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# **Monthly Bulletin**

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# 1 March [Eke] Wednesday of Lent - Week 1 (Violet)

## Entry Antiphon

**R**emember your compassion, O Lord, and your merciful love, for they are from of old. Let not our enemies exult over us. Redeem us, O God of Israel, from all our distress.

## Collect

**L**ook kindly, Lord, we pray, on the devotion of your people, that those, who by self-denial are restrained in body, may by the fruit of good works be renewed in mind. Through our Lord.

## First Reading

A reading from the prophet Jonah (3:1-10)

**T**he word of the Lord was addressed a second time to Jonah: 'Up!' He said. 'Go to Nineveh, the great city and preach to them as I told you to.' Jonah set out and went to Nineveh in obedience to the word of the Lord. Now Nineveh was a city great beyond compare: it took three days to cross it. Jonah went on into the city, making a day's journey. He preached in these words. 'Only forty days more and Nineveh is going to be destroyed.' And the people of Nineveh believed in God; they proclaimed a fast and put on sackcloth, from the greatest to the least. The news reached the king of Nineveh, who rose from his throne, took off his robe, put on sackcloth and sat down in ashes. A proclamation was then promulgated throughout Nineveh, by decree of the king and his ministers, as follows: 'Men and beasts, herds and flocks, are to taste nothing; they must not eat, they must not drink water. All are to put on sackcloth and call on God with all their might; and let everyone renounce his evil behaviour and the wicked things he has done. Who knows if God will not change his mind and relent, if he will not renounce his burning wrath, so that we do not perish?' God saw their efforts to renounce their evil behaviour. And God relented: he did not inflict on them the disaster which he had threatened.

The word of the Lord.

**Responsorial Psalm: Ps. 50:3-4.12-13.18-19. (R.v.19)**

**Response: A humbled, contrite heart, O God, you will not spurn.**

1. Have mercy on me, God, in your kindness. In your compassion blot out my offence. O wash me more and more from my guilt and cleanse me from my sin. (R.)
2. A pure heart create for me, O God,

## Ukwe Mbata

**C**heta omiko gi, O Onyenweanyi, na ihunanya ebere gi, n'ihia na ha dibu ingbe ochie. Ekwela ka ndi iro anyi n'urie n'ebe anyi no. Zoputa anyi, O Chineke nke Izrel, na mmekpa ahụ anyi niile.

## Ekpere Mmeghe

**W**ere obioma, Onyenweanyi, lekwasị ofufe umeala nke ndi gi, ka ndi gacesite n'ojuju onwe ha zuta anu ahụ ha, site n'ukpuru nke ezi oru ga nweta mmunwo n'ime mmu. Site na Dinwenu anyi.

## Ihe Ogugu Nke Mbu

Ihe ogugu e wetara n'akwukwo onye amuma Jona (3:1-10)

**O**kwu nke Yahweh biakwutere Jona nke ugboro abuo. O siri, "Kulie, gaa na Ninive, obodo ukwu ahụ, gwa ha okwu m ga-agwa gi." Jona biliri gaa Ninive n'irubeisi n'okwu nke Chineke. Ninive bu nnukwu obodo, o na-ewe mkpuru ubochi ato iji gafe uhie ya. Jona jiri otu ubochi gagharịa n'ime obodo ahụ na-ekwu na-asi: "O foduru naani iri ubochi ano ka e mebie Ninive." Ndi obodo Ninive biara kwenye na Chineke, wee tie iwu na onye obula ga-ebu onu, yiri akwa iru uju bido n'onyekwu ruo n'onyenta ha. Mgbe akuko a rutere onyeeze nke Ninive, o siri n'ocheeze nke ya bilie, yipu efe eze ya, bia chiri akwa iru uju yiri, nodukwa odu na ntu. O mere ka e kwuputa ya n'obodo Ninive niile site n'iwu ya na ndiisi ochichi ya tiri si: "O nweghi mmadu mobu anumaanu obula a na-azu ga-eri ihe obula." Ka mmadu niile yiri akwa iru uju wee kpokuo Chineke n'ike ha niile. Ka onye obula hapu uzo ojoo ya niile nakwa mkpagbu ya niile. Onye maara ma Chineke o ga-agbanwe obi ya, hapu iwe ya di oku ka anyi ghara ila n'iyi. Mgbe Chineke huru mkpebi ha, otu ha siri chegharia na mimhie ha niile, O gbanwere obi ya wee hapu ita ha ahuhu ahụ o choburu ita ha. Okwu nke Oseburuwa.

**Abuoma na Aziza: Abu. 51:1-2.10-11. (Az.17)**

**Aziza: Obi di umeala, loghara elogha, O Chineke, I naghị achupu.**

1. Meere m ebere O Chineke site n'ihunaanya gi, site na nnukwu obi ebere gi hichapu njo m niile; sachapu mmehie m niile, wuchapu m na njo m. (Az.)
2. Chineke, kenye obi di ochia n'ime m tinye

put a steadfast spirit within me. Do not cast me away from your presence, nor deprive me of your holy spirit. (R.)

3. For in sacrifice you take no delight, burnt offering from me you would refuse, my sacrifice a contrite spirit. A humbled, contrite heart you will not spurn. (R.)

### Acclamation Joel 2:12-13

**N**ow, now - it is the Lord who speaks - come back to me with all your heart, for I am all tenderness and compassion.

### Gospel

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke (11:29-32)

**T**he crowds got even bigger and Jesus addressed them. 'This is a wicked generation; it is asking for a sign. The only sign it will be given is the sign of Jonah. For just as Jonah became a sign to the Ninevites, so will the Son of Man be to this generation. On Judgement day the Queen of the South will rise up with the men of this generation and condemn them, because she came from the ends of the earth to hear the wisdom of Solomon; and there is something greater than Solomon here. On Judgement day the men of Nineveh will stand up with this generation and condemn it, because when Jonah preached they repented; and there is something greater than Jonah here.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

### Prayer Over The Offerings

**W**e offer to you, O Lord, what you have given to be dedicated to your name, that, just as for our benefit you make these gifts a Sacrament, so you may let them become for us an eternal remedy. Through Christ our Lord.

### Communion Antiphon

**A**ll who take refuge in you shall be glad, O Lord, and ever cry out their joy, and you shall dwell among them.

### Prayer After Communion

**O** God, who never cease to nourish us by your Sacrament, grant that the refreshment you give us through it may bring us unending life. Through Christ our Lord.

