Let the Lord enter! He is the king of glory.**

1. The Lord's is the earth and its fullness, the world and all its peoples. It is he who set it on the seas; on the waters he made it firm. (R.)
2. Who shall climb the mountain of the Lord? Who shall stand in his holy place? The man with clean hands and pure heart who

### Ukwe Oriri Nso

O ga-eme ka anyanwu ututu biakwasa ndi nke ya; bia duzie ukwu anyi n'uzo nke udo.

### Ekpere A Natachaa Oriri Nso

Ka anyi na-enye ekele, Chineke ji ike niile, maka onyinye ndi a inyerela, biko kpalite n'ime anyi, anyi na-ario, agu maka onyinye ndi ka ga-abianu, ka anyi nabata Omumu Onye Nzoputa anyi ma were mmuo di ocha sopuru ya. Site na Kristi Onyenweanyi.

### Ukwe Mbata

Otu alaka ga-esi na mgborogwu Jesse etoputa; ebube Onyenweanyi ga-ejuputakwa uwa niile. Mmadu niile ga-ahu nzoputa nke Chineke.

### Ekpere Mmeghe

O Chineke, ukpoeze di ebighiebi, onye o bu Okwu ya enweghi ntunyere ka Vejin enweghi atutu njo nabatara site n'ozu nke Mmuoma ziri, were buru ebe obibi nke Chineke, nke ihe nke Mmuo Nso juputara. Mee, anyi na-ario, ka site na ukpuru ya, ka anyi were umeala kwudosie ike ime uche gi. Site na Dinwenu anyi.

### Ihe Ogugu Nke Mbu

Ihe ogugu e wetara n'akwukwo onye amuma Aizaya (7:10-14)

Dinwenu gwakwara Ahaz ozo si ya, "Rio Oseburuwa Chineke gi akara obula; o sokwa, ya buru nke si n'ala mmuo mobu nke si n'eluigwe." Mana Ahaz kwuru si, "Mba, agaghi m ario ihe obula, agakwaghi m anwale Chineke." O wee si, "Nurunu nke a unu ulo nke Devid niile! O buuru unu obere ihe na unu name ndi mmadu ka ike gwu ha, unu ji bia ime Chineke m otu aka ahu? N'ih ihe nke a, Chineke n'onwe ya ga-enye gi akara. Lee, otu nwaagbogho na-amaghi nwoke ga-aturu ime muta nwa nwoke; aha o ga-akpo ya bu Imanuel, nke putara na Dinwenu nonyeere anyi. Okwu nke Oseburuwa.

### Abuoma na Aziza: Abu.24:1-6. (Az.7.10)

Aziza: **Ka Chineke bata! O bu ya bu eze nke otito.**

1. Chineke nwe uwa na ihe niile di na ya, Uwa na ndi niile bi n'ime ya. O bu ya wukwasara ya n'elu mmiri; O bu ya wuru ya n'elu osimiri. (Az.)
2. Onye nwere ike irigoro n'ugwu nke Onyenweanyi? Onye nwere ike ino n'ebe ya di nso? Onye aka ya na obi ya di ocha; onye anaghi

desires not worthless things. (R.)

3. He shall receive blessings from the Lord and reward from the God who saves him. Such are the men who seek him, seek the face of the God of Jacob. (R.)

### Alleluia, alleluia!

**E**mmanuel, our king and law giver, come and save us, Lord our God. Alleluia!

### Gospel

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke (1:26-38)

**I**n the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin betrothed to a man named Joseph, of the House of David; and the virgin's name was Mary. He went in and said to her, 'Rejoice, so highly favoured! The Lord is with you.' She was deeply disturbed by these words and asked herself what this greeting could mean, but the angel said to her, 'Mary, do not be afraid; you have won God's favour. Listen! You are to conceive and bear a son, and you must name him Jesus. He will be great and will be called Son of the Most High. The Lord God will give him the throne of his ancestor David; he will rule over the House of Jacob for ever and his reign will have no end.' Mary said to the angel, 'But how can this come about, since I am a virgin?' The Holy Spirit will come upon you' the angel answered 'and the power of the Most High will cover you with its shadow. And so the child will be holy and will be called Son of God. Know this too: your kinswoman Elizabeth has, in her old age, herself conceived a son, and she whom people called barren is now in her sixth month, for nothing is impossible to God.' 'I am the handmaid of the Lord,' said Mary 'let what you have said be done to me.' And the angel left her.

The Gospel of the Lord.

### Prayer Over The Offerings

**L**ook, O Lord, we pray, upon the only sacrifice of your Son, that by participating in this mystery, we may possess at last the gifts we have awaited and for which our faith bids us hope. Through Christ our Lord.

### Communion Antiphon

**T**he Angel said to Mary, Behold, you will conceive and bear a son, and you shall name him Jesus.

etinye obi ya n'ihe efu, onye anaghi añu iyi asi. (Az.)

3. Onye di otu a ga-anata ngozi n'aka Chineke onye nzoputa ya. O bu udi ndi di otu a na-acho Onyenweanyi, Ndi na-acho ihu Chineke nke Jekob! (Az.)

### Aleluya, aleluya!

**I**manuel, eze na Onye okaiwu anyi, bia zoputa anyi, Dinwenụ Chineke anyi. Aleluya!

### Ozioma

Ihe ogugu nke a si n'Ozioma di aso nke Luk dere (1:26-38)

**N**'onwa nke isii, Chineke zigara Mmuooma Gebrel ka o gaa n'obodo Galili a na-akpo Nazaret; ka o gakwuru otu nwaagbogho na-amaghi nwoke, onye ikwunibe ya kwekoritara na otu nwoke aha ya bu Josef, nke si n'agburu Devid, ga-alu. Aha nwaagbogho ahu bu Maria. Mmuooma ahu biakwute Maria si ya, "Ekele, i juputara na grasia, Oseburuwa nonyeere gi!" Obi luru ya mmiri nke ukwu n'udi ekele a, nke mere na o malitere itule n'uche ya ihe udi ekele a putara. Mmuooma ahu siri ya, "Atula egwu, Maria, n'ihina i natala ngozi n'aka Chineke. Lee, i ga-adi ime, muta nwa nwoke; aha i ga-akpo ya bu Jesu. O ga-adi ukwu, a ga-akpokwa ya Nwa Onye Kacha Elu. Dinwenụ Chineke ga-enye ya ocheeze nna ya Devid. O ga-achi ezinulo Jekob ebebe; alaeze ya agaghi enwe ogwugwu." Maria juru Mmuooma ahu si, "Olee otu nke a ga-esi mee ebe o bu na amaghi m nwoke." Ma Mmuooma ahu zara ya si, :Mmuo Nso ga-abiakwasa gi; ike nke Onye Kacha Elu ga-ekpuchi gi. N'ihina nke a, a ga-akpo nwa ahu i ga-amu; onye nso, Nwa Chineke. Lee, Elizabet onye ikwu gi, onye ndi mmadu na-akpo nwaanyi aga, aturula ime n'agadi ya; ugbu a o di ime onwa isii. N'ihina ebe Chineke no, o nweghi ihe nyiri omume. Maria kwuru si, "Lee, abu m odibo nwaanyi nke Oseburuwa, ka o reere m ka i siri kwu." Muooma ahu wee si n'ebe o no puo.

Ozioma nke Oseburuwa.

### Ekpere Nhunye

**L**ekwasa anya, O Dinwenụ, anyi na-ario, n'otu aja nke Nwa gi, ka site na iketa oke n'iheomimi a, anyi ewere nweta n'ikpeazu onyinyega anyi tugara anya ha ndi okwukwe anyi na-akpilita olile anya ha. Site na Kristi Onyenweanyi.

### Ukwe Oriri Nso

**M**uooma gwara Maria si: Lee, I ga-atu ime muta nwa nwoke; I ga-akpo ya

## Post-Communion

**G**rant divine protection, O Lord, to those you renew with this heavenly gift, that to those who delight in your mysteries, you may give the joy of true peace. Through Christ our Lord.

## Ekpere A Natachaa Oriri Nso

**N**ye ndi i jiri nri nke eluigwe a agbanwo nchedo si n'igwe, O Onyenweanyi, ka i were nye ndi iheomimi gi ga na-amasi añuri nke ezi udo. Siten a Kristi Onyenweanyi.

## 21 December [Orie] Saturday of Week 3 of Advent (Violet)

### St. Peter Canisius, Priest & Doctor (Opt. commemoration)

#### Entry Antiphon

**T**he Lord and Ruler will be coming soon, and his name will be Emmanuel, because he will be God with us.

#### Ukwe Mbata

**D**inwenu na Onye Ochiichi ga-abia oso; A ga-agu ya Imanuel, n'ihu na o ga-abu Chukwu nonyeere anyi.

#### Collect

**H**ear in kindness, O Lord, the prayers of your people, that those who rejoice at the coming of your Only Begotten Son in our flesh, may, when at last he comes in glory, gain the reward of eternal life. Through our Lord.

#### First Reading

A reading from the Song of Songs (2:8-14)

**I** hear my Beloved. See how he comes leaping on the mountains, bounding over the hills. My Beloved is like a gazelle, like a young stag. See where he stands behind our wall. He looks in at the window, he peers through the lattice. My Beloved lifts up his voice, he says to me, 'Come then, my love, my lovely one, come. For see, winter is past, the rains are over and gone. The flowers appear on the earth. The season of glad songs has come, the cooing of the turtledove is heard in our land. The fig tree is forming its first fig and the blossoming vines give out their fragrance. Come then, my love, my lovely one, come. My dove, hiding in the clefts of the rock, in the coverts of the cliff, show me your face, let me hear your voice; for your voice is sweet and your face is beautiful.' The word of the Lord.

**Responsorial Psalm: Ps. 32:2-3.11-12.20-21. (R.v.1.3)**

**Response: Ring out your joy to the Lord, O you just; O sing him a song that is new.**

1. Give thanks to the Lord upon the harp, with a ten-stringed lute sing him songs. O sing him a song that is new, play loudly, with all your skill. (R.)
2. His own designs shall stand for ever, the plans of his heart from age to age. They are happy, whose God is the Lord, the people he has chosen as his own. (R.)

#### Ekpere Mmeghe

**W**ere ihunaanya nuru, O Dinwenu, aririo ndi nke gi, ka ndi na-añuri maka obibia nke Otu Nwa I muru naani ya n'udi anyi ka mmadu, nwetakwa n'oge ikpeazu o ga-abia n'ebube, ugwo nke ndu ebighiebi. Siten a Dinwenu anyi.

#### Ihe Ogugu Nke Mbu:

Ihe ogugu e wetara n'akwukwo Abu Ka Abu (2:8-14)

**A**na m anu olu onye m huru n'anya. Lee ka o na-abia. O si n'ugwu ukwu wuru na-awuda n'ugwu ntakiri. Onye m huru n'anya yiri mgbaa, o dika nwaale. Lee ka o guzo n'akuku mgbaaja, si na mpio ulo na n'oghere di na ya elebata anya. Onye m huru n'anya na-agwa m okwu na-asi m: Bilie onye m huru n'anya puta ka anyi puo, gi bu okacha mma nke m. N'ihina oge oyi ututu agafeela; udummiri agafeela, mmiriozuzo akwusikwala. Okooko osisi aputabala n'elu uwa. Ugwu bu oge e ji agu egwu di uto. A na-anu olu kparakuku n'ala anyi. Osisi fiig amibala mkpuru. Osisi vain ahaala ifuru. Bianu, onye m huru n'anya onye di m n'obi, bia. Nduru m, si na mgbawara okwute na ebe nzuzo di n'okpuru ugwu gositu m ihu gi, kwe m ntu olu gi, n'ihina olu gi di uto, ihu gi makwara mma. Okwu nke Oseburuwa.

**Abuoma na Aziza: Abu.33:2-3.11-12.20-21. (Az.1.3)**

**Aziza: Tierenu Chineke mkpu onu ndi eziumume, Kwerenu Ya ukwe ohuru.**

1. Werenu ubo akwara too Chineke; werenu une kporo ya egwu. Kwerenu Chineke ukwe ohuru, werenu ike unu niile kwere onyenweanyi ukwe mmeri. (Az.)
2. Mana Atumaatu Chineke ga-adi okpu. Echiche obi ya niile ga-adi ebebe. Anuri na Ngozi na-adiri mba Chineke bu Chukwu ha, ndi nke o horo dika ndi nke ya. (Az.)



3. Our soul is waiting for the Lord. The Lord is our help and our shield. In him do our hearts find joy. We trust in his holy name. (R.)

### **Alleluia, alleluia!**

**K**ey of David, who open the gates of eternal kingdom, come to liberate from prison the captive who lives in darkness. Alleluia!

### **Gospel**

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke (1:39-45)

**M**ary set out at that time and went as quickly as she could to a town in the hill country of Judah. She went into Zechariah's house and greeted Elizabeth. Now as soon as Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the child leapt in her womb and Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit. She gave a loud cry and said, 'Of all women you are the most blessed, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. Why should I be honoured with a visit from the mother of my Lord? For the moment your greeting reached my ears, the child in my womb leapt for joy. Yes, blessed is she who believed that the promise made her by the Lord would be fulfilled. The Gospel of the Lord.

### **Prayer Over The Offerings**

**B**e pleased, O Lord, to accept the offerings of your Church, for in your mercy you have given them to be offered, and by your power you transform them into the mystery of our salvation. Through Christ our Lord.

### **Communion Antiphon**

**B**lessed are you who have believed, that what was spoken to you by the Lord would be fulfilled.

### **Prayer After Communion**

**L**ord, may participation in this divine mystery provide enduring protection for your people, so that, being subject to your glorious majesty in dedicated service, they may know abundant health in mind and body. Through Christ our Lord.

3. Mkpuruobi anyi na-eche Onyenweanyi; Ya bu onye enyemaka anyi na onye ogbugbo anyi. Mkpuruobi anyi na-anuri n'Onyenweanyi, n'ihina anyi tukwasiriobi n'aha ya di nso. (Az.)

### **Aleluya, aleluya!**

**U**godu nke David, nke kpoghere uzomaga nke alaeze di ebighiebi, bia gabaputa n'ulomkporo ndi eji-eji bi n'ochichiri. Aleluya!

### **Ozioma**

Ihe ogugu nke a si n'Ozioma di aso nke Luk dere (1:39-45)

**N**'oge ahụ Maria biliri, gaa osiso n'otu obodo di n'ugwu n'ala Judia. O banyere n'ulo Zekaria, kelee Elizabeth. Mgbe Elizabeth nuru olu ekele Maria, nwa o bu n'afọ wuliri elu. Elizabeth juputara na Mmuo Nso. O wee tie mkpu onu si, "I di ngozi n'etiti umunwaanyi niile, o dikwa ngozi bu nwa afọ gi bu Jesu. Olee otu nke a si rute m aka na mne nke onyenwe m biara ileta m? Lee, mgbe m nuru olu ekele gi, nwa no m n'afọ wuliri elu n'onu. Ngozi na-adiri nwaanyi ahụ nke kwere n'ihe niile Dinwenụ gwara ya, ga-emezu." Ozioma nke Oseburuwa.

### **Ekpere Nhunye**

**K**a o masi gi, O Onyenweanyi, I nara onyinye nke Nzuko gi, n'ihina na I siterela n'ebere gi eweta ha ka e were nyeghachi gi ha; I na esitekwa n'ike gi agbanwo ha ka ha buru iheomimi nke nzoputa anyi. Sitena Kristi Onyenweanyi.

### **Ukwe Oriri Nso**

**N**gozi ga-adiri gi n'ihina i kweere na ihe ndi ahụ Onyenweanyi gwara gi ga-emezu.

### **Ekpere A Natachaa Oriri Nso**

**O**nyenweanyi, ka iketa oke n'ime iheomimi nke igwe a wetara ndi nke gi nchedo gi di okpu, ka ebe ha jiri igba odibo rulu ala noro n'okpuru ukpoeze gi di ebube, ka ha nweta ndu n'uju nke mmuo na nke ahụ. Sitena Kristi Onyenweanyi.

## **4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT (C) 22 December 2024 [Afor] (Violet)**

**Office:  
Week 4**

The theme of today's readings is that God as a Shepherd fulfills His promise of restoration. In the First Reading, God vows to raise from the little clan of Bethlehem a King to rule over His people, Israel, promising to be Shepherd to feed and restore them. The Psalmist in the Responsorial Psalm beckons for this restoration. The Second Reading contrasts the Old Testament sacrifices with the total self-offering of Christ that fully restores creation and humanity. The Gospel recounts the visit of Mary to her cousin Elizabeth, which occasions, not

only their mutual sharing of faith in God's promise, but the meeting of John the Precursor and Jesus the Redeemer, i.e., hope and fulfillment, respectively in the wombs of their mothers.

### Entry Antiphon

**D**rop down dew from above, you heavens, and let the clouds rain down the Just one; let the earth be opened and bring forth a Saviour.