### Prayer Over The People

**W**atch over your people, Lord, and in your kindness cleanse them from all sins, for if evil has no dominion over them, no trial can do them harm. Through Christ our Lord.

n'ime m mmuo ohuru na nke siri ike. Achupukwala m n'ihu gi, anapukwala m mmuo nso gi (Az.)

3. I naghị enwe mmasị obula n'aja, Aja nsureoku anaghị ato gi uto, Aja a na-achuru Chineke bu obi gbawara agbawa, I naghị aju obi gbawara agbawa na nke loghara elogha. (Az.)

### Mbeku Joel 2:12-13

**U**gbu a, ugbu a, Onyenweanyi na-ekwu, werenu obi unu niile loghachi azu n'ebe m no, n'ihina a di m afoma na ebere.

### Ozioma

Ihe ogugu nke a si n'Ozioma di aso nke Luk dere (11:29-32)

**M**gbe igwe mmadu ahụ na-abawanye, Jesu bidoro na-ekwu si, "Ogbo a bu ogbo ojoo; o na-acho ihe ama, ma o dighi ihe ama a ga-enye ya karia ihe ama nke Jona. N'ihina otu Jona si buuru ndi obodo Ninive ihe ama, otu ahụ ka Nwa nke Mmadu ahụ ga-esi buuru ogbo a ihe ama. N'ubochi ikpe ahụ, Ezenwaanyi Ndida ugwu ga-ebili soro ogbo a guzo n'ikpe, kpegbue ya. N'ihina o si nsotu nke uwa bia inu okwu amamihe Solomon. Ma lee, ihe kariri Solomon no ebe a. Ndi obodo Ninive ga-eso ogbo a kulie n'ubochi ikpe, kpegbue ya; n'ihina ha cheghariri mgbe ha nuru nkuzi Jona, ma lee, ihe ka Jona no n'ebe a."

Ozioma nke Oseburuwa.

### Ekpere Nhunye

**A**nyị chunyere gi, O Onyenweanyi, ihe ndi I nyere ka a gooro aha gi, ka, otu I na-eme onyinye ndi a Sakramenti maka odimma nke anyi, ka I si otu ahụ mee ka ha wetara anyi ogwugwo di okpu. Site na Kristi Onyenweanyi.

### Ukwe Oriri Nso

**N**di niile chekwubere na gi ga-egori, O Onyenweanyi, ha ga-etiputa mkpu onu ha mgbe niile, I ga-ebinyekwa n'etiti ha.

### Ekpere A Natachaa Oriri Nso

**O** Chineke, onye anaghị akwusi iji Sakramenti gi azu anyi, mee ka ozuzu I na-enye anyi site na ya wetara anyi ndu enweghi ogwugwu. Site na Kristi Onyenweanyi.

### Ekpere Maka Oha Mmadu

**C**hekwaba ndi nke gi, Onyenweanyi, ma were afooma gi wuchapu njo ha niile, n'ihina o bu ru na ajoihe adighi achi ha, o dighi onwunwa obula ga-emeru ha ahụ. Siten a Kristi Onyenweanyi.

## 2 March [Orie] Thursday of Lent - Week 1 (Violet)

### Entry Antiphon

**T**o my words give ear, O Lord; give heed to my sighs. Attend to the sound of my cry, my King and my God.

### Collect

**B**estow on us, we pray, O Lord, a spirit of always pondering on what is right and of hastening to carry it out, and, since without you we cannot exist, may we be enabled to live according to your will. Through our Lord.

### First Reading

A reading from the book of Esther (4:17)

**Q**ueen Esther took refuge with the Lord in the mortal peril which had overtaken her. She besought the Lord God of Israel in these words: 'My Lord, our King, the only one, come to my help, for I am alone and have no helper but you and am about to take my life in my hands. 'I have been taught from my earliest years, in the bosom of my family, that you, Lord, chose Israel out of all the nations and our ancestors out of all the people of old times to be your heritage for ever; and that you have treated them as you promised. Remember, Lord; reveal yourself in the time of our distress. 'As for me, give me courage, King of gods and master of all power. Put persuasive words into my mouth when I face the lion; change his feeling into hatred for our enemy, that the latter and all like him may be brought to their end. 'As for ourselves, save us by your hand, and come to my help, for I am alone and have no one but you, Lord.' The word of the Lord.

**Responsorial Psalm: Ps. 137:1-3.7-8. (Rv.3)**

**Response: On the day I called, you answered me, O Lord.**

1. I thank you, Lord, with all my heart, you have heard the words of my mouth. Before the angels I will bless you. I will adore before your holy temple. (R.)
2. I thank you for your faithfulness and love which excel all we ever knew of you. On the day I called, you answered; you increased the strength of my soul. (R.)
3. You stretch out your hand and save me, your hand will do all things for me. Your love, O Lord, is eternal, discard not the work of your hands. (R.)

### Ukwe Mbata

**N**uru okwu m, Onyenweanyi; nuru mkpu akwa m; chee nti n'aririo m, Eze m na Chukwu m.

### Ekpere Mmeghe

**H**ukwasi anyi, O Onyenweanyi, mmuo nke na-atule mgbe dum ihe ndi kwesiri ka-eme, were meekwa ha atufughi oge, ebe o bu n'ewezuga gi anyi apughi idikwa ndu, mee ka anyi nweta ike ibi ka uche gi siri choo. Sitena Dinwenụ anyi.

### Ihe Ogugu Nke Mbu

Ihe ogugu e wetara n'akwukwo Esta (4:17)

**N**'oge ahụ, Ezenwaanyi Esta juputara na nnukwu egwu, were gbakwuru Chineke. Mgbe ahụ ka o rioro Chineke nke Izrel aririo si: O Chineke m, soosọ gi bu Eze anyi; nyere m aka, mu onye no naani ya, na-enweghi onye enyemaka beluso gi. Maka na egwu ejidela m. Site n'oge a muru m, ana m anu ka ndi ala anyi na-ekwu na o bu gi onwe gi O Chineke, siri na mba niile were horo Izrel, horokwa nna anyi ha n'ebe agburu nanna ha di, ka ha buru ihe nketa nke gi oge niile ndi I na-emezuru ihe niile I kwere ha na nkwa. Cheta O Chineke; mee ka mba niile mara gi n'oge nke a anyi no na nsogbu. Gbaa m ume, O Eze nke chi niile na nnakwu nke ike ochichi niile. Biko nye m onyinye ikwuputa okwu nke oma mgbe m ga-akwuru n'ihu odum, ma gbanwoo mmuo ya ka iwe ya di oku n'ebe onye ahụ na-aluso anyi ugu no, ka o were hu njedebere nke ndu ya na nke ndi niile dunyeere ya ukwu. Ma zoputakwa anyi, nyere m aka, n'ihina ano m so naani m, n'enweghi onye enyemaka obula beluso gi, O Chineke. Okwu nke Oseburuwa.