### Collect

**P**our forth, we beseech you, O Lord, your grace into our hearts, that we, to whom the Incarnation of Christ your Son was made known by the message of an Angel, may by his Passion and Cross be brought to the glory of his Resurrection. Through our Lord.

### First Reading

A reading from the prophet Micah (5:1-4)

**T**he Lord says this: You, (Bethlehem) Ephrathah, the least of the clans of Judah, out of you will be born for me the one who is to rule over Israel; his origin goes back to the distant past, to the days of old. The Lord is therefore going to abandon them till the time when she who is to give birth gives birth. Then the remnant of his brothers will come back to the sons of Israel. He will stand and feed his flock with the power of the Lord, with the power of the name of his God. They will live secure, for from then on he will extend his power to the ends of the land. He himself will be peace.

The word of the Lord.

**Responsorial Psalm: Ps. 79:2-3. 15-16. 18-19 (R.v.4)**

**Response: God of hosts, bring us back; let your face shine on us and we shall be saved.**

1. O shepherd of Israel, hear us, shine forth from your cherubim throne. O Lord, rouse up your might, O Lord, come to our help. (R.)

2. God of hosts, turn again, we implore, look down from heaven and see. Visit this vine and protect it, the vine your right hand has planted (R.)

3. May your hand be on the man you have chosen, the man you have given your strength. And we shall never forsake you again: give us life that we may call upon your name (R.)

### Second Reading

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews (10:5-10)

**T**his is what Christ said, on coming into the world: You who wanted no sacrifice or

### Ukwe Mbata

**E**luigwe, si ebe ahụ wusa igirigi. Ka urukpu nke igwe zowe ezi omume dika mmiri. Ala meghee, puputa Onye Nzoputa.

### Ekpere Mmeghe

**C**hineke, biko were amara Gi hujuo n'obi anyi. I sitere n'aka Mmuozizi zitere anyi ozi Iwere-Ahu nke Kristi Nwa Gi. Mee ka anyi site n'ahuhu na onwu Ya were bata n'ebube nke mbilite n'onwu Ya. Site na Dinwenụ anyi.

### Ihe Ogugu Nke Mbu

Ihe ogugu e wetaara n'akwukwo onye amuma Maika (5:2-5)

**O**nyenweanyi kwuru nke a: Maka gi, Betlehem, Efreta, gi obodo kacha di nta na Juda, site na gi ka onye ochichi nke Izrel n'odinihu ga-esi puta, o bu onye diiri site na mgbe ochie, dirikwa site na mbu. Site ugbu a gaba, Chineke ga-ahapu ha ruo mgbe nwaanyi ahụ di ime ga-amu nwa ya. N'oge ahụ ka ndi agburu ya ka di ndu, ga-alaghachikwute ndi Izrel. O ga-ewere onodu ya, ma jiri ike na-ebube aha nke Chineke zuo ha. Ha ga-ano n'udo, n'ihina ebube ya ga-agbasa ruo n'akuku obodo a niile site ugbu a gaban'ihu. O ga-abu udo n'onwe ya. Okwunke Oseburuwa.

**Abuoma na Aziza: Abu. 80:1-2.14-15. 17-18. (Az.7)**

**Aziza: Chineke nke igwe ndiagha, kpochigha anyi azu, mee ka ihu gi chakwasa anyi, ka anyi wee nweta nzoputa.**

1. Gee nti, onye nche nke Izrel, gi onye no n'ebe kachasi ihe niile elu, chawaputa ihe gi. Were ike gi bia zoputa anyi. (Az.)

2. Biko iwe gi adila oku, O Chineke nke igwe ndiagha! Si n'eluigwe ledata anya, ka i hu osisi vain a. Bia Chekwaba mkpuru vain a iji aka gi kuo (Az.)

3. Ka aka gi chekwaba nwoke ahụ i hooro, onye ahụ i nyere ike. Mgbe ahụ anyi agaghi agbakuta gi azu ozo; nye anyi ndu ka anyi were na-akpoku aha gi! (Az.)

### Ihe Ogugu Nke Mbu

Ihe ogugu e wetara n'akwukwo Hibru (10:5-10)

**N**ihi nke a, mgbe Kristi biara n'uwa o kwuru si, "O bughi aja na onyinye ka i choro kama

oblation, prepared a body for me. You took no pleasure in holocausts or sacrifices for sin; then I said, just as I was commanded in the scroll of the book, "God, here I am! I am coming to obey your will." Notice that he says first: You did not want what the Law lays down as the things to be offered, that is: the sacrifices, the oblations, the holocausts and the sacrifices for sin, and you took no pleasure in them; and then he says: Here I am! I am coming to obey your will. He is abolishing the first sort to replace it with the second. And this will was for us to be made holy by the offering of his body made once and for all by Jesus Christ.

The word of the Lord.

### Alleluia, alleluia! Lk. 1:38

**I** am the handmaid of the Lord: let what you have said be done to me. Alleluia!

### Gospel

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke (1:39-45)

**M**ary set out at that time and went as quickly as she could to a town in the hill country of Judah. She went into Zechariah's house and greeted Elizabeth. Now as soon as Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the child leapt in her womb and Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit. She gave a loud cry and said, "Of all women you are the most blessed, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. Why should I be honoured with a visit from the mother of my Lord? For the moment your greeting reached my ears, the child in my womb leapt for joy. Yes, blessed is she who believed that the promise made her by the Lord would be fulfilled."

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### Communion Antiphon

**B**ehold a Virgin shall conceive, and shall bear a son; and his name will be called Emmanuel.

o bu ahụ ka i kwadobeere m." Aja nsureokwu na aja mgbaghara njo anaghi enye gi obi uto. Mgbe ahụ ka m kwuru si, "Lee, abiaara m ime uche gi O Chukwu, dika e dere banyere m n'akwukwo nso." O kwuru na mbu si, "Aja onyinye, aja nsureokwu na aja mgbaghara njo adighi amasi gi nke ha na-enye gi obi uto." (A churu aja ndi a dika iwu si di). O kwukwara si, "Lee, abiaara m ime uche gi." Chineke emebiela aja mbu iji malite nke abuo. Site n'ime ya bu uche Chineke, e mere ka anyi di ocha site n'aja ahụ Jesu ji onwe ya wee chuo naani otu ugboro. Okwu nke Oseburuwa.

### Alleluia, alleluia! Luk. 1:38

**L**ee, abu m odibo nwaanyi nke Oseburuwa, ka o reere m ka i siri kwu. Alleluia!

### Ozioma

Ihe ogugu nke a si n'Ozioma di aso nke Luk (1:39-45)

**N**oge ahụ Maria biliri, gaa osiso n'otu obodo di n'ugwu n'ala Judia. O banyere n'ulo Zekaria, kelee Elizabet. Mgbe Elizabet nuri olu ekele Maria, nwa o bu n'ofu wuliri elu. Elizabet juputara na Mmuo Nso wee tie mkpu onu si, "I di ngozi n'etiti umunwaanyi niile, o dikwa ngozi bu nwa afo gi bu Jesu. Olee otu nke a si rute m aka na nne nke Onyenwe m biara ileta m? Lee, mgbe m nuri olu ekele gi, nwa no m n'afu wuliri elu n'onu. Ngozi na-adiri nwaanyi ahụ nke kwere n'ihe niile Dinwenụ gwara ya, ga-emezu."

Ozioma nke Oseburuwa.

### Ekpere Nhunye

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### Ukwe Oriri Nso

**N**wagboghọ ga-aturu ime n'amaghi nwoke, biakwa mta nwa nwoke. Aha a ga-akpo Ya bu Imanuel.

### Prayer After Communion

Having received this pledge of eternal redemption, we pray, almighty God, that as the feast day of our salvation draws ever nearer, so we may press forward all the more eagerly to the worthy celebration of the mystery of your Son's Nativity. Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.



Theme: His Reign Shall be Everlasting!

**23 December [Nkwo] Monday of Week 4 of Advent (Violet)**

## St John of Kanty (Opt. commemoration)

### Entry Antiphon

A child shall be born for us, and he will be called God, the Almighty; every tribe of the earth shall be blest in him.

### Collect

Almighty ever-living God, as we see how the Nativity of your Son according to the flesh draws near, we pray that to us, your unworthy servants, mercy may flow from your Word, who chose to become flesh of the Virgin Mary and establish among us his dwelling, Jesus Christ our Lord. Who lives and reigns with you.

### First Reading

Reading from the prophet Malachi (3:1-4, 23-24)

The Lord God says this: Look, I am going to send my messenger to prepare a way before me. And the Lord you are seeking will suddenly enter his Temple; and the angel of the covenant whom you are longing for, yes, he is coming, says the Lord of hosts. Who will be able to resist the day of his coming? Who will remain standing when he appears? For he is like the refiner's fire and the fullers' alkali. He will take his seat as refiner and purifier; he will purify the sons of Levi. He will take his seat and refine them like gold and silver, and then they will make the offering to the Lord as it should be made. The offering of Judah and Jerusalem will then be welcomed by the Lord as in former days, as in the years of old.

Know that I am going to send you Elijah the prophet before my day comes, that great and terrible day. He shall turn the hearts of fathers towards their children and the hearts of children towards their fathers, lest I come and strike the land with a curse.

The word of the Lord.

### Ekpere A Natachaa Oriri Nso

Chineke puru ime ihe niile. I nyela anyi oriri nso nke a iji gba anyi ibe nkwa nke ndu ebighi ebi I kwere anyi. Anyi na-ario Gi, otu anyi na-erute nso na nnukwu oriri nke nzoputa, mee ka anyi were nsopuru na-eme emume ihe omimi nke omumu Kristi Nwa Gi. Onye Gi na Ya di ndu n'achi ebighi ebi ebighi ebi.

### Ukwe Mbata

A ga-amuru anyi nwata nwoke, a ga-akpo ya Chineke, Onye ji ike niile. Agburu niile di n'uwa ga-anata ngozi n'ime ya.

### Ekpere Mmeghe

Chineke ji ike niile di ebighiebi, ebe anyi churu na Omumu nke Nwa gi n'udi anuahụ na-abiaru nso, anyi na-ario ka ebere gi rute anyi bu umu odibo gi etosighi etosi, site n'Okwu gi o masiri iwere ahu na Vegin Maria ma hibe n'etiti anyi ebe obibi ya, Jesu Kristi Onyenweanyi. Onye gi na ya di ndu na-achi...

### Ihe Ogugu nke Mbu

Ihe ogugu e wetara n'onye amuma Malachi (3:1-4, 23-24)

O nyenweanyi kwuru si: Lee, ana m ezipu onyeozu m ka o kwadoro m uzo. Ma Chineke onye nke unu na-atu anya ya ga-abata n'unonso ya na mberede; lee Onyeozu nke ogbugbandu ahu unu na-enwe mmasi na ya na-abia. O bu Dinwenu nke igwe ndiagha na ekwu. Ma onye ga-edu ubochi obibia ya, onye ga-eguzokwa ma o puta?" N'ihina o ga-adu ka oku ihe nnucha na ncha e ji asu akwa; o ga-anodu ala dika onye nnucha na nsacha nke olaocha, o ga-asachakwa umu Levai ma nuchaa ha di ka olaedo na olaocha ruo mgbe ha ga-ewetera Dinwenu ihe onyinye kwesiriekwesiri. Mgbe ahu onyinye nke Juda na Jerusalem ga-amasi Dinwenu dika o di na mgbe ochie n'afu ndi ahu gara aga.

"Lee, aga m ezitere unu Elaija tupu oke ubochi nke Dinwenu ahu di egwu abia. O ga-atugharikwa obi ndi nna n'ebe umu ha no, ma tugharikwa obi umu n'ebe ndi nna ha no, ma o bughi otu ahu, aga m abia ibu ala ahu onu."

47 Okwu nke Oseburuwa.



**Responsorial Psalm: Ps.24:4-5.8-10.14.(R.Lk.21:28)**

**Response: Stand erect, hold your heads high, because your liberation is near at hand.**

1. Lord, make me know your ways. Lord, teach me your paths. Make me walk in your truth, and teach me: for you are God my saviour. (R.)
2. The Lord is good and upright. He shows the path to those who stray. He guides the humble in the right path; he teaches his way to the poor. (R.)
3. His ways are faithfulness and love for those who keep his covenant and will. The Lord's friendship is for those who revere him; to them he reveals his covenant. (R.)

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

**K**ing of the peoples and corner-stone of the Church, come and save man whom you made from the dust of the earth. Alleluia!

**Gospel**

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke (1:57-66)

**T**he time came for Elizabeth to have her child, and she gave birth to a son; and when her neighbours and relations heard that the Lord had shown her so great a kindness, they shared her joy.

Now on the eighth day they came to circumcise the child; they were going to call him Zechariah after his father, but his mother spoke up. 'No' she said 'he is to be called John.' They said to her, 'But no one in your family has that name', and made signs to his father to find out what he wanted him called. The father asked for a writing-tablet and wrote, 'His name is John'. And they were all astonished. At that instant his power of speech returned and he spoke and praised God. All their neighbours were filled with awe and the whole affair was talked about throughout the hill country of Judaea. All those who heard of it treasured it in their hearts. 'What will this child turn out to be?' They wondered. And indeed the hand of the Lord was with him.

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Prayer Over The Offerings**

**M**ay this oblation, by which divine worship in its fullness has been inaugurated for us, be our perfect reconciliation with you, O Lord, that we may celebrate with minds made pure the Nativity of our Redeemer. Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

**Abuoma na Aziza: Abu.25:4-5.8-10.14.(Az.Luk.21:28)**

**Aziza: Welitenụ isi unu, lelie anya elu, n'ihina oge mgbaputa unu abiala nso**

1. Mee ka m mata ụzọ gi, O Onyenweanyi, Kuziere m ụzọ gi. Dube m n'ụzọ eziokwu gi, ma kuzibere m, n'ihina o bu gi bu Chineke onye nzoputa. (Az.)
2. Onyenweanyi di mma, burukwa onye eziomume, O na-akuziri ndi mmehie ụzọ; O na-eduzi ndi umeala n'ihe niile kwu oto, O na-akuziri ndi ogbenye ụzọ ya. (Az.)
3. Uzo nke onyenweanyi bu ihunaanya na eziokwu, n'ebe ndi na-edebe iwu ya na ogbugbandu ya no. Ndi na-atu Onyenweanyi egwu maara ihe omimi ya, Ogbugbandu ya na-enye ha nghota. (Az.)

**Aleluya, aleluya!**

**E**ze nke ndi mmadu na ide-bu-ulo nke Enzuko, bia zoputa mmadu i siri na aja si n'ala were mee. Aleluya!

**Ozioma**

Ihe ogugu nke a si n'Ozioma di aso nke Luk dere (1:57-66)

**U**gbu a, oge ruu mgbe Elizabet ga-eji muo nwa, o wee muo nwa nwoke. Mgbe ndi agbataobi na ndi ikwu na ibe ya nuru na Dinwenụ egosila ebere ya n'ebe o no, ha sooro ya nuri a onu. N'ubochi nke asato ha zukoro ibi nwata ahụ ugwu, ha gaara akpo ya Zekaria, aha nna ya. Ma Elizabet zara si, "Mba; a ga-akpo ya Jon." Ha azaa ya si, "O nweghi onye obula n'ime ndi ikwu na ibe gi na-aza aha di otu a." Ha meere nna ya akara ka ha mara aha o choro ka a kpoo nwa ya. O wee rio ka e nye ya ihe e ji ede akwukwo. O dere, "Aha ya bu Jon." Nke a turu ha niile n'anya. Ozigbo ahụ, onu ya meghee, ire ya toghepu, o bia kwube okwu, na-agozi Chineke. Ujo turu ndi agbataobi ha niile. Ndi mmadu kwusara ihe ndi a n'obodo niile nke Judia; Ndi niile nuru ihe merenu chebaara ihe ndi a echiche, na-aju si, "Gini ka nwatakiri a ga-abu?" N'ihina ike nke Dinwenụ nonyeere ya. Ozioma nke Oseburuwa.

**Ekpere Nhunye**

**K**a aja onyinye nke a esiri na ya malitere anyi n'uju ofufe nke eluigwe buru mkpezi zuruoke n'etiti anyi na gi, O Onyenweanyi, ka anyi were mmuo emere ka o di ocha mee mmemme Omumu nke Onye nzoputa anyi.

**48** Onye di ndu na-achi...

### Communion Antiphon

**B**ehold, I stand at the door and knock: if anyone hears my voice, and opens the door to me, I will enter his house and dine with him, and he with me.

### Prayer After Communion

**G**rant your peace, O Lord, to those you have nourished with these heavenly gifts, that we may be ready, with lighted lamps, to meet your dearly beloved Son at his coming. Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

## 24 December [Eke] Tuesday of Week 4 of Advent (Violet)

### Entry Antiphon

**B**ehold the fullness of time had come, God sent his Son into the world.

### Collect

**C**ome quickly, we pray, Lord Jesus, and do not delay, that those who trust in your compassion may find solace and relief in your coming. Who live and reign...