**Abuoma na Aziza: Abu. 138:1-3.7-8. (Az.3)**

**Aziza: N'ubochi m kpokuru gi, i zara m, O Onyenweanyi.**

1. Eji m obi m niile na-ekele gi Onyenweanyi, n'ihina i nula ekpere m! N'ihu ndi mmuozu niile aga m ekwere gi ukwe, aga m akpo isiala n'ulonso gi. (Az.)
2. Aga m enye gi ekele n'ihina n'ihina na ikwudosiike gi; n'ihina aha gi na nkwa gi kacha di elu. N'ubochi m kpokuru gi, i zara m mekwaa ka ike m bawanye. (Az.)
3. I na-esetipu aka gi zoputa m. Aka nri gi ga-emere m ihe niile Onyenweanyi, Chineke ihunaanya gi na-adi ebebe. Ahapukwala anyi ndi i kere. (Az.)



### Acclamation! Joel 2:12-13

**N**ow, now - it is the Lord who speaks -  
Come back to me with all your heart,  
for I am all tenderness and compassion.

### Gospel

A reading from the Gospel according to  
Matthew (7:7-12)

**J**esus said to his disciples: 'Ask, and it will be  
given to you; search, and you will find; knock,  
and the door will be opened to you. For the one  
who asks always receives; the one who searches  
always finds; the one who knocks will always have  
the door opened to him. Is there a man among you  
who would hand his son a stone when he asked for  
bread? Or would hand him a snake when he asked  
for a fish? If you, then, who are evil, know how to  
give your children what is good, how much more  
will your Father in heaven give good things to  
those who ask him! 'So always treat others as you  
would like them to treat you; that is the meaning of  
the Law and the Prophets.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

### Prayer Over The Offerings

**B**e merciful, O Lord, to those who  
approach you in supplication, and,  
accepting the oblations and prayers of  
your people, turn the hearts of us all  
towards you. Through Christ our Lord.

### Communion Antiphon

**H**e who asks receives, he who seeks  
finds and to him who knocks the door  
will be opened.

### Prayer After Communion

**G**rant us, Lord our God, that this holy  
Sacrament, which you have given us  
for our renewal, may heal us now and in  
time to come. Through Christ our Lord.

### Prayer Over The People

**M**ay the mercy they have hoped for, O  
Lord, come to those who make  
supplication to you, and may the riches of  
heaven be given them, that they may know  
what it is right to ask and receive what they  
have sought. Through Christ our Lord.

### Mbeku! Juel 2:12-13

**U**gbu a, ugbu a, Onyenweanyi na-ekwu,  
werenu obi unu niile loghachi azu  
n'ebe m no, n'ihina a di m afoma na ebere.

### Ozioma

Ihe ogugu nke a si n'Ozioma di aso nke  
Matiu dere (7:7-12)

**J**esu gwara ndi umuazu ya si: "Rio, i ga-  
ariota; choo, i ga-achota; kuo aka, a ga-  
emeghere gi uzo. N'ihina onye obula rioro  
ga-ariota, onye obula choronu ga-achota,  
onye obula kuru aka a ga-emeghere ya. O  
nwere onye n'ime unu o ga-abu nwa ya rio  
ya achicha o nye ya okwute? Mbu o rio ya  
azu, o nye ya agwo? O buru na unu bu ndi  
obi ojo maara ka e si enye umu unu ihe di  
mma, o bu na Nna unu nke eluigwe agaghi  
enye ndi niile na-ario ya aririo ihe oma.

Ya bu, meerenu ndi ozo ihe obula unu  
na-acho ka ha meere unu; nke a bu isi nkuzi  
iwu Mosis na ndi Amuma.

Ozioma nke Oseburuwa.

### Ekpere Nhunye

**G**osi ebere, O Onyenweanyi, n'ebe ndi ji  
aririo abiakwute gi no, ma, ka I na-anara  
onyinyeaja na aririo ndi nke gi, kpoghachi obi  
anyi azu n'ebe I no. Site na Kristi  
Onyenweanyi

### Ukwe Oriri Nso

**O**nye na-ario ga-anata, onye na-achonu  
ga-achota, onye kuru aka ka a ga-  
emeghere uzo.

### Ukwe A Natachaa Oriri Nso

**O**nyenweanyi Chineke, mee ka  
sakramenti a di nso nke I nyere anyi  
maka mgbanwo, gwoo anyi ugbu a na  
odiniiru. Site na Kristi Onyenweanyi.

### Ekpere Maka Oha Mmadu

**K**a ebere ha chekwubere na ya, O  
Onyenweanyi, biaara ndi na-akpoku  
gi, ka ha nwetakwa uba nke eluigwe, ka ha  
were mara ihe ziri ezi ka arioo ma  
nwetakwa ihe ndi ha chooro. Site na Kristi  
Onyenweanyi.

## 3 March [Afor] Friday of Lent - Week 1 (Violet)

### Entry Antiphon

**S**et me free from my distress, O Lord.  
See my lowliness and suffering, and  
take away all my sins.

### Ukwe Mbata

**Z**oputa m na nsogbu m, O Onyenweanyi.  
Lekwasa anya n'umeala na ahuhu m,  
ma kpochapu njo m.

## Collect

**G**rant that your faithful, O Lord, we pray, may be so conformed to the paschal observances, that the bodily discipline now solemnly begun may bear fruit in the souls of all. Through our Lord.

## First Reading

A Reading from the prophet Ezekiel (18:21-28)

**T**hus says the Lord: 'But if the wicked man renounces all the sins he has committed, respects my law and is law-abiding and honest, he will certainly live; he will not die. All the sins he committed will be forgotten from then on; he shall live because of the integrity he has practised. What! Am I likely to take pleasure in the death of a wicked man-it is the Lord who speaks-and not prefer to see him renounce his wickedness and live?

'But if the upright man renounces his integrity, commits sin, copies the wicked man and practises every kind of filth, is he to live? All the integrity he has practised shall be forgotten from then on; but this is because he himself has broken faith and committed sin, and for this he shall die. But you object, "What the Lord does is unjust." Listen, you House of Israel: is what I do unjust? Is it not what you do that is unjust? When the upright man renounces his integrity to commit sin and dies because of this, he dies because of the evil that he himself has committed. When the sinner renounces sin to become law-abiding and honest, he deserves to live. He has chosen to renounce all his previous sins, he shall certainly live; he shall not die.'

The word of the Lord.

## Responsorial Psalm: Ps. 129:(R.v.3)

Response: **If you, O Lord, should mark our guilt, Lord, who would survive?**

1. Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord, Lord, hear my voice! O let your ears be attentive to the voice of my pleading. (R.)
2. If you, O Lord, should mark our guilt, Lord, who would survive? But with you is found forgiveness; for this we revere you. (R.)
3. My soul is waiting for the Lord, I count on his word. My soul is longing for the Lord more than watchman for daybreak. Let the watchman count on daybreak and Israel on the Lord (R.)
4. Because with the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption, Israel indeed he will redeem from all its iniquity. (R.)

## Ekpere Mmeghe

**M**ee ka ndi nke gi, O Onyenweanyi, anyi na-ario, na-esonye ofuma na n'usoro mmemme Paska, ka opipia anuahụ anyi maliterela ugwu a na nsopuru mịta mkpuru n'ime obi anyi niile ga. Site na Dinwenụ anyi.

## Ihe Ogugu Nke Mbu

Ihe ogugu e wetara n'onye amuma Izikel (18:21-28)

**M**a o buru na ajo mmadu atugharia site na mimchie niile o mere, bia debe ihe m nyere n'iwu, na-emekwa ihe ziri ezi na ihe di mma, o ga-adiriri ndu; o gaghi anwu. O nweghikwa mmehie obula o mere nke a ga-echeta iji megide ya. O ga-adi ndu maka eziumume niile nke o mere. O na-amasi m bu onwu nke onye ajoomume? O bu Dinwenụ Chineke na-ekwu, karia na o chighariri n'uzo ya wee di ndu?

Ma mgbe onye eziumume hapuru eziumume ya, bia mee ihe ojoo, na-emekwa ihe aru niile bu nke onye ajo mmadu na-eme, o ga-adi ndu? O nweghi iheoma niile o mere nke a ga-echeta; o ga-anwu n'ihia akwusighi ike ya, na mmehie niile o mere. "Ma unu na-asi 'Uzo nke Onyenweanyi ezighi ezi! Gee nti ugwu a, ulo Izrel: O bu na uzo m ezighi ezi? O bu na o bughi uzo unu bu nke ezighi ezi? Mgbe onye eziumume si n'eziumume ya chegharia, mebe ihe ojoo, o ga-anwu maka ihe ojoo nke o mere. Ma mgbe ajo mmadu si n'ajoomume niile o mere chegharia bia mee ihe ziri ezi, a ga-azoputa ndu ya. N'ihina o chere echiche wee si na mimchie niile nke o mere chigharia, o ga-adiriri ndu, o gaghi anwu.

Okwu nke Oseburuwa.

## Abuoma na Aziza: Abu.130:(Az.3)

Aziza: **O buru na gi, O Onyenweanyi na-agu ajoomume anyi onu, Onyenweanyi, onye ga-eguzo?**

- 1 N'ugwu mmiri ka m na-akpokụ gi, O Onyenweanyi, Onyenweanyi, nuru akwa enyemaka m naebe, che nti n'ariri m na-ario. (Az.)
- 2 O buru na gi, O Onyenweanyi, na-agu ajoomume anyi onu, Onyenweanyi, onye ga-eguzo? Mana i na-agbaghara anyi, n'ihia nke a, anyi nasopuru gi. (Az.)
3. Ana m eche Onyenweanyi, mkpuru obi m na-eche ya, na nkwa ya ka m nwere nchekwube. Mkpuruobi m na-eche Onyenweanyi, karia otu ndi nche si eche ututu, O Izrel, nwee nchekwube n'Onyenweanyi! (Az.)
4. N'ihina ihunaanya Onyenweanyi di okpu, n'ime ya ka nnukwu nzoputa di! O ga-azoputa Izrel na njo ya niile. (Az.)

## Acclamation! Ez. 18:31

Shake off all your sins - it is the Lord who speaks - and make yourselves a new heart and a new spirit.

## Gospel

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew (5:20-26)

Jesus said to his disciples: "For I tell you, if your virtue goes no deeper than that of the scribes and pharisees, you will never get into the kingdom of heaven.

'You have learnt how it was said to our ancestors: You must not kill, and if anyone does kill he must answer for it before the court. But I say this to you: anyone who is angry with his brother will answer for it before the court; if a man calls his brother "Fool" he will answer for it before the Sanhedrin, and if a man calls him "Renegade" he will answer for it in hell fire. So then, if you are bringing your offering to the altar and there remember that your brother has something against you, leave your offering there before the altar, go and be reconciled with your brother first, and then come back and present your offering. Come to terms with your opponent in good time while you are still on the way to the court with him, or he may hand you over to the judge and the judge to the officer, and you will be thrown into prison. I tell you solemnly, you will not get out till you have paid the last penny.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

## Prayer Over The Offerings

Accept the sacrificial offerings, O Lord, by which, in your power and kindness, you willed us to be reconciled to yourself and our salvation to be restored. Through Christ our Lord.

## Communion Antiphon

As I live, says the Lord, I do not desire the death of the sinner, but rather that he turn back and live.

## Prayer After Communion

May the holy refreshment of your Sacrament restore us anew, O Lord, and, cleansing us of old ways, take us up into the mystery of salvation. Through Christ our Lord.

## Prayer Over The People

Look with favour on your people, O Lord, that what their observance outwardly declares it may inwardly bring about. Through Christ our Lord.

## Mbeku! Ez. 18:31

Tufuonu mmehie unu mere megide m: O bu Dinwenu Chineke na-ekwu, nwetaranu onwe unu obi ohuru na mmuo ohuru.

## Ozioma

Ihe ogugu nke a si n'Ozioma di nso nke Matiu dere (5:20-26)

Jesu gwara umuazu ya si: N'ihu nke a, agwa m unu, beluso ma eziomume unu o kariri nke ndi odeakwukwo na nke ndi Farisii, unu agaghi abata n'alaeze eluigwe.