### First Reading

A reading from the second book of Samuel (7:1-5.8-11.16)

**O**nce David had settled into his house and the Lord had given him rest from all the enemies surrounding him, the king said to prophet Nathan, "Look, I am living in a house of Cedar while the ark of God dwells in a tent." Nathan said to the king, "go and do all that is in your mind, for the Lord is with you."

But that very night the word of the Lord came to Nathan: "Go and tell my servant David, 'thus the Lord speaks: Are you the man to build me a house to dwell in?'

I took you from the pasture, from following the sheep, to be a leader of my people Israel; I have been with you on all your expeditions; I have cut off all your enemies before you. I will give you fame as great as the fame of the greatest on earth. I will provide a place for my people Israel; I will plant them there and they shall dwell in that place and never be disturbed again; nor shall the wicked continue to oppress them as they did, in the days when I appointed judges over my people Israel; I will give them rest from all their enemies. The Lord will make you great; the Lord will make you a House. And when your days are ended and you are laid to rest with your ancestors, I will preserve the offspring of your body after you and make his sovereignty secure. I will be a father to him and he a son to me.

### Ukwe Oriri Nso

**L**ee, a kwu m n'onuuzo na-aku aka. Onye obula nuru olu m megheere m uzo, a ga m abata n'ulo ya soro ya rie ihe, ya esoro m rikoo.

### Ekpere A Natachaa Oriri Nso

**W**eta udo gi, O Onyenweanyi, n'ebe ndi I jirila onyinye nke eluigwe zuo nri, ka anyi di njikere, were oriona na-enwu enwu gaje izute Nwa gi i huru n'anya ka o na-abia. Onye di ndu na-achi...

### Ukwe Mbata

**U**gbua, mmeju oge amalitela, mgbe Chineke zitere Nwa ya n'uwa.

### Ekpere Mmeghe

**B**ia osooso, anyi na-ario, Dinwenụ Jesu, Egbula oge, ka ndi chekwubere n'omiiko gi nweta ntasiobi na ezumiike n'obibia gi. Onye di ndu na-achi...

### Ihe Ogugu Nke Mbu

Ihe ogugu e wetara n'akwukwo nke abuo Samuel dere (7:1-5.8-11.16)

**M**gbe Onyenweanyi nyere Devid ezumike n'ebe ndi n'ulo ya, Devid siri onye amuma Nathan, "Lee, ugbu a, ebi m n'ulo osisi sida. Ma Igbe Ogbugbandu Chineke doro n'ime uloikwu." Nathan zara ya si: "Gaa mee ihe obula di gi n'uche n'ihina Oseburuwa nonyeere gi." Ma n'abali ubochi ahu, Dinwenụ ziri Nathan si, "Jee gwa odibo m, bu Devid, na m si ya, 'O bu gi ga-aruru m ulo ebe m ga-ebi?'

Ya mere, jee gwa odibo m bu Devid na mu, bu Chineke nke igwe ndiagha, si ya, 'Esiri m ebe i na-azu aturu n'ohia kpoputa gi, mekwaa ka i buru Onyendu ndi nke m bu Izrel. Anonyekwaa m gi ebe obula i jere merikwaa ndi iro gi niile, n'ihu gi. Aga m emekwa ka aha gi di ukwu dika ndi aha ha kacha di ukwu. Aga m ahoputara ndi nke m bu Izrel'otu ebe, kuokwa ha dika osisi n'ebe ahu. Ha ga-ebi kwa n'ebe ahu na-enweghi nsogbu ozo; ndi obi ojoo agaghi akpagbukwa ha ka na mbu, bido mgbe m hoputaara ndi nke m Izrel ndiikpe; aga m enye ha ezumike site n'aka ndi n'iro ha. Aga m eme ka i di ukwu; aga m ewuru gi ulo. Mgbe i nwuru, elie gi ebe e liri nna gi ha, aga m eme ka otu n'ime umu gi ndi nwoke buru eze. A ga m emekwa ka ala eze ya guzosie ike. A ga m

Your House and your sovereignty will always stand secure before me and your throne be established for ever.”

The word of the Lord.

**Responsorial Psalm Ps. 88:4-5.16-17.27.29.(R.v.2)**

Response: **I will sing for ever of your love, O Lord.**

1. ‘I have made a covenant with my chosen one; I have sworn to David my servant: I will establish your dynasty for ever and set up your throne through all ages.’ (R.)

2. Happy the people who acclaim such a king, who walk, O Lord, in the light of your face, who find their joy every day in your name, who make your justice the source of their bliss. (R.)

3. He will say to me: ‘You are my father, my God, the rock who saves me.’ I will keep my love for him always; for him my covenant shall endure. (R.)

**Alleluia, alleluia**

**M**orning star, radiance of eternal light, sun of justice, come and enlighten those who live in darkness and shadow of death. Alleluia!

**Gospel**

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke (1:67-79)

**J**ohn’s father Zechariah was filled with the Holy Spirit and spoke this prophecy: ‘Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel, for he has visited his people, he has come to their rescue and he has raised up for us a power for salvation in the House of his servant David, even as he proclaimed, by the mouth of his holy prophets from ancient times, that he would save us from our enemies and from the hands of all who hate us. Thus he shows mercy to our ancestors, thus he remembers his holy covenant, the oath he swore to our father Abraham that he would grant us, free from fear, to be delivered from the hands of our enemies, to serve him in holiness and virtue in his presence, all our days. And you, little child, you shall be called Prophet of the Most High, for you will go before the Lord to prepare the way for him. To give his people knowledge of salvation through the forgiveness of their sins; this by the tender mercy of our God who from on high will bring the rising Sun to visit us, to give light to those who live in darkness and the shadow of death, and to guide our feet into the way of peace.’

The Gospel of the Lord

abu nna ya; o ga-abukwa nwa m.

Ezinuulo gi na alaeeze gi ga-adi ebeebe. Aga m akwudosi ocheeze gi ike ebeebe.”

Okwu nke Oseburuwa.

**Abuoma na Aziza: Abu. 89:3-4.15-16.26.28.(Az.2)**

**Aziza: Onyenweanyi, A ga m ekwe ukwe ihunanya gi ebighiebi.**

1. Mu na onye m hooro agbaala ndu, anuorola m Devid nwodibo m iyi. Aga m emeka ochichi gi di ebeebe, aga m emekwa ka ocheeze gi digide ruo na ndudugandu niile. (Az.)

2. Ngozi ga-adiri ndi niile ji ukwe eto gi, ndi na-aga n’ihe nke obioma gi, O Onyenweanyi. Ha ga-anuri onu n’aha gi ubochi niile, nyekwa gi otito maka eziumume gi. (Az.)

3. O ga-ebeku m si, “I bu nna m, Chineke m na onye enyemaka m” Aga m ahụ ya n’anya ebeebe, ogbugbandu mu na ya ga-adi okpu. (Az.)

**Aléluya, Aléluya!**

**K**pakpando nke ututu, mgbukapu oku di ebighiebi, anyanwu nke ikpemkwumoto, bia kuziwere ndi bi n’ochichiri na ndo nke onwu. Aléluya.

**Ozioma**

Ihe ogugu nke a si n’Ozioma di aso nke Luk dere (1:67-79)

**N**na Jon bu Zekaria juputara na Mmuo Nso, bué amuma si: “Ngozi diri Dinweni Chineke nke Izrel makana o biara leta ma zoputakwa ndi nke ya. O weliterala anyi onyenzoputa site n’agburu Devid, nwodibo ya: Otu o siri kwuo n’oge ochie, site n’onu ndi amuma ya; na a ga-azoputa anyi site n’aka ndi iro anyi, na sitekwa n’aka ndi niile kporo anyi asi. Gosi ebere nke o kwere nnanna anyi ha na nkwa, bia chetakwa ogbugbandu ya di nso, O nnuuru nnanna anyi bu Abraham iyi. Kwekwa nkwa na ya ga-azoputa anyi, ka anyi nwee ike na-ekpere ya n’atughi egwu obula, n’idi nso na eziumume n’ihu ya, ubochi niile nke ndu anyi. Ma gi bu nwa, ka a ga-akpo onye amuma nke onye kacha elu; n’ihina i ga-aga n’ihu Dinweni idoziri ya uzo ya niile. Ime ka ha nwee amamihe nke nzoputa site na mgbaghara nke njo ha, site n’obi ebere nke Chineke anyi, o ga-eme ka anyanwu ututu biakwasa ndi nke ya; Inye ndi niile no n’ochichiri na onyinyo nke onwu ihe. Bia duzie ukwu anyi n’uzo nke udo.”

**50** Ozioma nke Oseburuwa.

### Prayer Over The Offerings

Graciously make your own, O Lord, the offerings which we bring, that, partaking of them, we be cleansed of our sins and merit to stand ready with pure hearts for the coming in glory of your Son. Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

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### Communion Antiphon

Blessed be the Lord God of Israel: for he has visited his people and redeemed them.

### Prayer After Communion

Grant to us who find new vigour, O Lord, in these your wondrous gifts, that as we prepare to celebrate in adoration the festivities of your Son's Nativity, so may we possess in gladness his everlasting rewards. Who lives and reigns...

### Ekpere Nhunye

Onyenweanyi, were afoma gi nara aja nke a anyi na-achu. Mgbe anyi siri n'aka gi nataghachi ha azu, mee ka atorapu anyi na njo anyi, ka anyi were obi di ocha na-eche mbiaghachi azu di otito nke Nwa gi: Onye di ndu na-achi ebighiebi ebighiebi.

### Ukwe Oriri Nso

Ngozi na-adiri Onyenweanyi Chineke nke Izrel, n'ihina oletala ma zoputa ndi nke ya.

### Ekpere A Natachaa Oriri Nso

Onyenweanyi, ugbua I dogoro anyi ike sitena onyine gi di oke onu, anyi natu anya omumu Nwa gi. Nye anyi onu inabata ugwo ya di ebighiebi n'eluigwe: Gi onye di ndu na-achi ebighiebi ebighiebi.

## Vigil Mass of the Nativity of Our Lord (White)

In the Vigil Mass and in all three Masses of Christmas in the Profession of Faith, all genuflect at the words, '*and was made man (Et incarnatus est)*' oburu mmadu'.

### Entry Antiphon

Today you will know that the Lord will come, and he will save us. And in the morning you will see his glory.

### Ukwe Mbata

Taa unu ga-amata na Onyenweanyi na-abia izoputa anyi. N'ututu unu ahụ ebube Ya.



### Collect

O God, who gladden us year by year as we wait in hope for our redemption, grant that, just as we joyfully welcome your Only Begotten Son as our Redeemer, we may also merit to face him confidently when he comes again as our judge. Who lives and reigns with you.

### First Reading

Areading from the prophet Isaiah (62:1-5)

About Zion I will not be silent, about Jerusalem I will not grow weary, until her integrity shines out like the dawn and her salvation flames like a torch. The nations then will see your integrity, all the kings your glory, and you will be called by a new name, one which the mouth of the Lord will confer. You are to be a crown of splendour in the hand of the Lord, a princely diadem in the hand of your God; no longer are you to be named "Forsaken", nor your land "Abandoned", but you shall be called "My Delight" and your land "The Wedded"; for the Lord takes delight in you and your land will have its wedding. Like a young man marrying a virgin, so will the one who built

### Ekpere Mmeghe

Chineke anyi, anyi na-anuri onu n'afọ obula mgbe anyi na-atu anya mmemme nke nzoputa anyi. Biko, mee ka anyi were anuri nabata Kristi, Onye Nzoputa anyi; ka obi sie anyi ike izute Ya mgbe O ga-abia ikpe anyi ikpe. Site na Dinwenụ anyi Jesu Kristi Nwa Gi.

### The Ogugu Nke Mbụ

Ihe ogugu e wetara n'onye amuma Aizaya (62:1-5)

Maka ihi Zayon, agaghi m agbachị nkiti; maka ihi Jerusalem, agaghi m ezu ike ruo mgbe ikpenkwumoto ya ga-achawaputa dika ihe ututu, nzoputa ya ana-enwu dika oku. Mba niile ga-ahu ikpe nkumoto gi; ndieze niile ahụ ebube gi. A ga-akpo gi aha ohuru nke Onyenweanyi ga-enye. I aga-abu okpueze mara mma n'aka Chineke, okpueze nke ike ochichi n'aka Chineke gi. A gaghi ewekwa gi dika onye a juru aju. Ala gi agaghi abukwa ihe toghoro na nkiti. Kama a ga-akpo gi "Omasiri m", kpokwaa ala gi "Nwanyi e jiri gbaa akwukwo", n'ihina i masiri Chineke. Ala gi ga-agbakwa akwukwo. Dika nwaokorobia si alu nwaagbogho na-amaghi nwoke, otu ahụ ka onye ahụ wuru gi ga-esi alu gi. Dika nwoke luru nwaanyi



you wed you and as the bridegroom rejoices in his bride, so will your God rejoice in you.

The word of the Lord.

**Responsorial Psalm: Ps. 88:4-5.16-17.27.29. (R.v. 2)**

Response: **I will sing for ever of your love, O Lord..**

1. 'I have made a covenant with my chosen one; I have sworn to David my servant: I will establish your dynasty for ever and set up your throne through all ages.' (R.)

2. Happy the people who acclaim such a king, who walk, O Lord, in the light of your face, who find their joy every day in your name, who make your justice the source of their bliss. (R.)

3. He will say to me: 'You are my father, my God, the rock who saves me.' I will keep my love for him always; for him my covenant shall endure. (R.)

### Second Reading

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles (13:16-17.22-25)

**W**hen Paul reached Antioch in Pisidia, he stood up in the synagogue, held up a hand for silence and began to speak: "Men of Israel, and fearers of God, listen! The God of our nation Israel chose our ancestors, and made our people great when they were living as foreigners in Egypt; then by divine power he led them out.

Then he made David their king, of whom he approved in these words, "I have selected David son of Jesse, a man after my own heart, who will carry out my whole purpose." To keep his promise, God has raised up for Israel one of David's descendants, Jesus, as Saviour, whose coming was heralded by John when he proclaimed a baptism of repentance for the whole people of Israel. Before John ended his career he said, 'I am not the one you imagine me to be; that one is coming after me and I am not fit to undo his sandal.'

The word of the Lord.

### Alleluia, alleluia!

**T**omorrow there will be an end to the sin of the world and the saviour of the world will be our king. Alleluia!

### Gospel

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew (1:18-25)

**T**his is how Jesus Christ came to be born. His mother Mary was betrothed to Joseph; but

ohurū si enwe obi uto na nwunye ya, otu ahụ ka Chineke gi ga-esi enwe obi uto n'ebe i nọ.

Okwu nke Oseburuwa.

**Abuoma na Aziza: Abu. 89:3-4. 15-16. 26.28. (Az. 2)**

**Aziza: Aga m eji ukwe kwuputa ihunaanya nke Onyenweanyi.**

1. Mụ na onye m hooro agbaala ndu, ahuorola m Devid nwodibo m iyi. Aga m eme ka ochichi gi di ebebe, Aga m emekwa ka ocheeze gi digide ruo na ndudugandu niile." (Az.)

2. Ngozi ga-adiri ndi niile ji ukwe eto gi, ndi na-aga n'ihe nke obioma gi, O Onyenweanyi. Ha ga-ahuri onu n'aha gi ubochi niile, nyekwa gi otito maka eziumume gi. (Az.)

3. O ga-ebeku m si, "I bu nna m, Chineke m na onye enyemaka m." Aga m ahụ ya n'anya ebebe, ogbugbandu mụ na ya ga-adị okpu. (Az.)

### Ihe Ogugu Nke Abu

Ihe ogugu e wetara n'Oru Ndiozi (13:16-17.22-25)

**P**ol biliri, feere ha aka ka ha gee nti, bido kwube okwu si, "Ndi Izrel ibe m, na ndi mba ozo, ndi na-atu egwu Chineke no n'ebe a, geenu m nti. Chineke nke Izrel, hooro nnanna anyi ha, mee ka ha buru oke mba oge ha bi n'ala Ijipt. O ji ike aka ya duputa ha n'ala ahu.

O kpolitere Devid ka o buru eze ha, onye o gbaara akaebe, si, "ahula m Devid nwa Jese dika udi mmadu m choro, onye ga-eme ihe niile bu uche m. O bu site n'umumu nwoke a ka Chineke si wetara umu Izrel onye nzoputa dika o si kwe na nkwa. Tupu obibia ya, Jon ekwusaarala ndi Izrel banyere mmirichukwu nke nheghari. Na ngwucha oru Jon, o kwuru, si, Abughi m onye ahụ unu na-atu anya ya. Kama leenu! Otu onye na-esochi m n'azu, onye mụ etorughị itopu eriri apukpoukwu ya.

Okwu nke Oseburuwa.