"Unu anula na a gwara ndi mgbe ochie si, unu egbula ochu. Onye obula gburu ochu a ga-ekpe ya ikpe. Ma mu onwe m na-agwa unu si, Onye obula nke na-eburu nwanne ya iwe n'obi, a ga-ama ya ikpe. Onye obula kpariri nwanne ya ga-aza aziza n'ulo ikpe. Onye obula kporo nwanne ya 'onye nzuzu!' ga-aba n'okummuo. Ya bu oburu na i na-eweta onyinye gi n'ekwu nchujaja, ma cheta n'ebe ahụ na gi na nwanne gi adighi na mma, hapu onyinye gi n'ihu ekwuajaja. Buru uzo gaa ka gi na nwanne gi mezie. Mgbe unu mezichara, bia, ka i nye onyinye gi. Mee ka gi na onye gbara gi akwukwo kpezie osiso tupu unu agaruo n'ulo ikpe, ka o ghara inyefe gi n'aka onye okaikpe, onye okaikpe e duru gi nye n'aka ndi nche, ndi nche ewee tnye gi n'ulo mkporo. N'ezikwu agwa m gi, i gaghi esi ebe ahụ puta ruo mgbe i kwuchara ugwo gi niile. Ozioma nke Oseburuwa.

## Ekpere Nhunye

Nara onyinye aja ndi a, O Onyenweanyi, ndi nke I sitere n'ike na obioma gi choo ka anyi loghachi n'ebe I no na kaweghachikwa nzoputa anyi. Site na Kristi Onyenweanyi.

## Ukwe Oriri Nso

Kam onwe m na-adi, Onyenweanyi na-ekwu; a choghi m onwu onye njo, kama, ka o chegharia were diba ndu.

## Ekpere A Natachaa Oriri Nso

Ka ozuzunri di aso nke Sakramenti gi hazizie onodu anyi ohuru, O Onyenweanyi, ka o sachaa uzo ochie, were dobalite anyi n'ieomimi nke nzoputa. Site na Kristi Onyenweanyi.

## Ekpere Maka Oha Mmadu

Were obioma lekwasana ndi nke gi anya, O Onyenweanyi, ka ihe mmeimma ha putara ihe na-akowaputa buru ihe ha na-erute n'ezie nime ha. Site na Kristi Onyenweanyi.

## **St. Casimir (Opt. Comm.)**

### **Entry Antiphon**

**T**he law of the Lord is perfect; it revives the soul. The decrees of the Lord are steadfast; they give wisdom to the simple.

### **Collect**

**T**urn our hearts to you, eternal Father, and grant that, seeking always the one thing necessary and carrying out works of charity, we may be dedicated to your worship. Through our Lord.

### **First Reading**

A reading from the book of Deuteronomy (26:16-19)

**M**oses said to the people: 'The Lord your God today commands you to observe these laws and customs; you must keep and observe them with all your heart and with all your soul.

'You have today made this declaration about the Lord; that he will be your God, but only if you follow his ways, keep his statutes, his commandments, his ordinances, and listen to his voice. And the Lord has today made this declaration about you: that you will be his very own people as he promised you, but only if you keep all his commandments; then for praise and renown and honour he will set you high above all the nations he has made, and you will be a people consecrated to the Lord, as he promised.

The word of the Lord.

### **Responsorial Psalm: Ps. 118:1-2.4-5.7-8.(R.v.1)**

**Response: They are happy who follow God's law!**

1. They are happy whose life is blameless, who follow God's law! They are happy those who do his will, seeking him with all their hearts. (R.)

2. You have laid down your precepts to be obeyed with care. May my footsteps be firm to obey your statutes. (R.)

3. I will thank you with an upright heart as I learn your decrees. I will obey your statutes; do not forsake me. (R.)

### **Acclamation 2 Cor 6:2**

**N**ow is the favourable time; this is the day of salvation.

### **Ukwe Mbata**

**I**wu nke Onyenweanyi zuru oke; o na-lakpalite mkpuruobi. Usoro nke Onyenweanyi kwesiri ntukwasi obi; o nanye ndi obi ha dika nke nwata amamihe.

### **Ekpere Mmeghe**

**K**poghachi obi anyi azu n'ebe I no, Nna di ebighiebi, ma mee, site n'icho mgbe niile otu ihe ahụ ka mkpa na iruputa oru ihunanya ga, ka anyi kwudosie ike n'ofufe gi. Site na Dinwenụ anyi.

### **Ihe Ogugu Nke Mbu**

Ihe ogugu e wetara n'akwukwo Diuteronomi (26:16-19)

**M**osis gwara ndi mmadu si: "Ubochi taa, Onyenweanyi bu Chineke unu na-enye unu iwu ka unu dobe ukpuru ya na iwu ya niile. Werekwanu obi unu na mmuo unu dobe ha. Taa unu ekwuputala na Dinwenụ bu Chineke unu. Unu ekwela nkwa iruwere ya isi, na idobe iwu ya niile, na ime ihe niile O nyere n'iwu. Taa, Onyenweanyi anabatala unu dika ndi nke ya, dika O kwere unu na nkwa. O nyekwara unu iwu ka unu dobe ihe niile O nyere n'iwu. O ga-emekwa ka unu di elu karja mba niile o kere. Unu ga-ewetakwara aha ya otito na nsopuru. Unu ga-adikwara ya nso, burukwa ndi nke ya dika O kwere unu na nkwa.

Okwu nke Oseburuwa.

### **Abuoma na Aziza: Abu. 119:1-2.4-5.7-8(Az.1)**

**Aziza: Ha na-enwe anuri bu ndi na-eso iwu nke Onyenweanyi**

1. Ngozi diri ndi omume ha kwu oto, na-eso iwu nke Onyenweanyi, Ngozi diri ndi niile na-edobe ihe niile Chineke nyere n'iwu, ndi ji obi ha nile acho ya. (Az.)

2. I meela ka anyi mata iwu gi, ka anyi wee kwudosie ike na ya. Onyenweanyi mee ka m kwudosie ike n'idobe iwu gi. (Az.)

3. Aga m eji obi kwu oto wee too gi, mgbe m matara ikpe nkwmoto gi. O ga-amasi m idobe iwu gi niile. O! Agbahapukwalam. (Az.)

### **Mbeku 2 Cor. 6:2**

**U**gbu a bu oge amara; ugbu a bu ubochi nzoputa ahụ.



## Gospel

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew (5:43-48)

Jesus said to his disciples: 'You have learnt how it was said: You must love your neighbour and hate your enemy. But I say this to you: love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you; in this way you will be sons of your Father in heaven, for he causes the sun to rise on bad men as well as good, and his rain to fall on honest and dishonest men alike. For if you love those who love you, what right have you to claim any credit? Even the tax collectors do as much, do they not? And if you save your greetings for your brothers, are you doing anything exceptional? Even the pagans do as much, do they not? You must therefore be perfect just as your heavenly Father is perfect.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

## Prayer Over The Offerings

May these blessed mysteries by which we are restored, O Lord, we pray, make us worthy of the gift they bestow. Through Christ our Lord.

## Communion Antiphon

Be perfect, as your heavenly Father is perfect, says the Lord.

## Prayer After Communion

Show unceasing favour, O Lord, to those you refresh with this divine mystery, and accompany with salutary consolations those you have imbued with heavenly teaching. Through Christ our Lord.

## Prayer Over The People

May the blessing for which they have longed strengthen your faithful, O God, so that, never straying from your will, they may always rejoice in your benefits. Through Christ our Lord.

## Ozioma

Ihe ogugu nke a si n'Ozioma di aso nke Matiu dere (5:43-48)

Jesu gwara ndi na-eso uzo ya: Unu anula na e kwuru si, 'I ga-ahu onye agbataobi gi n'anya, ma kpoo onyeiro gi asi.' Ma ana m agwa unu; hunu ndiio unu n'anya, na-ekpekwaranu ndi na-emeibu unu ekpere, ka unu wee buru umu nke Nna unu bi n'eluigwe n'ihina o na-eme ka anyanwu ya chakwasi ma ndi ajo mimadu, ma ndi ezigbo mmadu. O na-emekwa ka mmiri na-ezoro ma ndi oma ma ndi ojoo. O buru na unu na-ahu naani ndi enyi unu n'anya, kedu ugwo oru puru iche unu ga-anata n'aka Chineke? Obuladi ndi ona utu na-emekwa otu ahu. O buru na unu na-ekele naani umunne unu, kedu ihe puru iche unu mere karia ndiozo? O bu na ndi na-ekpere arusi anaghi eme otu ahu? Ya bu, unu onwe unu ga-ezu oke dika Nna unu nke bi n'eluigwe siri zuo oke.

Ozioma nke Oseburuwa.

## Ekpere Nhunye

Ka iheomimi ndi a di nsọ nke esitere na ha weghachi anyi azu mee, O Onyenweanyi, anyi na-ario, ka anyi kwesi onyinye ha na-eweta. Site na Kristi Onyenweanyi.

## Ukwe Oriri Nso

Unu onwe unu ga-ezu oke n'omume, dika Nna unu nke eluigwe si zue oke, Onyenweanyi na-ekwu.

## Ekpere A Natachaa Oriri Nso

Gosi mmasi na-enweghi ube, O Onyenweanyi, n'ebe ndi I jirila iheomimi nsọ zua nri, ma were agbamume nzoputa ga nonyere ndi I zunyegorola nkuzi nke eluigwe. Site na Kristi Onyenweanyi.

## Ekpere Maka Oha Mmadu

Ka ngozi nke ha na-acho doo ndi kwerenu na gi ike, O Chukwu, ka o ga-abu, asoghi ngongo ime uche gi, ha ewere goriwe oge niile n'iheoma giga. Sitena Kristi Onyenweanyi.

**2ND SUNDAY OF LENT (A)**  
**5 March 2023 [Eke] (Violet)**

**Office:**  
**Week 2**

In the First Reading, God bestows His covenantal blessing and promise to Abram who in total obedience forsakes everything. The Responsorial Psalm entreats that those who hope and trust in the Lord may experience His blessing. The Gospel scene of transfiguration confirms this, during which God the Father declares His splendour and fervour in His Son Jesus, the Son of Man who in total obedience embarks on his paschal journey. St Paul, in the Second Reading, invites all to find rely on God's covenantal love and gift of grace to persevere in hardship.

## Entry Antiphon

Of you my heart has spoken: Seek his face. It is your face, O Lord, that I seek; hide not your face from me.

## Ukwe Mbata

Onyenweanyi, obi m gwara gi si: Achoola m ihu gi. Ihu gi ka m na-acho. Ezolahukwala m ihu gi.

## Collect

**O** God, who have commanded us to listen to your beloved Son, be pleased, we pray, to nourish us inwardly by your word, that, with spiritual sight made pure, we may rejoice to behold your glory. Through our Lord.

## First Reading

A reading from the book of Genesis (12:1-4)  
**T**he Lord said to Abram, "Leave your country, your family and your father's house, for the land I will show you. I will make you a great nation; I will bless you and make your name so famous that it will be used as a blessing. "I will bless those who bless you: I will curse those who slight you. All the tribes of the earth shall bless themselves by you." So Abram went as the Lord told him.  
The word of the Lord.

**Responsorial Psalm: Ps. 32:4-5.18-20.22 (R.v.22)**

**Response: May your love be upon us, O Lord, as we place all our hope in you.**

1. For the word of the Lord is faithful and all his works to be trusted. The Lord loves justice and right and fills the earth with his love. (R.)
2. The Lord looks on those who revere him, on those who hope in his love, to rescue their souls from death, to keep them alive in famine. (R.)
3. Our soul is waiting for the Lord. The Lord is our help and our shield. May your love be upon us, O Lord, as we place all our hope in you. (R.)

## Second Reading

A reading from the second letter of St Paul to Timothy (1:8-10)

**W**ith me, bear the hardships for the sake of the Good News, relying on the power of God who has saved us and called us to be holy - not because of anything we ourselves have done but for his own purpose and by his own grace. This grace had already been granted to us, in Christ Jesus, before the beginning of time, but it has only been revealed by the Appearing of our saviour Christ Jesus. He abolished death, and he has proclaimed life and immortality through the Good News.  
The word of the Lord.

## Ekpere Mmeghe

**C**hineke Nna anyị, inyere anyị iwu k'anyị na-ege ntị na-olu nke Nwa ị I huru n'anya. Were okwu ị meghee obi anyị, k'anyị chọta ụzọ nke otito ị. Site na Kristi Dinwenụ anyị.

## Ihe Ogugu Nke Mbụ

Ihe ogugu e wetara n'akwukwọ nke Jenesis (12:1-4)

**O**nyenweanyi sirị Abram, "Hapu obodo ị, onumara ị na ulọ nna ị ka i jee n'obodo nke m ga-egosi ị. Aga m eme ị nnukwu obodo, aga m agozi ị ma mekwaa ka aha ị daa ụda; otu ị ga-ịjị buru akara ngozi. Aga m agozi ndi goziri ị; aga m abụ ha onụ bu ndi buru ị onụ; agburu niile nọ n'ụwa ga-agozi onwe ha site na ị. E mechaa Abram agawa dika Chineke gwara ya.  
Okwu nke Oseburuwa.