### Alaluya, alaluya!

**E**chi ka a ga-emebi mmehie niile e mere en'uwu. Onye nzoputa nke uwa ga-abu eze anyi. Alaluya!

### Ozioma

Ihe ogugu nke a si n'ozoma di aso nke Matiu dere (1:18-25)

**O**tu a ka e siri muo Jesu Kristi: Mgbe ndi ikwunibe kwekoritara na Josef ga-ahu Maria

before they came to live together she was found to be with child through the Holy Spirit. Her husband Joseph, being a man of honour and wanting to spare her publicity, decided to divorce her informally. He had made up his mind to do this when the angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, "Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary home as your wife, because she has conceived what is in her by the Holy Spirit. She will give birth to a son and you must name him Jesus, because he is the one who is to save his people from their sins." Now all this took place to fulfil the words spoken by the Lord through the prophet: The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son and they will call him Emmanuel, a name which means "God-is-with-us." When Joseph woke up, he did what the angel of the Lord has told him to do: he took his wife to his home and, though he had not had intercourse with her, she gave birth to a son; and he named him Jesus.

The Gospel of the Lord.

### Prayer Over The Offerings

**A**s we look forward, O Lord, to the coming festivities, may we serve you all the more eagerly for knowing that in them you make manifest the beginnings of our redemption. Through Christ our Lord.

**For Preface, see Usoro Emume Missa (2018 Edition) p. 25**

### Communion Antiphon

**T**he glory of the Lord will be revealed, and all flesh will see the salvation of our God.

### Prayer After Communion

**G**rant, O Lord, we pray, that we may draw new vigour from celebrating the Nativity of your Only Begotten Son, by whose heavenly mystery we receive both food and drink. Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

### Solemn Blessing

**M**ay the God of infinite goodness, who by the Incarnation of his Son has driven darkness from the world and by that glorious Birth has illumined this most holy night (day), drive far from you the darkness of vice and illumine your hearts with the light of virtue. **R./ Amen.**

**M**ay God, who willed that the great joy of his Son's saving Birth be announced to shepherds by the Angel, fill your minds with the gladness he gives and make you heralds of his Gospel. **R./ Amen.**

**A**nd may God, who by the Incarnation brought together the earthly and heavenly

nne Jesu, a huru na Maria di ime site na Mmuo Nso tupu ha ebikoo onu. Mana di ya bu Josef, bu onye ezionume, a choghi imenye ya ihere, kama o kpebiri ichu ya na nzuzo. Mgbe o na-atule ihe ndi a n'obi ya, mmuooma nke Onyenweanyi biakwutere ya na nro, si ya, "Josef, nwa David, atula egwu ikporo Maria nwunye gi, n'ihina nwa o di ime ya sitere n'ike nke Mmuo Nso. O ga-amu nwa nwoke, i ga-agu ya Jesu, n'ihina o ga-azoputa ndi nke ya na njo ha niile." Ihe niile ndi a mere iji mejuputa ihe Onyenweanyi kwuru site n'olu onye amuma si: "Lee, otu nwaagbogho na-amaghi nwoke ga-adi ime, muta nwa-nwoke. A ga-agu ya Imanuel" (nke putara Chineke nonyeere anyi). Ya mere, mgbe Josef tetara n'ura, o mere dika mmuooma nke Onyenweanyi gwara ya, were kporo Maria dika nwunye ya. Ha enweghi mmeko di na nwunye obula, o wee muta nwa nwoke. Josef agu ya Jesu.

Ozioma nke Oseburuwa.

### Ekpere Nhunye

**O**nyenweanyi, biko nyere anyi aka iji obi anuri chunyerere Gi aja nke a. Anyi ji ya akwado maka nnukwu emume nke nzoputa anyi. Site na ya, nye anyi uru di n'ihe omimi nke mgbaputa anyi site na Kristi Onyenweanyi.

### Ukwe Oriri Nso

**A**ga-egosi ebube nke Onyenweanyi! Amadu dum abia hu ike nzoputa nke Chineke anyi wetaara anyi.

### Ekpere A Natachaa Oriri Nso

**O**nyenweanyi, anyi eriel ahu Kristi, nuokwa obara Ya. Nke a bu ihe omimi nke eluigwe. Biko, nye anyi mgbasike ohuru n'emume omumu nke So Otu Nwa Gi. Onye Gi na Ya di ndu na-achi ebighi ebi.

### Ngozi Puru Iche

**K**a Chineke, Onye mmesooma ya Kenweghi ube, onye nke sitere n'Iwereahu nke Nwa ya si n'uwa chupu ochichiri, ma sitekwa n'Omumu ahụ di otito mee ka anyasi (ubochi) taa gbukée, ka o chutée aka ochichiri nke agwa ojoo ma were munye n'obi unu ihe nke ezionume. **Az./ Amen.**

**K**a Chineke, onye kpebiri na oke onu Omumu nzoputa nke Nwa ya ga-abu ozi Mmuooma buteere ndi nche aturu, ka o hujuputa n'obi unu anuri o na-enye ma mee unu azi ndi mgbasa Ozioma ya. **Az./ Amen.**

realm, fill you with the gift of his peace and favour and make you sharers with the Church in heaven. **R./ Amen.**

**A**nd may the blessing of almighty God, Father, Son + and Holy Spirit, come down on you, and remain with you for ever. **R./ Amen.**

**K**a Chineke, onye sitere n'Iwere Ahu jikota uwa na mbala igwe, were onyinye nke udo na mmesooma ya hujuputa n'ime unu, bia mee unu iso keta ekpe na Nzuko nke eluigwe. **Az./ Amen.**

**K**a ngozi nke Chineke puru ime ihe niile, Nna, na Nwa + na Muo Nso dakwasi unu ma nonyere unu oge niile. **Az./ Amen.**

## Midnight Mass of the Nativity of our Lord (White)

### Entry Antiphon

**L**et us all rejoice in the Lord, for our Saviour has been born in the world. Today true peace has come down to us from heaven.

### Collect

**O** God, who have made this most sacred night radiant with the splendour of the true light, grant, we pray, that we who have known the mysteries of his light on earth, may also delight in his gladness in heaven. Who lives and reigns with you.

### First Reading

Reading from the prophet Isaiah (9:1-7)

**T**he people that walked in darkness has seen a great light; on those who live in a land of deep shadow a light has shone. You have made their joy increase; they rejoice at harvest time, as men are happy when they are dividing the spoils. For the yoke that was weighing on him, the bar across his shoulders, the rod of his oppressor, these you break as on the day of Midian. For all the footgear of battle, every cloak rolled in blood, is burnt, and consumed by fire. For there is a child born for us, a son given to us and dominion is laid on his shoulders; and this is the name they give him: Wonder-full Counsellor, Mighty-God, Eternal-Father, Prince-of-Peace. Wide is his dominion in a peace that has no end, for the throne of David and for his royal power, which he establishes and makes secure in justice and integrity. From this time onwards and forever, jealous love of the Lord of hosts will do this. The word of the Lord.

**Responsorial Psalm: Ps. 95:1-3.11-13 (R. Lk. 2:11)**

**Response: Today a Saviour has been born to us; he is Christ the Lord.**

1. O sing a new song to the Lord, sing to the Lord all the earth. O sing to the Lord, bless his name. (R.)

### Ukwe Mbata

**K**a anyi niile nuriwanu na Dinwenu, maka na a mutaara anyi Onye Nzoputa n'uwa. Taa, ezi udo esila n'igwe bia inonyere anyi.

### Ekpere Mmeghe

**C**hineke, I meela ka abali nke a kacha nso chawaputa na-amukesi n'ebube nke ezi ihe. Anyi na-ario Gi, biko mee ka anyi bu ndi na-anabata ihe omimi nke ihe Gi n'uwa a, sorokwa nriara onu n'alaeze nke eluigwe. Site na Dinwenu anyi Jesu Kristi Nwa Gi.

### Ihe Ogugu Nke Mbu

Ihe ogugu e wetara n'onye amuma Aizaya (9:2-7)

**N**di na-aga ije n'ochichiri ahula nnukwu ihe; ndi bi na ndo nke onwu, ihe achakwasala ha. I meela ka ndi bi n'obodo ahu bawanye n'onuogugu; i mekwaala ka anuri ha di ukwu; ha ga-enwe anuri n'ihu gi dika ha si enwe onu n'oge owuwe ihe ubi, ya na otu ndi mmadu si enwe onu mgbe ha na-eke ihe ha lutara n'agha. I kujiela inyagba na-anyigbu ya, na mkpara nke a na-aku ya n'ubu, na mkpara igwe nke ndi na-emesi ya ike, dika o di n'ubochi nke ndi Midian. Akpukpo ukwu obula ndiagha ji zopiasia ihe n'ogbo agha ma uwe a tururu n'obara, ha niile ga-abu ihe a gbara oku. N'ihina a muputaara anyi otu nwa, e nyekwara anyi otu nwa nwoke; ochichi ga-abukwa nke ya nke, aha aga akpo ya bu "Onye ndumodu di ebube, Chineke nke bu dike, Nna di Ebebe, Eze nke Udo. O ga-achi n'ocheeze David; ochichi ya na udo nke o ga-enye agaghi enwe njedebe. Alaeze ya ga-akwudosiike n'ikpe nkwmoto na eziumume bido ugu a ruo mgbe ebighiebi. Mmuo inu oku nke Oseburuwa nke igwe ndiagha ga-emejuputa ihe ndi a. Okwu nke Oseburuwa.

**Abuoma na Aziza: Abu.96:1-3.11-13 (Az. Luk 2:11)**

**Aziza: Ubochi taa, a muuru anyi onye nzoputa, onye bu Kristi Dinwenu.**

1. Kweere nu Onyenweanyi ukwe onuru; uwa niile kweere Onyenweanyi ukwe. Kweere nu

**54 Onyenweanyi ukwe, too aha ya. (Az.)**



2. Proclaim his help day by day, tell among the nations his glory and his wonders among all the peoples. (R.)

3. Let the heavens rejoice and earth be glad, let the sea and all within it thunder praise, let the land and all it bears rejoice, all the trees of the wood shout for joy at the presence of the Lord for he comes, he comes to rule the earth. (R.)

4. With justice he will rule the world, he will judge the peoples with his truth. (R.)

### Second Reading

A reading from the letter of St. Paul to Titus (2:11-14)

**G**od's grace has been revealed, and it has made salvation possible for the whole human race and taught us that what we have to do is to give up everything that does not lead to God, and all our worldly ambitions; we must be self-restrained and live good and religious lives here in this present world, while we are waiting in hope for the blessing which will come with the Appearing of the glory of our great God and saviour Christ Jesus. He sacrificed himself for us in order to set us free from all wickedness and to purify a people so that it could be his very own and would have no ambition except to do good. The word of the Lord.

### Alleluia, alleluia! Lk. 2:10-11

**I** bring you news of great joy: today a saviour has been born to us, Christ the Lord. Alleluia!

### Gospel

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke (2:1-14)

**N**ow at this time Caesar Augustus issued a decree for a census of the whole world to be taken. This census - the first - took place while Quirinius was governor of Syria, and everyone went to his own town to be registered. So Joseph set out from the town of Nazareth in Galilee and travelled up to Judaea, to the town of David called Bethlehem, since he was of David's House and line, in order to be registered together with Mary, his betrothed, who was with child. While they were there the time came for her to have her child, and she gave birth to a son, her first-born. She wrapped him in a swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger because there was no room for them at the inn. In the countryside close by there were shepherds who lived in the fields and took it in turns to watch

2. Kwuputa nzoputa ya ubochi niile. Mee ka uwa niile mara maka otito ya. Kwuputakwa oru itunaanya ya n'ebe ndi mmadu no. (Az.)

3. Eluigwe nuriaba, uwa goribe, oke osimiri na ihe niile di n'ime ya, tienu mkpu onu. Ala-ubi niile na ihe niile di n'ime ya nuriabanu, ka osisi niile di n'oke ohia kwebe ukwe anuri n'ihu nke Onyenweanyi n'ihu na o na-abia, o na-abia ikpe uwa ikpe. (Az.)

4. O ga-eji ikpe nkwmoto na eziokwu were kpee uwa na ndi mmadu ikpe. (Az.)

### Ihe Ogugu Nke Abuo

Ihe ogugu e wetara n'akwukwo ozi Pol di aso degaara Taitus (2:11-14)

**C**hineke egosiputala amara ya iji wetara mmadu niile nzoputa. Amara ahu na-akuziri anyi ka anyi ju omume niile megidere ife Chineke, na ochicho ojoo niile nke uwa. Ka anyi na-ejide onwe anyi aka, na-ebi ndu eziumume na ndu itu Chineke egwu n'uwa a. Otu a ka anyi ga-esi na-eche olileanya anyi di ngozi, bu obibia nke otito nke Chineke anyi di ukwu na onye Nzoputa anyi bu Jesu Kristi. O nyere onwe ya n'ihu anyi, iji zoputa anyi na njo niile, ka o wee wuchaputara onwe ya ndi di ochia, ndi o na-anu oku n'obi ime eziumume. Okwu nke Oseburuwa.

### Aleluia, aleluia! Luk 2:10-11

**E**wetara m unu ozioma nke oke onu, ubochi taa, a muuru anyi onye nzoputa, onye bu Kristi Dinweni. Aleluia!

### Ozioma

Ihe ogugu nke a si n'Ozioma di aso nke Luk dere (2:1-14)

**N**oge ahu Siza Ogostus nyere iwu ka e nwee onuogugu mmadu niile di n'uwa. Nke a bu ogugu mmadu mbu a guru mgbe Kwirinus bu onyeisi na-achi mba Siria. Mmadu niile gara, onye obula n'obodo nke ya, ka e deba aha ya n'akwukwo. Josef, n'otu aka ahu, sikwara n'obodo Nazaret nke di n'ala Galili gaa Judia, n'obodo nke Devid, a na-akpo Betlehem, n'ihina o si n'ulo agburu Devid puta. O gara ka o dee aha ya na Maria n'akwukwo, onye o ga-ahu, bu onye dikwa ime. Mgbe ha no ebe ahu, ime bidoro mebe Maria. O mutara nwanwoke mbu ya, were akwa fuchie ya, nyibe ya n'elu ihe e ji adoba nri anuulo, n'ihina ohere apatarighi ha n'ulo ndi ije. Ufodu ndi ncheaturu no n'ohia n'otu akuku ala ahu, na-eche igwe aturu ha nche n'abali. Otu Mmuooma nke



their flocks during the night. The angel of the Lord appeared to them and the glory of the Lord shone around them. They were terrified, but the angel said, "Do not be afraid. Listen, I bring you news of great joy, a joy to be shared by the whole people. Today in the house of David a saviour has been born to us; he is Christ the Lord. And here is a sign for you: you will find a baby wrapped in swaddling clothes and lying in a manger." And suddenly with the angel there was a great throng of the heavenly host, praising God and singing: "Glory to God in the highest heaven, and peace to men who enjoy his favour." The Gospel of the Lord.

### Prayer Over The Offerings

**M**ay the oblation of this day's feast be pleasing to you, O Lord, we pray, that through this most holy exchange we may be found in the likeness of Christ, in whom our nature is united to you. Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

**For Preface, see Usoro Emume Missa (2018 Edition) p. 25 or 27 or 29**

### Communion Antiphon

**T**he Word became flesh, and we have seen his glory.

### Prayer After Communion

**G**rant us, we pray, O Lord our God, that we who are gladdened by participation in the feast of our Redeemer's Nativity, may through an honourable way of life become worthy of union with him. Who lives and reigns forever and ever.

Dinwenụ biakwutere ha, ebube nke Onyenweanyi chawaputara gburugburu ha. Ujo wee jide ha. Mmuooma ahu siri ha, "Ujo atula unu; n'ihina ewetaara m unu ozioma nke oke onu, nke ga-adiri mmadu niile, n'ihina ubochi taa, a muuru anyi onye nzoputa, onye bu Kristi Dinweni. Nke a ga-aburu unu ihe nribaama; unu ga-ahu nwa oheru e ji akwa fuchie, nke dina n'ihe e ji adoba nri anuulo." Na mberede, igwe ndi Mmuooma nke eluigwe biara nonyere Mmuooma ahu, na-eto Chineke na-asi: "Otito diri Chineke n'elu kacha elu, n'uwa, udo diri ndi mmadu niile ihe ha na-aso Chukwu." Ozioma nke Oseburuwa.

### Ekpere Nhunye

**D**inwenụ biko were obi oma Gi nara Onyinye anyi na-ehunyerere Gi n'ubochi nnukwu oriri nke a. Ka anyi site n'igbanwo onyinye nke a kacha nsọ, di n'udi Onye ahu weere ndu anyi jikota na nke Gi. Site na Kristi Onyenweanyi.

### Ukwe Oriri Nso

**O**kwu e mere ahu ka anyi huru otito ya.

### Ekpere A Natachaa Oriri Nso

**D**inwenụ Chineke anyi, n'afọ o bula, anyi na-eji emume kwesiri ekwesị na-eri oriri nke omumu Onye Nzoputa anyi. Biko, mee ka anyi tosikwa isoro Ya rute n'anuri ebighi ebi. Site na Kristi Onyenweanyi.