**Abụoma na Aziza: Abụ. 33:4-5.18-20.22 (Az.22)**

**Aziza: Ka ihunaanya ị di n'ebe anyị nọ, O Chineke ebe nchekwube anyị di na ị.**

1. N'ihina okwu nke Onyenweanyi bu eziokwu, O na-akwudosiike n'orụ ya niile. O huru ezionume na ikpe nkwmoto n'anya, ihunaanya ya juputara n'ụwa. (Az.)
2. Ma lee ka Onyenweanyi si eleta ndi niile na-aturu ya egwu anya, ndi niile tukwasiri obi ha n'ihunaanya ya, ka o wee zoputa mkpuruobi ha n'onwu ma chekwaba ha n'oge unwu. (Az.)
3. Mkpuruobi anyi na-eche Onyenweanyi; Ya bu onye enyemaka anyi na onye ogbugbo anyi, Ka ihunaanya ị di n'ebe anyi nọ, O Chineke ebe nchekwube anyi di na ị. (Az.)

## Ihe Ogugu Nke Abụo

Ihe ogugu e wetara n'akwukwọzi nke abụo Pọl di aso degaara Timoti (1:8-10)

**I**here emela ị igbara Onyenweanyi mọbu Imunwa bu onyemkporo n'ihia ya, akaebe. N'ike nke Chineke, kerekwa oke nke ị n'ahulu diiri ị n'ihia ozioma ahụ. Chineke zoputara anyi wee kpoo anyi iburu ya ndi nso. O bughị n'ihia oru oma anyi, kama n'ihia amara na nzube ya. O nyere anyi amara nke a n'ime Jesu Kristi tupu e kee ụwa. O gosiputara nke a ugbo a site na mputa ihe nke onye nzoputa anyi Jesu Kristi. O mebiriri onwu, wetara anyi ndu, bia mee ka anwuanyu puta ihe site n'oziomu ahụ.  
Okwu nke Oseburuwa.

### Acclamation! Mt. 17:5

From the bright cloud the Father's voice was heard: 'This is my Son, the Beloved. Listen to him.'

### Gospel

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew (17:1-9)

Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain where they could be alone. There in their presence he was transfigured: his face shone like the sun and his clothes became as white as the light. Suddenly Moses and Elijah appeared to them; they were talking with him. Then Peter spoke to Jesus. "Lord," he said "It is wonderful for us to be here; if you wish, I will make three tents here, one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah." He was still speaking when suddenly a bright cloud covered them with shadow, and from the cloud there came a voice which said, "This is my Son, the Beloved; he enjoys my favour. Listen to him." When they heard this, the disciples fell on their faces, overcome with fear. But Jesus came up and touched them. "Stand up," he said "do not be afraid." And when they raised their eyes they saw no one but only Jesus.

As they came down from the mountain Jesus gave them this order, "Tell no one about the vision until the Son of man has risen from the dead".  
The Gospel of the Lord.

### Prayer Over The Offerings

May this sacrifice, O Lord, we pray, cleanse us of our faults, and sanctify your faithful in body and mind for the celebration of the paschal festivities. Through Christ our Lord.

**For Preface, see Usoro Emume Missa (2018 Edition) p. 37**

### Communion Antiphon

This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him!

### Prayer After Communion

As we receive these glorious mysteries, we make thanksgiving to you, O Lord, for allowing us while still on earth to be partakers even now of the things of heaven. Through Christ our Lord.

### Prayer Over The People

Bless your faithful, we pray, O Lord, with a blessing that endures for ever, and keep them faithful to the Gospel of your Only Begotten Son, so that they may always desire and at last attain to the amazement of his Apostles. Through Christ our Lord.

### Mbeku! Mat. 17:5

Anuru olu nke Nna ka O siri n'urukpu Aocha tie mkpu si: "Nke a bu Nwa M, M huru n'anya. Geenụ ya nti."

### Ozioma

Ihe ogugu nke a si n'Ozioma di aso nke Matu dere (17:1-9)

Ka ubochi isii gachara Jesu kpooro Pita, Jemis na Jon nwanne ya rigoro n'otu ugwu di oke eli. Jesu gbanworo onwe ya n'ihu ha. Ihu ya mukewere dika anyanwu, uwe ya na-enwukwa dika ihe. Ozigbo ahu, ha huru Mosis na Elaija ka ha na Jesu na-ekwurita uka. Pita gwara Jesu si, "Dinwenu, o di mma na anyi no n'ebe a; O buru na i choo, aga m ewu uloikwu ato n'ebe a: otu maka gi, otu maka Mosis, nke ozo maka Elaija." Mgbe Pita ka kpu okwu n'onu, urukpu ocha kpuchidoro ha, otu olu si n'urukpu ahu daa si, "Nke a bu Nwa m m huru n'anya, onye ihe ya na-amasi m, geenụ ya nti." Mgbe ndi na-eso uzo ya nuru olu ahu, ha turu oke egwu, daa n'ala kpuchie ihu ha. Jesu biara metu ha aka si, bilienụ, unu atula egwu." Mgbe ha lelitere anya elu, ha ahughikwa onye ozo beereso Jesu.

Ka ha si n'elu ugwu ahu na-aridata, Jesu dosiri ha aka na nti ike si, "Unu agwakwala onye obula ihe unu huru nke nwa mgbe Nwa nke mimadu ga-esi n'onwu bilie."  
Ozioma nke Oseburuwa.

### Ekpere Nhunye

Onyenweanyi, biko mee ka aja nke a wuchapu anyi njo anyi ka anyi bu ndi kwere na Gi, were ahu na mkpuruobi e doro aso mee emume nke onwu na mbilite n'onwu nke Nwa Gi, Onye Gi na Ya di ndu na-achi ebighi ebi ebighi ebi.

### Ukwe Oriri Nso

Onye a bu Nwa M, M huru n'anya, Onye ihe Ya na-amasi M. Geenụ Ya nti.

### Ekpere A Natachaa Oriri Nso

Onyenweanyi, anyi bu ndi natara ihe omimi nke otito Gi nwere afo ojuju. Anyi na-ekere Gi n'ihu na I bidola n'uwa a were nyebe anyi oké nke anyi ga-eketa n'Alaeze eluigwe. Site na Kristi Onyenweanyi.