**For the Solemn Blessing at Christmas, see page 53**



**25 December [Orie] Wednesday (White)**

## The Nativity of the Lord (Solemnity)

### Entry Antiphon

**A** child is born for us, and a son is given to us; his sceptre of power rests upon his shoulder, and his name will be called Messenger of great counsel.

### Ukwe Mbata

**A**mutaara anyi Nwa Nwoke. Aee, o bu Nwa Nwoke ka e nyere anyi; Onye ike ochichi niile no n'ubu. Aha a ga-akpo Ya bu: Onye Ndumodu di Egwu.

### Collect

**O** God, who wonderfully created the dignity of human nature and still more wonderfully restored it, grant, we pray, that we may share in the divinity of Christ, who humbled himself to share in our humanity. Who lives and reigns with you.

### Ekpere Mmeghe

**O** Chineke, I sitere n'uzo di itunanya doo mmadu ebube mgbe I kere uwa; biakwa site n'uzo kacha itunanya nye ya ebube mgbe I zoputara ya. Biko, otu o masiri Ya bu Nwa Gi iwere onodu mmadu, meenu ka anyi soro Ya keta oke n'ibu Chukwu nke O bu. Onye Gi na ya di ndu.

## First Reading

A reading from the prophet Isaiah (52:7-10)

**H**ow beautiful on the mountains, are the feet of one who brings good news, who heralds peace, brings happiness, proclaims salvation, and tells Zion, "Your God is king!" Listen! Your watchmen raise their voices, they shout for joy together, for they see the Lord face to face, as he returns to Zion. Break into shouts of joy together, you ruins of Jerusalem; for the Lord is consoling his people, redeeming Jerusalem. The Lord bares his holy arm in the sight of all the nations, and all the ends of the earth shall see the salvation of our God.

The word of the Lord.

## Responsorial Psalm: Ps. 97:1-6.(R.v.3)

Response: **All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.**

1. Sing a new song to the Lord for he has worked wonders. His right hand and his holy arm have brought salvation. (R.)
2. The Lord has made known his salvation; has shown his justice to the nations. He has remembered his truth and love for the house of Israel. (R.)
3. All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God. Shout to the Lord all the earth, ring out your joy. (R.)
4. Sing psalms to the Lord with the harp, with the sound of music. With trumpets and the sound of the horn acclaim the king, the Lord. (R.)

## Second Reading

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews (1:1-6)

**A**t various times in the past and in various different ways, God spoke to our ancestors through the prophets; but in our own time, the last days, he has spoken to us through his Son, the Son that he has appointed to inherit everything and through whom he made everything there is. He is the radiant light of God's glory and the perfect copy of his nature, sustaining the universe by his powerful command; and now that he has destroyed the defilement of sin, he has gone to take his place in heaven at the right hand of divine Majesty. So he is now as far above the angels as the title which he has inherited is higher than their own name. God has never said to any angel: You are my Son, today I have become your father; or: I will be a father to him and he a son to me. Again, when he brings the Firstborn into the world, he says: Let all the angels of God worship him.

The word of the Lord.

## Ihe Ogugu Nke Mbu

Ihe ogugu e wetara n'onye amuma Aizaya (52:7-10)

**L**ee ka o siri maa mma n'elu ugwu, bu ukwu nke onye ahụ na-eweta ozi oma, onye na-eweta udo, onye na-ekwu maka nzoputa na-agwa Zayon si, "Chukwu gi bu Eze." Lee ndi nche gi na-ewelite olu, ha ejikota onu kwee ukwe onu n'ihina ha ejila anya ha hu Chineke m ka o na-alaghachi na Zayon. Kwekotanu ukwe afuri onu, unu obodo Jerusalem togbo n'efu n'ihina Onyenweanyi agbaala ndi nke ya ume, o zoputala Jerusalem. Oseburuwa emegheela aka ya di nso n'ihu mba niile, nsotu uwa niile ga-ahu mgbaputa nke Chineke anyi. Okwu nke Oseburuwa.

## Abuoma na Aziza: Abu. 98:1-6 (Az.3)

Aziza: **Akuku uwa niile ahula nzoputa nke Chineke anyi.**

1. Kweere Onyenweanyi ukwe ohuru, n'ihina o ruru oru ebube, aka nri ya na aka ya di nso eweterela ya mmeri. (Az.)
2. Onyenweanyi egosila ike nzoputa ya, o meela ka mba niile mata eziumume ya. O chetala ihunaanya ya na ikwudosiike ya n'ebe ezinulo Izrel no. (Az.)
3. Akuku uwa niile ahula nzoputa nke Chineke anyi. Uwa niile tierenu Onyenweanyi mkpu onu werenu ukwe na mkpu onu too ya. (Az.)
4. Kweerenu Onyenweanyi ukwe, werenu ubo akwara na ihe egwu di icheiche tiere Onyenweanyi egwu! Werenu opi igwe na mpi kwuputa na Onyenweanyi bu eze. (Az.)

## Ihe Ogugu Nke Abu

Ihe ogugu e wetara n'akwukwo ozi edegaara ndi Hibu (1:1-6)

**N**'oge ochie, Chineke sitere n'uzo di icheiche gwa nna anyi ha okwu site n'onu ndiamuma; n'ogwugwu oge ndi a, o gwala anyi okwu site na Nwa ya, onye Chineke hoputara ka o buru onye nketa nke ihe niile, onye o si na ya kee uwa. O na-achawaputa otito nke Chineke na akara nke udi ya, site n'ike nke okwu ya ka o ji jide uwa. Mgbe o sachapuchara njo, o noduru n'aka nri nke onye kacha elu. Ugwu a o bu onye di elu karja ndi mmuoma dika aha o nwetara si karja nke ha elu. Olee mmuoma Chineke gwarala si, "I bu Nwa m, ta amutara m gi" mobu, "Aga m abu nna ya, ya onwe ya ga-abukwa nwa m". Ozokwa, mgbe o zitere Nwa ya n' uwa, o kwuru si, "Ka ndi mmuoma Chineke niile kporo ya isiala." Okwu nke Oseburuwa.

## Alleluia, alleluia!

**A** hallowed day dawned upon us. Come, you nations, worship the Lord, for today a great light has shone down upon the earth. Alleluia!

## Gospel

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John (1:1-18)

**I**n the beginning was the Word: the Word was with God and the Word was God. He was with God in the beginning. Through him all things came to be, not one thing had its being but through him. All that came to be had life in him and that life was the light of men, a light that shines in the dark, a light that darkness could not overpower. A man came, sent by God. His name was John. He came as a witness, as a witness to speak for the light, so that everyone might believe through him. He was not the light, only a witness to speak for the light.

The Word was the true light that enlightens all men; and he was coming into the world. He was in the world that had its being through him, and the world did not know him. He came to his own domain and his own people did not accept him. But to all who did accept him, he gave power to become children of God, to all who believe in the name of him who was born not out of human stock or urge of the flesh or will of man but of God himself. The Word was made flesh, he lived among us, and we saw his glory, the glory that is his as the only Son of the Father, full of grace and truth.

John appears as his witness. He proclaims: "This is the one of whom I said: He who comes after me ranks before me because he existed before me".

Indeed, from his fulness we have, all of us, received - yes, grace in return for grace, since, though the Law was given through Moses, grace and truth have come through Jesus Christ. No one has ever seen God; it is the only Son, who is nearest to the Father's heart, who has made him known.

The Gospel of the Lord.

## Prayer Over The Offerings

**M**ake acceptable, O Lord, our oblation on this solemn day, when you manifested the reconciliation that makes us wholly pleasing in your sight and inaugurated for us the fullness of divine worship. Through Christ our Lord.

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## Aléluya, Aléluya!

**U**bóchi e doro nso abọọrola anyị. Bianu, unu mba niile, kpooronu Onyenweanyi isi ala, n'ihina taa, nnukwu ihe achawaputala n'elu uwa. Aléluya!

## Ozioma

Ihe ogugu nke a si n'Ozioma di aso nke Jon dere (1:1-18)

**N**am bu tupu ekee uwa, Okwu ahụ dirii. Okwu ahụ na Chineke dirii. Okwu ahụ bukwa Chineke. Ya na Chineke dirii site na mbu. Site na ya ka Chineke siri kee ihe niile. E wezuga ya o dighi ihe obula e kere eke nke gaara adinu. N'ime ya ka ndu di. Ndu ahụ bukwa ihe nke ndi mmadu. Ihe ahụ na-enwu n'ochichiri, ma ochichiri apughi imenyu ya. O di otu nwoke Chineke zitere, aha ya bu Jon. O biara igba ama, igbara ihe ahụ akaebe, ka mmadu niile site n'ihe ahụ kwere. Ya onwe ya abughi ihe ahụ, kama o biara igbara ihe ahụ akaebe. Ezi ihe ahụ nke na-enye mmadu niile ihe na-abia n'elu uwa. O nori n' uwa, site na ya ka e si kee uwa; ma uwa amataghi ya. O biakwutere ndi nke ya, ma ha anabataghi ya. Ma ndi niile nabatara ya, kwerekwa n' aha ya, ka o nyere ike ibu umu nke Chineke; ha bu ndi a muru, o bughi site n'obara nke o na-abu site n'echiche nke anyahu mobu echiche nke mmadu kama site na Chineke. Okwu ahụ buuru mmadu, wee binyere anyi. O juputara n'amara na eziokwu. Anyi ahula ebube ya, ebube nke o nwere dika sooso otu Nwa nke Nna.

Jon gbara akaebe maka ya si, "Onye na-esote m kariri m, n'ihina o bu m uzo diri."

Site n'uju nke ya, anyi niile nwetara amara kwuru amara. Site n'aka Mosis ka e si nye iwu, ma amara na eziokwu si na Jesu Kristi bia. O dighi onye obula hurula Chineke, o bu sooso otu Nwa ahụ, onye bu Chineke, onye nke ya na Nna no, mere ka a mara ya.

Ozioma nke Oseburuwa.

## Ekpere Nhunye

**D**inwenu, biko nara onyinye anyi na-ebutere gi na nnukwu oriri nke ubochi taa. O bu site na ya ka anyi ji emeda Chineke obi n'uzo zuru ezu; ka anyi na ya dikwa na mma ozo. Biko, mee ka anyi fee ya n'uzo kwesiri ekwesị. Site na Kristi Onyenweanyi.

### Communion Antiphon

All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.

### Prayer After Communion

Grant, O merciful God, that, just as the Saviour of the world, born this day, is the author of divine generation for us, so may he be the giver even of immortality. Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

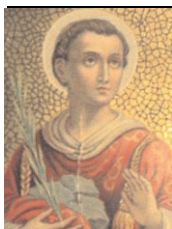
### Ukwe Oriri Nso

Akuku uwa niile ahula nzoputa nke Chineke anyi.

### Ekpere A Natacha Oriri Nso

Chineke Nna nke ebere, Onye Nzoputa nke uwa a muru taa bu onye ntoala nke ndu anyi na Chukwu. Biko, mee ka anyi si n'aka ya nweta ndu ebighi ebi. Site na Kristi Onyenweanyi.

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## 26 December [Afor] Thursday (Red)

### St Stephen, First Martyr (Feast)

The deacon Stephen, stoned in Jerusalem two years after the death of Christ, is the first martyr. According to the Acts of the Apostles, he was stoned outside the city wall and died like Jesus praying for his executioners. Stephen was one of the seven deacons whom the Apostles, in order to lighten their load, associated with their work. He was "filled with faith and with the Holy Spirit", "full of grace and strength". He showed himself as a man of God, radiating divine grace and apostolic zeal. As the first

witness to Christ he confronted his opponents with quiet courage. Disputing with Stephen, his executioners were not able to resist the wisdom and the spirit that spoke through him (cf. Mark 13.11).

By establishing the feast on the day after Christmas, the Church draws an even closer comparison between Christ's disciples and their Master.

### Entry Antiphon

The gates of heaven were opened for blessed Stephen, who was found to be the first among the numbers of the Martyrs and therefore is crowned triumphant in heaven.

### Collect

Grant, Lord, we pray, that we may imitate what we worship, and so learn to love even our enemies, for we celebrate the heavenly birthday of a man who knew how to pray even for his persecutors. Through our Lord.

### First Reading

A reading from the Acts of Apostles (6:8-10; 7:54-59)

Stephen was filled with grace and power and began to work miracles and great signs among the people. But then certain people came forward to debate with Stephen, some from Cyrene and Alexandria who were members of the synagogue called the Synagogue of Freedmen, and others from Cilicia and Asia. They found they could not get the better of him because of his wisdom, and because it was the Spirit that prompted what he said. They were infuriated when they heard what he said, and ground their teeth at him.

### Ukwe Mbata

Emegheere Stivin di aso onuuzo ama Enke eluigwe, onye a huru bu uzo n'etiti ndi e gburu maka Chineke; n'ihi ya, e kpubere ya okpu mmeri n'eluigwe.

### Ekpere Mmeghe

Mee, Onyenweanyi, anyi na-ario, ka anyi na-eñomi ihe anyi na-eke, were si otu ahụ mụta ihukwa ndi iro anyi n'anya, n'ihi na anyi na-eri oriri ubochi omumu n'eluigwe otuonye ma ka esi ekpekwarā ndi na-esogbu ya ekpere. Site na Dinwenụ anyi.

### Ihe Ogugu Nke Mbụ

Ihe ogugu e wetara n'Oru Ndiọzi (6:8-10; 7:54-59)

Ebe Stivin juputara n'amara na ike nke Mmuo Nso, o ruru oke oru itunaanya na ihe iribaama di icheiche n'etiti ndi Juu. Mgbe ahụ ufođu ndi Juu ndi si n'ulonzo nke "Ndi nweere onwe ha" (dika e si akpo ya) na nke ndi Sairiin, na nke ndi Elegzandria, na nke ndi si Silisia na Eshia biara rusa Stivin uka. Ma ha enweghi ike ikwugidenwu amamihe ike nke Mmuo Nso Stivin ji agwa ha okwu. Mgbe ogbako ikpe ahụ nuru ihe ndi a, iwe were ha nke ukwu n'ebe Stivin no ha wee taa ikikere eze.

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But Stephen, filled with the Holy Spirit, gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God, and Jesus standing at God's right hand. 'I can see heaven thrown open' he said 'and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God.' At this all the members of the council shouted out and stopped their ears with their hands; then they all rushed at him, sent him out of the city and stoned him. The witnesses put down their clothes at the feet of a young man called Saul. As they were stoning him, Stephen said in invocation, Lord Jesus, receive my spirit.' Then he knelt down and said aloud, Lord, do not hold this sin against them'; and with these words he fell asleep. Saul entirely approved of the killing. The word of the Lord.

**Responsorial Psalm: Ps. 30:3-4.6-8.17.21 (R.v.6)**

**Response: Into your hands, O Lord, I commend my spirit.**

1. Be a rock of refuge for me, a mighty stronghold to save me, for you are my rock, my stronghold. For your name's sake, lead me and guide me. (R.)
2. Into your hands I commend my spirit. It is you who will redeem me, Lord. As for me, I trust in the Lord: let me be glad and rejoice in your love. (R.)
3. Let your face shine on your servant. Save me in your love. You hide those who trust in you in the shelter of your presence from the plotting of men. (R.)

**Alleluia, alleluia! Ps.117:26.27**

**B**lessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord; the Lord God is our light. Alleluia!

**Gospel**

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew (10:17-22)

**J**esus said to his apostles: 'Beware of men: they will hand you over to Sanhedrins and scourge you in their synagogues. You will be dragged before governors and kings for my sake, to bear witness before them and the pagans. But when they hand you over, do not worry about how to speak or what to say; what you are to say will be given to you when the time comes; because it is not you who will be speaking; the Spirit of your Father will be speaking in you.

'Brother will betray brother to death, and the father his child; children will rise against

Nso lere anya n'eluigwe hu ebube nke Chineke. O si ha, "Lee! Ana m ahu ka e meghere eluigwe, na Nwa nke mmadu ka o kwu n'aka nri nke Chineke. Ha weere oke olu tie inkpu, were aka kwuchie nti ha, were oso wakpo Stivin. Ha si n'obodo ahu kpupu ya, were okwute tugbuo ya. Ndi akaebe ugha, ndi gburu Stivin, wusara uwe ha n'ukwu otu nwaakorobia a na-akpo Sol. Ka ha na-atugbu Stivin o kpere ekpere si, "Onyenweanyi Jesu nara mkpuruobi m! O gburu ikpere n'ala, werekwa oke olu tie mkpu, si, "Onyenweanyi, ekwekwala ka njo nke a di ha n'isi!" Mgbe o kwuchara nke a, o daa n'ala nwuo. Okwu nke Oseburuwa.

**Abuoma na Aziza: Abu. 31:2-3.5-7.16.20 (Az.6)**

**Aziza: N'aka gi, Onyenweanyi, ka m tinyere mmuo m.**

1. Buru nkume nke mgbaba m, ide nke ga-azoputa m! n'ihina i bu nkume m, na ide m; n'ihina aha gi dube m, ma chekwaba m. (Az.)
2. N'aka gi ka m tinyere mmuo m, I gbaputala m, Oseburuwa, Chineke nke eziokwu. Atukwasiri m obi m n'Oseburuwa. Aga m awuli elu, nwee anuri n'ime ihunaanya gi. (Az.)
3. Ka ihu gi chakwasiri nwodibo gi, were ihunaanya gi zoputa m. N'ihu gi ka I na-ezobe umuodibo gi ka atumatu ndi ajoomume ghara imetu ha. (Az.)

**Alaluya, alaluya! Abu. 118:26.27**

**N**gozi na-adiri onye biara n'aha Onyenweanyi, n'ihina Chineke bu ihe anyi.

**Ozioma**

Ihe ogugu nke a si n'Ozioma di aso nke Matiu dere (10:17-22)

**J**esu gwara umuazu ya si: Zereni ndi mmadu, n'ihina ha ga-arara unu nye n'uloikpe; ha ga-apia unu ihe n'ulo nzuko ha di ichieiche. Ha ga-akpugara unu ndi na-achi achi na ndieze n'ihina m. Unu ga-eji ohere ahu gbaara m akaebe n'ihu ha na ndi mba ozu. Mgbe ha raara unu nye, unu echegbula onwe unu banyere ihe unu ga-ekwu, mobu banyere otu unu ga-esi kwuo ya; n'ihina a ga-akuziri unu ihe unu ga-ekwu n'oge ahu. Maka na o bughu unu ga-ekwu, kama Mmuo nke Nna unu ga-esi n'ime unu kwuo okwu. Nwanne ga-arara nwanne ya nye n'onwu; nna ga-ararakwa

their parents and have them put to death. You will be hated by all men on account of my name; but the man who stands firm to the end will be saved.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

### Prayer Over The Offerings

**M**ay these offerings of our devotion today, be acceptable to you, we pray, O Lord, for they are prompted by the glorious commemoration of Saint Stephen the Martyr. Through Christ our Lord.

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### Communion Antiphon

**A**s they were stoning Stephen, he called out: Lord Jesus, receive my spirit.

### Prayer After Communion

**F**or the many mercies which surround us we give thanks to you, O Lord, who save us through the Nativity of your Son and gladden us with the celebration of the blessed Martyr Stephen. Through Christ our Lord.

nwa ya nye n'onwu. Umụ ga-ebili megide ndi muru ha, mee ka e'gbuo ha. Mmadu niile ga-akpo unu asi n'ihu m, ma onye nogidesiri ike ruo n'isi njedebe ka a ga-azoputa.

Ozioma nke Oseburuwa.

### Ekpere Nhunye

**K**a onyinye nsopuru anyi ndi a taata masi gi, anyi na-arjo, O Onyenweanyi, n'ihu na ha bu ihe ncheta di otito nke onye di aso, Stivin kwafuru obara n'ihu gi, kpalitere. Site na Kristi Onyenweanyi.

### Ukwe Oriri Nso

**K**a ha na-atu Stivin okwute, o tiri mkpu si: Onyenweanyi Jesu, nara mmuo m.

### Ekpere A Natachaa Oriri Nso

**N**'ihu otutu ebere gi gbara anyi gburugburu, anyi enye gi ekele, O Onyenweanyi, onye zoputara anyi site na Omumu Nwa gi were nyekwa anyi onu site n'oriri onye nke gi egburu bu Stivin di aso. Site na Kristi Onyenweanyi.



## Friday [Nkwo] 27 December (White) St. John, Apostle & Evangelist (Feast)

**S**t. John, son of Zebedee, and the brother of St. James the Great, was called to be an Apostle by our Lord in the first year of his public ministry. John became the "beloved disciple" and the only one of the Twelve who did not forsake the Savior in the hour of his Passion. He stood faithfully at the Cross when the Savior made him the guardian of His Mother. His later life was passed in Jerusalem and at Ephesus. He founded many churches in Asia Minor. He wrote the fourth Gospel and three Epistles. The Book of Revelation is also attributed to him. Tradition relates that he was brought to Rome and by the order of Emperor Domitian cast into a cauldron of boiling oil. He came forth unhurt and was banished to the island of Patmos for a

year. He lived to an extreme old age, surviving all other apostles. He is called the Apostle of charity, a virtue he constantly inculcated by word and example. He died at Ephesus about the year 100. A stately church was erected over his tomb which was later converted into a Mosque.

### Entry Antiphon

**T**his is John, who reclined on the Lord's breast at supper, the blessed Apostle, to whom celestial secrets were revealed and who spread the words of life through all the world.

### Collect

**O** God, who through the blessed Apostle John have unlocked for us the secrets of your Word, grant, we pray, that we may grasp with proper understanding what he has so marvellously brought to our ears. Through our Lord.

### Ukwe Mbata

**O**nye a bu Jon, nke nodebere Onyenweanyi nso n'oriri ikpeazu; Nwaazu di ngozi, onye e kpugheere ihe ndi zoro ezo nke igwe, onye gbasakwara okwu ndu ndi ahụ n'ụwa niile.

### Ekpere Mmeghe

**O** Chineke, onye sitere na Nwaazu di ngozi bu Jon were kpugheere anyi ihe nzuzo nke Okwu ya, mee, anyi na-arjo, ka anyi were ezi nghota mata ihe ndi ahụ o siri n'uzo di itunaanya mee ka o ruo anyi nti. Sitena Dinwenụ anyi.

## First Reading

Reading from the first letter of St John (1:1-4)

Something which has existed since the beginning, that we have heard, and we have seen with our own eyes; that we have watched and touched with our hands: the Word, who is life - this is our subject. That life was made visible: we saw it and we are giving our testimony, telling you of the eternal life which was with the Father and has been made visible to us. What we have seen and heard we are telling you so that you too may be in union with us, as we are in union with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ. We are writing this to you to make our own joy complete. The word of the Lord.

## Responsorial Psalm: Ps.96:1-2.5-6.11-12 R.v.12

Response: **Rejoice, you just, in the Lord.**

1. The Lord is king, let earth rejoice, the many coast lands be glad. Cloud and darkness are his raiment; his throne, justice and right. (R.)
2. The mountains melt like wax before the Lord of all the earth. The skies proclaim his justice; all peoples see his glory. (R.)
3. Light shines forth for the just and joy for the upright of heart. Rejoice, you just, in the Lord; give glory to his holy name. (R.)

## Alleluia, Alleluia!

We praise you, O God, we acknowledge you to be the Lord. The glorious company of the apostles praise you, O Lord. Alleluia!

## Gospel

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John (20:2-8)

On the first day of the week Mary of Magdala came running to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one Jesus loved. 'They have taken the Lord out of the tomb' she said 'and we don't know where they have put him.'

So Peter set out with the other disciple to go to the tomb. They ran together, but the other disciple, running faster than Peter, reached the tomb first; he bent down and saw the linen cloths lying on the ground, but did not go in. Simon Peter who was following now came up, went right into the tomb, saw the linen cloths on the ground, and also the cloth that had been over his

## Ihe Ogugu nke Mbu

Ihe ogugu e wetara n'akwukwo ozi nke mbu Jon di aso dere (1:1-4)

Anyi na-edere unu banyere ihe ahu nke di site na mbido, nke anyi nuru, ma jirikwa anya anyi hu, lekwaso ya anya ma metukwa ya aka, o bu ihe gbasara okwu nke ndu. E mere ka ndu ahu puta ihe. Anyi huru ya ma na-agbakwa akaebe. Anyi na-akoro unu maka ndu ebeebe, nke ya na Nna no na nke e mere ka o puta ihe n'ebe anyi no. Ihe anyi huru na nke anyi nukwara, ka anyi na-akoro unu, ka unu soru anyi nwee mmeko, nke anyi na Nna na Nwa ya bu Jesu Kristi na-enwe. Anyi na-edere unu akwukwozi nke a, ka onu anyi zuo oke. Okwu nke Oseburuwa.

## Abuoma na Aziza: Abu.97:1-2.5-6.11-12 Az.12

Aziza: **Nurianu n'Onyenweanyi, unu bu ndi eziumume.**

1. Onyenweanyi bu eze! Ka uwa nuriba; Nurianu, ala niile mmiri gbara gburugburu. Urukpu na ochichiri gbara ya okirikiri; o jiri eziumume na ikpe nkwmoto were to o toala ocheze ya. (Az.)
2. Ugwu niile gbazere dika mmanu n'ihu Onyenweanyi nke uwa niile. Eluigwe na-ekwuputa eziumume ya, mba niile na-ahukwa otito ya. (Az.)
3. Ihe na-achakwasi ndi na-akwaba aka ha oto, anuri na- adiri ndi obi ha di ocha. Nurianu n'Onyenweanyi unu bu ndi eziumume, tookwanu aha ya di nso. (Az.)

## Aleluia, Aleluia!

Anyi etoo Gi, O Chineke, anyi ekwuputa Ana I bu Onyenweanyi. Ndi otu umuazu di ebube na-eto Gi, Onyenweanyi. Aleluia!

## Ozioma

Ihe ogugu nke a si n'Ozioma di aso nke Jon dere (20:2-8)

N'isi ututu n'ubochi mbu nke izuuka mgbe chi na abochabeghi, Meri Magdalin gbara uzo bia n'ili, hu na e bupula okwute nke e jiri mechie onuzo. O gbaara oso biakwute Saimon Pita na nwaazu ahu Jesu huru n'anya si ha, "Ha ebupula Onyenweanyi n'ili, anyi amaghikwa ebe ha dotere ya."

Pita na nwaazu nke ozo ahu wee puo gaa n'ili. Ha abuo jiri oso gaa, mana nwaazu nke ozo ahu gbalahuru Pita n'oso wee buru ya uzo ruo n'ili. O hulata, nyoo anya n'ime ili hu akwa ahu ebe ha wusara n'ala, mana o baghi n'ime ili. Saimon Pita, onye na-eso ya n'azu biaruru banye n'ime ili. O huru akwa ozu ahu ka o wusara n'ala, ya na ichafu nke e ji kechie ya isi. Ichafu a na akwa ocha ahu

head; this was not with the linen cloths but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple who had reached the tomb first also went in; he saw and he believed.’  
The Gospel of the Lord.

### Prayer Over The Offerings

**S**anctify the offerings we have made, O Lord, we pray, and grant that from the banquet of this supper we may draw the hidden wisdom of the eternal Word, just as, from this same source, you revealed it to your Apostle John. Through Christ our Lord.

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### Communion Antiphon

**T**he Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us, and from his fullness we have all received.

### Prayer After Communion

**G**rant, we pray, almighty God, that the Word made flesh, proclaimed by the blessed Apostle John, may, through this mystery which we have celebrated, ever dwell among us. Through Christ our Lord.

adighi n’otu ebe, kama a pijara ya apia dobe ya iche n’ebe ozo. Nwaazu ozo ahụ, onye nke buru uzo biao n’ili, banyekwara n’ime ili ahụ. O hụrụ ma kwerekwa.  
Ozioma nke Oseburuwa.

### Ekpere Nhunye

**G**ozie onyinye ndị a anyị buterela, O Onyenweanyi, anyị na-ariọ, ma mee ka anyị site na nnukwu oriri nke anyasi a nweta amamihe zoro ezo nke Okwu dị ebighiebi, dika I siri n’otu oriri a kpughepuru ya Nwaazu gi bụ Jon. Sitena Kristi Onyenweanyi.

### Ukwe Oriri Nso

**O**kwu weere ahụ, ma were ebe obibi ya n’etiti anyị; anyị niile ketara oke n’uju ya.

### Ekpere A Natachaa Oriri Nso

**M**ee, anyị na-ariọ, Chineke ji ike n’niile, ka Okwu e mere ahụ, nke Nwaazu Jon di asọ kwusara, site na iheomimi a anyị mere binyere anyị mgbe dum. Site na Kristi Onyenweanyi.



## 28 December [Eke] Saturday (Red)

### The Holy Innocents, Martyrs (Feast)

**T**he children mentioned in Matthew 2:16-18 are the basis for today celebration. The Greek Liturgy asserts that Herod killed 14,000 boys, the Syrians speak of 64,000 and many medieval authors of 144,000 following Apoc 14:3. Modern writers reduce the number considerably, since Bethlehem was a rather small town. The Jewish historian Flavius Josephus relates quite a number of atrocities committed by King Herod during the last years of his reign.

The infants were slaughtered within two years following the apparition of the star to the Wise Men. The Church venerates these children as martyrs; they are the first buds of the Church killed by the frost of persecution; they died not only for Christ, but in His stead. The feast is kept within the octave of Christmas because the Holy Innocents gave their life for the newborn Saviour.

### Entry Antiphon

**T**he innocents were slaughtered as infants for Christ; spotless, they follow the Lamb and sing for ever: Glory to you, O Lord.

### Collect

**O** God, whom the Holy Innocents confessed and proclaimed on this day, not by speaking but by dying, grant, we pray, that the faith in you which we confess with our lips may also speak through our manner of life. Through our Lord.

### Ukwe Mbata

**E**gburu umuaka enweghi ihe ha mere ka umu ntakiri Kristi; na-enweghi ntupe obula, ha na-eso Nwaaturu na-ekwe ukwe ebighiebi na-asị: Otito diri gi, O Onyenweanyi.

### Ekpere Mmeghe

**O**Chineke, onye Umuaka enweghi nke ha mere kwuputara ma gbaa akaebe taata, o bughị site na onummiriokwu, kama o bu sitena inwu onwu, mee, anyị na-ariọ, ka okwukwe na gi anyị jiri egburigbeonu anyị ekwuputa na-egosiputa site na udi ndu anyị na-ebi. Site na Dinwenụ anyị.



## First Reading

A reading from the first letter of St. John (1:5-2:2)

**T**his is what we have heard from Jesus Christ, and the message that we are announcing to you: God is light; there is no darkness in him at all. If we say that we are in union with God while we are living in darkness, we are lying because we are not living the truth. But if we live our lives in the light, as he is in the light, we are in union with one another, and the blood of Jesus, his Son, purifies us from all sin. If we say we have no sin in us, we are deceiving ourselves and refusing to admit the truth; but if we acknowledge our sins, then God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and purify us from everything that is wrong. To say we have never sinned is to call God a liar and to show that his word is not in us. I am writing this, my children, to stop you sinning; but if anyone should sin, we have our advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ, who is just; he is the sacrifice that takes our sins away, and not only ours, but the whole world's.

The word of the Lord.

## Responsorial Psalm: Ps. 123:2-5.7-8. (R.v.7)

Response: **Our life, like a bird, has escaped from the snare of the fowler.**

1. If the Lord had not been on our side when men rose against us, then would they have swallowed us alive when their anger was kindled. (R.)
2. Then would the waters have engulfed us, the torrent gone over us; over our head would have swept the raging waters. (R.)
3. Indeed the snare has been broken and we have escaped. Our help is in the name of the Lord, who made heaven and earth. (R.)

## Alleluia, alleluia!

**W**e praise you, O God, we acknowledge you to be the Lord. The noble army of martyrs praise you, O Lord. Alleluia!

## Gospel

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew (2:13-18)

**A**fter the wise men had left, the angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, 'Get up, take the child and his mother with you, and escape into Egypt, and stay there until I tell you, because Herod intends to search for the

## Ihe Ogugu Nke Mbụ:

Ihe ogugu e wetara n'akwukwo ozi mbu nke Jon di aso dere (1:5-2:2)

**N**ke a bu ozi anyi nuru n'onu ya, na-ekwuputakwara unu na Chineke bu ihe. O dighi ochichiri obula di n'ime ya. O buru na anyi asi na anyi na ya no n'ezi mmeko ma na-ebi n'ochichiri, o bu okwu ugha. Anyi anaghi ebi ndu n'usoro nke eziokwu. Ma o buru na anyi na-ebi n'ihe ahu, dika ya onwe ya si noro n'ihe, anyi nwere ezi mmeko n'etiti onwe anyi. Obara Nwa ya bu Jesu ga na-asachapu njo anyi niile. O buru na anyi ekwuo na anyi emebeghi njo, anyi na-aghori onwe anyi, eziokwu ahu adighikwa n'ime anyi. O buru na anyi ekwuputa njo anyi niile, Chineke onye kwesiri ntukwasioji na onye na-eme ihe ziriezi, ga-agbaghara anyi mmehie anyi niile. Anyi kwuo na anyi emebeghi njo, anyi na-eme ya onye ugha. Okwu ya adighikwa n'ime anyi. Umuntakiri m, ana m edere unu akwukwo a ka unu gharar imehie. Ma o buru na onye obula emehie, anyi nwere onye na-ekwuchitere anyi n'ebe Nna no, ya bu Jesu Kristi onye eziumume. O bu onye e jiri medaa Chineke obi maka mmehie anyi. O bughi naani maka njo anyi kama o bu maka njo nke uwa niile.

Okwu nke Oseburuwa.

## Abuoma na Aziza: Abu. 124:2-5.7-8. (Az.7)

Aziza: **Anyi gbanariri onya ndiuro anyi kwere dika nnunu si agbapu n'onya dinta.**

1. A si na Onyenweanyi anonyereghi anyi, mgbe ha luso anyi ugu. Ha gaara elo anyi na ndu, muo anyi oku, mgbe iwe were ha. (Az.)
2. Ide mmiri gaara eri anyi, ebili mmiri gaara ekpudo anyi, mmiri ahu na-ekwo gaara eri anyi. (Az.)
3. Anyi gbanariri onya ndiuro anyi kwere dika nnunu si agbapu n'onya dinta. Enyemaka anyi di n'aha Onyenweanyi, onye mere eluigwe na ala. (Az.)

## Aleluya, aleluya!

**A**nyi etoo Gi, O Chineke, anyi ekwuputa na I bu Onyenweanyi. Ndi agha ndi nwuru onwu n'ihia Gi ji nsopuru na-eto Gi, Onyenweanyi. Aleluya!

## Ozioma

Ihe ogugu nke a si n'Ozioma di aso nke Matiu dere (2:13-18)

**M**gbe ndi amamihe ahu labara mmuoma nke Onyenweanyi biakwutere Josef na nro si ya, "Bilie, kporo nwata ahu na nne ya gbaga Ijpt. Noro ebe ahu, ruo mgbe m ga-agwa gi, n'ihina Herod bu n'uche icho nwatakiri ahu

child and do away with him.' So Joseph got up and, taking the child and his mother with him, left that night for Egypt, where he stayed until Herod was dead. This was to fulfil what the Lord had spoken through the prophet: I called my son out of Egypt.

Herod was furious when he realised that he had been outwitted by the wise men and in Bethlehem and its surrounding district, he had all the male children killed who were two years old or under, reckoning by the date he had been careful to ask the wise men. It was then that the words spoken through the prophet Jeremiah were fulfilled: A voice was heard in Ramah, sobbing and loudly lamenting: it was Rachel weeping for her children refusing to be comforted because they were no more.

The Gospel of the Lord.

### Prayer Over The Offerings

**R**eceive, O Lord, we pray, the offerings of your devoted servants and purify us as we faithfully serve these, your mysteries, by which you grant justification even to those who lack understanding. Through Christ our Lord.

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### Communion Antiphon

**B**ehold those redeemed as the first fruits of the human race for God and the Lamb, and who follow the Lamb wherever he goes.

### Prayer After Communion

**G**rant, O Lord, abundant salvation to your faithful as they receive your holy gifts on the feast day of these, your Saints, who, though still unable to profess your Son in speech, were crowned with heavenly grace on account of his birth. Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

ka o gbuo ya.” Josef biliri kporo nwata ahu na nne ya n’ime abali gbaga Ijipt. O no ebe ahu ruo mgbe Herod nwuru. Nke a bu iji mejuputa ihe Dinwenu kwuru site n’onu onye amuma si, “Esiri m n’Ijipt kpoputa nwa m.

Mgbe Herod huru na ndi amamihe ahu aghogbuole ya, onuma juputara ya obi. O nyere iwu ka e gbuo umuaka niile no na Betlehem na n’ala gbara ya gburugburu bido na ndi gbara afo abuo gbadaba, dika oge o juputara ndi amamihe ahu siri gosi. N’uzo di otu a ka e siri mejuputa ihe onye amuma Jeremaya kwuru, si, “A nuru olu na-eti mkpu na Rama, Rachel na-ebere umu ya akwa. O jula inara nkasiobi n’ihina ha adighikwa.” Ozioma nke Oseburuwa.

### Ekpere Nhunye

**N**ara, O Onyenweanyi, anyi na-ario, onyinye ndi a umu odibo gi kwudosiriike na-ebute, ma ghuchaa anyi ka anyi ji okwukwe efe iheomimi ndi a, nke isi na ya eweta ozuzu oke obulaadi ndi mmadu enweghi nghota. Sitena Kristi Onyenweanyi.

### Ukwe Oriri Nso

**L**ee ndi a gbaputarala dika ukpuru mbu nke si n’agburu mmadu maka Chineke na maka Nwaaturu; ha na-eso Nwaaturu ebe obula o gaje.

### Ekpere A Natachaa Oriri Nso

**N**ye ndi nke gi kwerenu nzoputa n’uju, O Onyenweanyi, ka ha na-anata onyinye gi di aso n’ubochi oriri nke Ndi Nso gi, ndi, o bu ezie na ha enweghi ike iji okwu ekwuputa Nwa Gi, jiri amara nke eluigwe nweta okpu eze n’ihi omumu ya. Onye di ndu na-achi ebighiebi ebighiebi.

## 29 December [Orie] Sunday (White)

### Holy Family of Jesus Mary and Joseph (Feast)

**D**evotion to the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph, developed in the 17th century. To promote the devotion which fosters family life, the feast was established in 1921 to be celebrated on the Sunday after Christmas.

The Holy Family represents the ideal family life which every family is called to imitate. Its unity and harmony enabled the little boy Jesus to grow to maturity and to be filled with wisdom and God’s favour (Lk. 2:40).

Jesus, the Son of God, chose to be born and to grow in a human family - the family of Nazareth. By this gesture, he enters and takes his place in the human family, blessing and consecrating it, and transforming its meaning.



## Entry Antiphon

The shepherds went in haste, and found Mary and Joseph and the Infant lying in a manger.

## Collect

O God, who were pleased to give us the shining example of the Holy Family, graciously grant that we may imitate them in practicing the virtues of family life and in the bonds of charity, and so, in the joy of your house, delight one day in eternal rewards. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son.

## First Reading

A reading from the first book of Samuel (1:20-22.24-28)

Hannah conceived and gave birth to a son, and called him Samuel 'since' she said 'I asked the Lord for him.'

When a year had gone by, the husband Elkanah went up again with all his family to offer the annual sacrifice to the Lord and to fulfill his vow. Hannah, however, did not go up, having said to her husband, 'Not before the child is weaned. Then I will bring him and present him before the Lord and he shall stay there for ever.'

When she had weaned him, she took him up with her together with a three-year old bull, an ephah of flour and a skin of wine, and she brought him to the temple of the Lord at Shiloh; and the child's mother came to Eli. She said, 'If you please, my Lord. As you live, my Lord, I am the woman who stood here beside you, praying to the Lord. This is the child I prayed for, and the Lord granted me what I asked him. Now I make him over to the Lord for the whole of his life, He is made over to the Lord.' There she left him, for the Lord.

The word of the Lord.

## Responsorial Psalm: Ps.127:1-5. (R.v.1)

Response: **O blessed are those who fear the Lord and walk in his ways!**

1. O blessed are those who fear the Lord and walk in his ways! By the labour of your hands you shall eat. You will be happy and prosper. (R.)

2. Your wife like a fruitful vine in the heart of your house; your children like shoots of the olive, around your table. (R.)

3. Indeed thus shall be blessed the man who fears the Lord. May the Lord bless you from Zion all the days of your life!. (R.)

## Ukwe Mbata

Ndi nche aturu ji oso na ije bia hu Maria na Josef , na Nwa oheru ahụ ka O dina n'ulo anụ.

## Ekpere Mmeghe

O Chineke, I nyego anyi Ezi na ulo di aso ka o buuru anyi ihe nnoni. Mee ka ndi-ulo anyi gosi mmekolita ihunanya Ezi na ulo ahụ, ka anyi were njirịa isoro gi keta ugwo di ebighiebi na be anyi n'eluigwe. Sitenā Dinwenu anyi.

## The Ogugu Nke Mbụ

Ihe ogugu e wetara n'akwukwo mbụ nke Samuel dere (1:20-22.24-28)

O wee turu ime mụo nwa nwoke, kpoo ya Samuel n'ihina o si, "Ariotara m ya n'aka Chineke." Elkana na ezinulo ya niile wee gaakwa ozo ichunyere Chineke aja na Shilo dika ha na-eme kwa afọ n'iji mejuo nkwa o kwere. Ma Hana esoghi jee na nke a, n'ihina o gwara di ya si, "O buru na a napu nwata a ara, aga m akpoje ya n'ulonso Chineke. O ga-ebikwa n'ebe ahụ ogologo ndụ ya niile."

Mgbe Hana napuchara nwata ahụ ara, o kuuru ya, kpuru otu oke ehi gbara afọ atọ, burukwa otu akpa ntụ oka na otu udu mmanya, jee n'ulonso Chineke na Shilo. Mgbe ha gbuchara oke ehi ahụ, ha kpojeere Elai nwata ahụ. Hana gwara Elai si, "Nnamukwu, ndeewo! Anwula! O bu m bu nwaanyi ahụ kwuru n'ihu gi kpeere Chineke ekpere n'oge gara aga. O bu nwa a ka m rioro maka ya, Chineke wee nye m ihe m rioro ya. Ya mere, ekuterela m ya Onyenweanyi. Ubochi ndu ya niile o ga-abukwa nke Chineke." Ha wee fee Chineke ofufe ebe ahụ.

Okwu nke Oseburuwa.

## Abụoma na Aziza: Abụ.128:1-5. (Az.1)

Aziza: **Ngozi na-adiri ndi na-aturu Chineke egwu, na-eso uzo ya.**

1. Ngozi na-adiri ndi na-aturu Chineke egwu, na-eso uzo ya. Ihe aka gi kutara ka i gari, ahuri na oganihu ga-abu nke gi. (Az.)

2. Nwunye gi ga-adika osisi vain, na-ami mkpuru n'ime ulo gi, umu gi ga-adika osisi oliv, gbaa oche nri gi gburugburu. (Az.)

3. Lee, otu ahụ ka a ga-esi gozie onye ahụ, nke na-aturu Chineke egwu. Ka Onyenweanyi si na Zayon gozie gi ubochi ndu gi niile, (Az.)

## Second Reading

A reading from the letter of St. Paul to the Colossians (3:12-21)

**Y**ou are God's chosen race, his saints; he loves you, and you should be clothed in sincere compassion, in kindness and humility, gentleness and patience. Bear with one another; forgive each other as soon as a quarrel begins. The Lord has forgiven you; now you must do the same. Over all these clothes, to keep them together and complete them, put on love. And may the peace of Christ reign in your hearts, because it is for this that you were called together as parts of one body. Always be thankful. Let the message of Christ, in all its richness, find a home with you. Teach each other, and advise each other, in all wisdom. With gratitude in your hearts sing psalms and hymns and inspired songs to God; and never say or do anything except in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

Wives, give way to your husbands, as you should in the Lord. Husbands, love your wives and treat them with gentleness. Children, be obedient to your parents always, because that is what will please the Lord. Parents, never drive your children to resentment or you will make them feel frustrated.

The word of the Lord.

## Alleluia, alleluia! cf. Ac16:14

**O**pen our heart, O Lord, to accept the words of your Son. Alleluia!

## Gospel

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke (2:41-52)

**E**very year the parents of Jesus used to go to Jerusalem for the feast of the Passover. When he was twelve years old, they went up for the feast as usual. When they were on their way home after the feast, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem without his parents knowing it. They assumed he was with the caravan, and it was only after a day's journey that they went to look for him among their relations and acquaintances. When they failed to find him they went back to Jerusalem looking for him everywhere.

Three days later, they found him in the

## Ihe Ogugu Nke Abuo

Ihe ogugu e wetara n'akwukwozi Pol di aso degaara ndi Kolosi (3:12-21)

**D**ika ndi Chineke horola, ndi di nso, na ndi o huru n'anya, yikwasanu obi ebere, obioma, umeala, idi nwayoo na ndidi dika uwe. Na-anagiderenu ibe unu. O buru na onye obula nwere mkpesa megide ibe ya, gbagharanu onwe unu. Dika Onyenweanyi si gbaghara unu, unu kwesikwara igbaghara onwe unu. Ma nke kacha ihe ndi a niile, yikwasanu ihunaanya, nke na-ejikota ihe niile onu n'idiko n'otu nke zuru oke. Kwenu ka udo nke Kristi na-enye n'achi n'obi unu, nke e si na ya kpobata unu n'otu ahu. Na-enyekwanu ekele. Ka okwu nke Kristi biri n'ime unu n'uju ya. Werenu amamihe niile na-akuzirita ibe unu ihe, ma na-adurita kwa ibe unu odu. Werekwanu abuma na ukwe nke mmuo kweere Chineke ukwe ekele n'obi unu. N'ihe obula unu na-eme, mobu okwu, mobu omume, meenu ha niile n'aha nke Dinweni Jesu. Na-enyekwanu Chukwu Nna ekele site na ya.

Ndi bu nwunye, na-asopuru unu di unu dika o kwesiri n'usoro nke Dinweni. Ndi bu di, hunu nwunye unu n'anya, unu ejikwala aka ike emeso ha omume. Umụ, na-eruberenu ndi muru unu isi n'ihe niile, n'ihina nke a na-amasi Dinweni. Ndi bu nna, unu akpasula umu unu iwe, ka ha ghara ida mba.

Okwu nke Oseburuwa.

## Aleluya, aleluya! cf. Oru Ndiozi16:14

**M**eghee obi anyi, O Onyenweanyi, ka anyi were nara okwu nke Nwa gi. Aleluya!

## Ozioma

Ihe ogugu nke a si n'Ozioma di aso nke Luk dere (2:41-52)

**K**wa afo, nne na nna Jesu na-aga Jerusalem n'oge emume ngabiga. Mgbe Jesu gbara afo iri na abuo, ya na nne na nna ya soro gaa dika omenaala si di. Oge e mechara emume ahu, ka ha na-alaghachi, nwata ahu bu Jesu noduru na Jerusalem. Nne na nna ya amataghi. Ha chere na o sonyere n'etiti ndi mmadu. Ha gara ije otu ubochi tupu ha bido choba ya n'etiti ndi ikwuniibe ha na ndi ha maara. Mgbe ha na-achotaghi ya, ha laghachiri azu na Jerusalem na-achoghari ya.

Mgbe ubochi ato gachara, ha huru ya n'ime ulonso Chineke, ka o no n'etiti ndi nkuzi na-ege



Temple, sitting among the doctors, listening to them, and asking them questions; and all those who heard him were astounded at his intelligence and his replies. They were overcome when they saw him, and his mother said to him, "My child, why have you done this to us? See how worried your father and I have been, looking for you." "Why were you looking for me?" he replied "Did you not know that I must be busy with my Father's affairs?" But they did not understand what he meant.

He then went down with them and came to Nazareth and lived under their authority. His mother stored up all these things in her heart. And Jesus increased in wisdom, in stature, and in favour with God and men.

The Gospel of the Lord.

### Prayer Over The Offerings

**W**e offer you, Lord, the sacrifice of conciliation, humbly asking that, through the intercession of the Virgin Mother of God and Saint Joseph, you may establish our families firmly in your grace and your peace. Through Christ our Lord.

### Communion Antiphon

**O**ur God has appeared on the earth; and lived among us.

### Prayer After Communion

**B**ring those you refresh with this heavenly Sacrament, most merciful Father, to imitate constantly the example of the Holy Family, so that, after the trials of this world, we may share their company for ever. Through Christ our Lord.

ha nti na-ajukwa ha ajuju. Nghota na ogugu isi o ji aza ajuju turu ndi niile nuru okwu ya n'anya. Mgbe nne na nna ya huru ya, o turu ha n'anya. Nne ya wee si ya, "Nwa m, gini mere i ji mee mu na nna gi otu a? Lee, mu na nna gi na-achoghari gi kamgbe." Ma o zara ha si, "Gini ka unu na-achoghari m, o bu na unu amaghi na aga m anoriri n'ulo Nna m." Ha aghotaghi okwu o gwara ha.

O soro ha laghachi na Nazaret, na-erubekwara ha isi, nne ya dobere okwu ndi a niile n'obi ya. Jesu na-abawanye n'amamihie, na-agba dimkpa, o na-etolitekwa na mmasi nke Chukwu na mmadu.

Ozioma nke Oseburuwa.

### Ekpere Nhunyi

**O**nyenweanyi, nara aja anyi na-ehunyere gi. Mee, sitena aririo nke Nne anyi na Josef di aso, ka ezi na ulo anyi nweta nchedo n'ime amara na udo gi. Sitena Kristi Onyenweanyi.

### Ukwe Oriri Nso

**C**hineke abiala n'owa, were binyere umu mmadu.

### Ekpere A Natachaa Oriri Nso

**C**hukwu kachasi afooma, I nyego anyi achicha nke eluigwe iji mee ka ike anyi di ohuru. Nyere anyi aka ka anyi na-enomi ukpuru nke ezinuulo di aso, ka o ga-abu mgbe nsogbu uwa gafechara, anyi na ha enwe ike inweko anuri onu. Site na Kristi Onyenweanyi.

## 30 December [Afor] Monday, 6th Day of Octave (White)

### Entry Antiphon

**W**hen a profound silence covered all things and night was in the middle of its course, your all-powerful Word, O Lord, bounded from heaven's royal throne.

### Collect

**G**rant, we pray, almighty God, that the newness of the Nativity in the flesh of your Only Begotten Son may set us free, for ancient servitude holds us bound beneath the yoke of sin. Through our Lord.

### First Reading

A reading from the first letter of St John (2:12-17)

**I**am writing to you, my own children, whose sins have already been forgiven through his name; I am writing to you, fathers, who have

### Ukwe Mbata

**M**gbe ihe niile dajuru n'etiti Mbali, Okwu gi ji ike niile, O Dinwenu, si n'ocheeze gi di n'eluigwe gbadata.

### Ekpere Mmeghe

**M**ee, anyi na-ario, Chineke ji ike niile, ka idi ohuru nke Omumu n'anụ ahụ nke Otu Nwa I muru naani ya wetara anyi mnwere onwe, n'ihia na ohu ochie ka jikpara anyi ejikpa n'okpuru uyogbe njo. Site na Dinwenu anyi.

### Ihe Ogugu Nke Mbu

Ihe ogugu e wetara n'akwukwo ozi nke mbu Jon di aso dere (2:12-17)

**U**muntakiri, ana m edere unu akwukwozi a, n'ihina a gbagharala unu njo unu maka ihi Kristi. Ndi nna, ana m edere unu

come to know the one who has existed since the beginning; I am writing to you, young men, who have already overcome the Evil One; I have written to you, children, because you already know the father; I have written to you, fathers, because you have come to know the one who has existed since the beginning; I have written to you, young men, because you are strong and God's word has made its home in you, and you have overcome the Evil One. You must not love this passing world or anything that is in the world. The love of the Father cannot be in any man who loves the world, because nothing the world has to offer - the sensual body, the lustful eye, pride in possessions - could ever come from the Father but only from the world; and the world, with all it craves for, is coming to an end; but anyone who does the will of God remains for ever. The word of the Lord.

### **Responsorial Psalm: Ps. 95:7-10.(R.v.11)**

**Response: Let the heavens rejoice and earth be glad.**

1. Give the Lord, you families of peoples, give the Lord glory and power, give the Lord the glory of his name. (R.)
2. Bring an offering and enter his courts, worship the Lord in his temple. O earth, tremble before him. (R.)
3. Proclaim to the nations: 'God is king'. The world he made firm in its place; he will judge the peoples in fairness. (R.)

### **Alleluia, alleluia! Heb 1:1-2**

**A**t various times in the past and in various different ways, God spoke to our ancestors through the prophets; but in our own time, the last days, he has spoken to us through his Son. Alleluia!

### **Gospel**

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke (2:36-40)

**T**here was a prophetess, Anna the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was well on in years. Her days of girlhood over, she had been married for seven years before becoming a widow. She was now eighty-four years old and never left the Temple, serving God night and day with fasting and prayer. She came by just at that moment and began to praise God; and she spoke of the child to all who looked forward to the deliverance of Jerusalem. When they had done everything the Law of the

akwukwoozi a, n'ihina unu maara onye ahu nke diri site na mbido. Umukorobia, ana m edere unu nke a, maka na unu emeriel aho onye ahu. Umuntakiri ana m edekwara unu, n'ihina unu maara Nna. Ndi nna, ana m edere unu akwukwoozi a, n'ihina unu maara onye nke diri site na mbido. Umukorobia, ana m edekwara unu, maka na unu di ike. Okwu Chineke na-anogide n'ime unu. Unu emerikwaala aho onye ahu.

Unu ahula uwa n'anya mobu ihe di ya n'ime. O bu ru na onye obula ahu uwa n'anya ihunaanya nke Nna anoghi n'ime ya. N'ihina ihe niile di n'uwa, dika ochicho nke anu ahu, nke anya na mpako nke ndu, esighi n'aka Nna bia, kama ha bu nke uwa. Uwa na ochicho ojo o ya niile na-agafe agafe, ma onye ahu na-eme uche Chukwu ga-anogide ebighiebi.

Okwu nke Oseburuwa.

### **Abuoma na Aziza: Abu. 96:7-10 (Az.11)**

**Aziza: Eluigwe nuriha, uwa goribe, oke osimiri na ihe niile di n'ime ya, tienu mkpu.**

1. Toonu Onyenweanyi, ezinuulo niile di n'uwa, toonu ebu ya na ike ya. Nyé Onyenweanyi otito kwesiri aha ya. (Az.)
2. Wetaranu ya onyinye n'unonso ya, sekpuoronu Onyenweanyi n'ebe ya di nsó, uwa niile maanu jijiji n'ihu ya. (Az.)
3. Kwusachanu n'uwa niile na Onyenweanyi bu eze, o kwuwasiri uwa ike, e nweghi ike ibughari ya. O ga-eji ikpe nkwmoto kpee mba niile ikpe. (Az.)

### **Aléluya, aléluya! Hib 1:1-2**

**N**'oge ochie, Chineke sitere n'uzo di n'icheiche gwa nna anyi ha okwu site n'onu ndiamuma; n'ogwugwu oge ndi a, o gwala anyi okwu site na Nwa ya. Aléluya!

### **Ozioma**

Ihe ogugu nke a si n'Ozioma di aso nke Luk dere (2:36-40)

**O**nwere otu onye amuma nwaanyi aha ya bu Ana, nwa Fanuel, onye si n'agburu Asha. O meela ezi agadi, onye ya na di ya biri naani afo asaa site n'agbogho ya tupu di ya anwu. O noro onodu nwaanyi isimkpe ruo iri afo asato na ano. O pughi n'unonso Chineke, ebe o ji ibu onu na ekpere na-efe Chineke, abali na ehihie. O putara n'oge ahu, kelee Chineke, kwuputakwa maka onye ahu n'ihu ndi niile na-atu anya maka nzoputa nke Jerusalem. Mgbe ha mezuu ihe niile dika

Lord required, they went back to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. Meanwhile the child grew to maturity, and he was filled with wisdom; and God's favour was with him. The Gospel of the Lord.

### Prayer Over The Offerings

**R**eceive with favour, O Lord, we pray, the Offerings of your people, that what they profess with devotion and faith may be theirs through these heavenly mysteries. Through Christ our Lord.

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### Communion Antiphon

**F**rom his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace.

### Prayer After Communion

**O** God, who touch us through our partaking of your Sacrament, work, we pray, the effects of its power in our hearts, that we may be made fit to receive your gift through this very gift itself. Through Christ our Lord.

iwu nke Dinwenụ si di, ha laghachiri na Galili, ruo obodo nke ha bụ Nazret. Nwata ahụ toro, siekwa ike, juputa n'amamihe, grasia nke Chineke n'onyekwaara ya. Ozioma nke Oseburuwa.

### Ekpere Nhunye

**W**ere mmasị nara, O Onyenweanyi, anyi na-arịo, onyinye ndi nke gi, ka ihe ndi ha ji obi na okwukwe ha egosiputa buru nke ha site n'ihe omimi eluigwe ndia. Site na Kristi Onyenweanyi.

### Ukwe Oriri Nso

**S**ite n'uju nke ya, anyi niile nwetara amara kwuru amara.

### Ekpere A Natachaa Oriri Nso

**O** Chineke, onye na-akwalite anyi site n'oke anyi na-eketa na Sakramenti gi, mee, anyi na-arịo, ka ike ya gosi n'obi anyi, ka anyi were site n'onyinye nke a tosi inata onyinye giga. Site na Kristi Onyenweanyi.

**31 December [Nkwo] Tuesday, 7th Day of Octave (White)**

## St Sylvester I. Pope (Opt. commemoration)

### Entry Antiphon

**A** child is born for us, and a son is given to us; his sceptre of power rests upon his shoulder, and his name will be called the Messenger of great counsel.

### Collect

**A**lmighty ever-living God, who in the Nativity of your Son established the beginning and fulfilment of all religion, grant, we pray, that we may be numbered among those who belong to him, in whom is the fullness of human salvation. Who lives and reigns with you.

### First Reading

Are reading from the first letter of St John (2:18-21)

**C**hildren, these are the last days; you were told that an Antichrist must come, and now several antichrists have already appeared; we know from this that these are the last days. Those rivals of Christ came out of your own number, but they had never really belonged; if they had belonged, they would have stayed with us; but they left us, to prove that not one of them ever belonged to us.

But you have been anointed by the Holy One, and have all received the knowledge. It

### Ukwe Mbata

**A** mụtaara anyi nwa, o bu nwa nwoke aka e nyere anyi; ike ochichi ya no n'ubu aka ya, aha a ga-akpọ ya bu Onye Ozi nke ndumodu di ukwu.

### Ekpere Mmeghe

**C**hineke ji ike niile di ebighiebi, onye sitere n'Omumu nke Nwa gi hibe mmalite na mmeju usoro ofufe nru niile, mee, anyi na-arịo, ka a gunye anyi na ndi na-eso onye ahụ bu ozuzuoke nzoputa mmadu. Onye gi na ya di ndu na-achi.

### Ihe Ogugu Nke Mbu

Ihe ogugu e wetara n'akwukwozi nke mbu Jon di aso dere (2:18-21)

**U**muntakiri, nke a bu oge ikpeazu. Otu unu nurula na onyeiro Kristi na-abia, ugbu a, otutu n'ime ha abiala. N'ihia ya, anyi ma na nke a bu oge ikpeazu. Ha siri n'ogbakọ anyi puo, mana ha abughị ndi nke anyi. A si na ha bu ndi otu anyi, ha gaara esonyere anyi. Kama ha puru ka o wee puta ihe na o dighi onye obula n'ime ha bu onye otu anyi.

Ma otu o di, onye nso ahụ eteela unu ude,

is not because you do not know the truth that I am writing to you but rather because you know it already and know that no lie can come from the truth.  
The word of the Lord.

**Responsorial Psalm: Ps.95:1-2.11-13. (R.v.11)**

**Response: Let the heavens rejoice and earth be glad.**

1. O sing a new song to the Lord, sing to the Lord all the earth. O sing to the Lord, bless his name. Proclaim his help day by day. (R.)
2. Let the heavens rejoice and earth be glad, let the sea and all within it thunder praise, let the land and all it bears rejoice, all the trees of the wood shout for joy at the presence of the Lord for he comes, he comes to rule the earth. (R.)
3. With justice he will rule the world, he will judge the peoples with his truth. (R.)

**Alleluia, alleluia! Jn. 1:14.12**

**T**he word became flesh, and dwelt among us. To all who received him he gave power to become children of God. Alleluia!

**Gospel**

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John (1:1-18)

**I**n the beginning was the Word: the Word was with God and the Word was God. He was with God in the beginning. Through him all things came to be, not one thing had its being but through him. All that came to be had life in him and that life was the light of men, a light that shines in the dark, a light that darkness could not overpower. A man came, sent by God. His name was John. He came as a witness, as a witness to speak for the light, so that everyone might believe through him. He was not the light, only a witness to speak for the light. The Word was the true light that enlightens all men; and he was coming into the world. He was in the world that had its being through him, and the world did not know him. He came to his own domain and his own people did not accept him. But to all who did accept him he gave power to become children of God, to all who believe in the name of him who was born not out of human stock or urge of the flesh or will of man but of God himself. The Word was made flesh, he lived among us, and we saw his glory, the glory that is his as the only Son of the Father, full of grace and truth. John appears as his witness. He proclaims: 'This is the one of whom I said: He who comes after me ranks before me because he existed before me.'

dika unu niile si mara. Ana m edere unu akwukwo a, o bughị na unu amaghi eziokwu, kama o bu maka na unu maara ya, marakwa na o nweghi igha si n'eziokwu aputa.  
Okwu nke Oseburuwa.

**Abuoma na Aziza: Abu.96:1-2.11-13 (Az.11)**

**Aziza: Eluigwe nuriaba, uwa goribe, oke osimiri na ihe niile di n'ime ya, tienu mkpu onu.**

1. Kweerenụ Onyenweanyi ukwe ohuru; uwa niile kweere Onyenweanyi ukwe. Kweerenụ Onyenweanyi ukwe, too aha ya. Kwuputa nzoputa ya ubochi niile. (Az.)
2. Eluigwe nuriaba, uwa goribe, oke osimiri na ihe niile di n'ime ya, tienu mkpu. Ala-ubi niile na ihe niile di n'ime ya nuriabanu, ka osisi niile di n'oke ohia kwebe ukwe anuri n'ihu nke Onyenweanyi n'ihina o na-abia, o na-abia ikpe uwa ikpe. (Az.)
3. O ga-eji ikpe nkwo moto na eziokwu were kpee uwa na ndi mmadu ikpe. (Az.)

**Aleluya, aleluya! Jon 1:14.12**

**O**kwu ahu buuru mmadu wee binyere anyi. Ma ndi niile nabatara ya, kwerekwa n'aha ya, ka o nyere ike ibu umu nke Chineke. Aleluya!

**Ozioma**

Ihe ogugu nke a si n'Ozioma di aso nke Jon dere (1:1-18)

**N**a mbu tupu e kee uwa, Okwu ahu diri. Okwu ahu na Chineke diri. Okwu ahu bukwawa Chineke. Ya na Chineke diri site na mbu. Site na ya ka Chineke siri kee ihe niile. E wezuga ya o dighi ihe obula e kere eke nke gaara adinu. N'ime ya ka ndu di. Ndu ahu bukwawa ihe nke ndi mmadu. Ihe ahu na-enwu n'ochichiri, ma ochichiri apughi imenyu ya. O di otu nwoke Chineke zitere, aha ya bu Jon. O biara igba ama, igbara ihe ahu akaebe, ka mmadu niile site n'ihe ahu kwere. Ya onwe ya abughi ihe ahu, kama o biara igbara ihe ahu akaebe. Ezi ihe ahu nke na-enye mmadu niile ihe na-abia n'elu uwa. O nori n'uwa, site na ya ka e si kee uwa; ma uwa amataghi ya. O biakwutere ndi nke ya, ma ha anabataghi ya. Ma ndi niile nabatara ya, kwerekwa n'aha ya, ka o nyere ike ibu umu nke Chineke; ha bu ndi a muru, o bughị site n'obara nke o na-abu site n'echiche nke anahu mobu echiche nke mmadu kama site na Chineke.

Okwu ahu buuru mmadu, wee binyere anyi. O juputara n'amara na eziokwu. Anyi ahula ebube ya, ebube nke o nwere dika



Indeed, from his fulness we have, all of us, received - yes, grace in return for grace, since, though the Law was given through Moses, grace and truth have come through Jesus Christ. No one has ever seen God; it is the only Son, who is nearest to the Father's heart, who has made him known. The Gospel of the Lord.

#### Prayer Over The Offerings

**O** God, who give us the gift of true prayer and of peace, graciously grant that, through this offering, we may do fitting homage to your divine mystery and, by partaking of the sacred mystery, we may be faithfully united in mind and heart. Through Christ our Lord.

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#### Communion Antiphon

**G**od sent his Only Begotten Son into the world, so that we might have life through him.

#### Prayer After Communion

**M**ay your people, O Lord, whom you guide and sustain in many ways, experience, both now and in the future, the remedies which you bestow, that, with the needed solace of things that pass away, they may strive with ever deepened trust for things eternal. Through Christ our Lord.

sooso otu Nwa nke Nna. Jón gbara akaebe maka ya si, "Onye na-esote m kariri m, n'ihina o bu m ụzọ dirí." Site n'uju nke ya, anyị niile nwetara amara kwuru amara. Site n'aka Mosis ka e si nye iwu, ma amara na eziokwu si na Jesu Kristi bia. O dighi onye obula hurula Chineke, o bu sooso otu Nwa ahụ, onye bu Chineke, onye nke ya na Nna nọ, mere ka a mara ya. Ozioma nke Oseburuwa.

#### Ekpere Nhunye

**O** Chineke, onye na-enye onyinye ekpere ziri ezi na udo, biko mee site na onyinye a, ka anyị fee ofufe ndu kwesiri iheomimi gi kachasi nso, ma sitekwa na iketaoke n'iheomimi nso, were okwukwe jikota onu n'ime mmuo na n'ime obi anyi. Sitená Kristi Onyenweanyi.

#### Ukwe Oriri Nso

**C**hineke zitere Otu-Nwa-O-Muru-Naani-Ya n'ime uwa, ka anyi were nweta ndi site na ya.

#### Ekpere A Natachaa Oriri Nso

**K**a ndi nke gi, O Onyenweanyi, ndi i na-edu ma na-echekwawa n'uzo di iche iche, mata ugbo a na n'odinihu, enyemaka ogwugwo i na-enyega, ka, site n'inweta mkpa ihe ndi na-agafe agafe, ha ewere ntukwasị obi miriemi gbaba mbo maka ihe diga ebighiebi. Sitená Kristi Onyenweanyi.



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**St. Paul of the Cross**



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