### Ekpere Maka Oha Mmadu

Were ngozi di okpu gozie ndi nke gi kwerenu, anyi na-ario, O Onyenweanyi, ka I weta n'ime ha nkwadosiike n'Ozioma nke Otu Nwa I muru naani ya, ka ha were chobazie, ma nwetakwa n'ikpeazu ojujuanyi ahu ndi umuazu nwere. Site na Kristi Onyenweanyi.

## 6 March [Orie] Monday of Lent - Week 2 (Violet)

### Entry Antiphon

**R**edeem me, O Lord, and have mercy on me. My foot stands on level ground; I will bless the Lord in the assembly.

### Collect

**O** God, who have taught us to chasten our bodies for the healing of our souls, enable us, we pray, to abstain from all sins, and strengthen our hearts to carry out your loving commands. Through our Lord.

### First Reading

A reading from the prophet Daniel (9:4-10)

**O** Lord, God great and to be feared, you keep the covenant and have kindness for those who love you and keep your commandments: we have sinned, we have done wrong, we have acted wickedly, we have betrayed your commandments and your ordinances and turned away from them. We have not listened to your servants the prophets, who spoke in your name to our kings, our princes, our ancestors, and to all the people of the land. Integrity, Lord, is yours, ours the look of shame we wear today, we, the people of Judah, the citizens of Jerusalem, the whole of Israel, near and far away, in every country to which you have dispersed us because of the treason we have committed against you. To us, Lord, the look of shame belongs, to our kings, our princes, our ancestors, because we have sinned against you. To the Lord our God mercy and pardon belong, because we have betrayed him, and have not listened to the voice of the Lord our God nor followed the laws he has given us through his servants the prophets.

The word of the Lord.

**Responsorial Psalm: Ps. 78:8-9.11.13. (R. Ps. 102:10)**

**Response: Do not treat us according to our sins, O Lord.**

1. Do not hold the guilt of our fathers against us. Let your compassion hasten to meet us for we are in the depths of distress. (R.)
2. O God our saviour, come to our help, come for the sake of the glory of your name. O Lord our God, forgive us our sins; rescue us for the sake of your name. (R.)
3. Let the groans of the prisoners come before you; let your strong arm relieve those condemned to die. But we, your people, the flock of your pasture, will give you thanks for ever and ever. We will tell your praise from age to age. (R.)

### Ukwe Mbata

**Z**oputa m, O Onyenweanyi, meere m ebere. **U**kwu m zodoro n'ebe di larii; a ga m agozi Onyenweanyi n'ime ogbakọ ndi nke ya.

### Ekpere Mmeghe

**O** Chineke, onye kuziere anyi ita ahụ anyi ahuhụ iji nweta ogwugwọ nke obi anyiga, mee, anyi na-ariọ, ka anyi na-ezere njo niile, ma dookwa obi anyi ike iji mejuputa iwu gi di ihunaanya. Site na Dinwenu anyi.

### Ihe Ogugu Nke Mbu

Ihe ogugu e wetara n'akwukwo onye amuma Daniel (9:4-10)

**O**nyenweanyi, I bu Chineke di ukwu, dikwa egwu. Ina-edobe ogbugbandu na-egosi ihunaanya n'ebe ndi huru gi n'anya, na-edobekwa iwu gi no. Anyi emeela njo, gahie uzo ma nupukwara gi isi, anyi juru idobe iwu gi na iso nkuzi gi. Anyi egegghi ndiamuma gi nti, ndi gwara ndieze anyi, na ndiisi ochichi anyi, ndi nnanna anyi ha na ndi mmadu niile nke obodo a okwu n'aha gi. Ikpe nkwmoto bu nke gi. Onyenweanyi, ma ihere bu nke anyi, anyi bu ndi juda ndi bi na Jerusalem na Izrel niile, ma ndi no nso ma ndi no ebe tere aka, ebe i chugara ha n'ihia ajoomume anyi. Ihere bu nke anyi, na nke ndieze anyi, ndiisi ochichi anyi na nke nnanna anyi ha, maka na anyi emeela njo megide gi. N'aka gi ka mgbaghara na ebere di O Onyenweanyi, n'ihina anyi enupurula gi isi, site n'egeghi nti n'okwu gi na na-edobeghi iwu gi, nke i nyere anyi site n'aka ndiamuma gi.

Okwu nke Oseburuwa.

**Abuoma na Aziza: Abu. 79:8-9.11.13. (Az. Abu. 103:10)**

**Aziza: Atala anyi ahuhu, dika njo anyi siri di, O Onyenweanyi.**

1. Atala anyi ahuhu maka njo nnanna anyi ha mere; Kama ka obioma gi biakwute anyi osooso, n'ihina ha ewotuola anyi ala nke ukwu. (Az.)
2. Nyere anyi aka, O Chineke onye nzoputa anyi, maka otito nke aha gi, zoputa anyi, ma gbagharakwa anyi njo anyi, n'ihia aha gi. (Az.)
3. Meenu ka akwa ariri ndi no nanga ruo gi nti, were ike aka gi chekwaba ndi a amara ikpe onwu! Mgbe ahụ anyi bu ndi nke gi, igwe aturu i na-azu, ga-enye gi ekele ebееbe, ebееbe, bido na ndudugandu ruo na ndudugandu anyi ga-ekwuputa otito gi. (Az.)



**Acclamation! Jn.6:63,68**

**Y**our words are spirit, Lord, and they are life; you have the message of eternal life.

**Gospel**

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke (6:36-38)

**J**esus said to his disciples: 'Be compassionate as your Father is compassionate. Do not judge, and you will not be judged yourselves; do not condemn, and you will not be condemned yourselves; grant pardon, and you will be pardoned. Give, and there will be gifts for you: a full measure, pressed down, shaken together, and running over, will be poured into your lap; because the amount you measure out is the amount you will be given back.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Prayer Over The Offerings**

**A**cept in your goodness these prayers, O Lord, and set free from worldly attractions those you allow to serve the heavenly mysteries. Through Christ our Lord.

**Communion Antiphon**

**B**e merciful, as your Father is merciful, says the Lord.

**Prayer After Communion**

**M**ay this Communion, O Lord, cleanse us of wrongdoing and make us heirs to the joy of heaven. Through Christ our Lord.

**Prayer Over The People**

**C**onfirm the hearts of your faithful, O Lord, we pray, and strengthen them by the power of your grace, that they may be constant in making supplication to you and sincere in love for one another. Through Christ our Lord.

**Mbeku! Jn.6:63,68**

**O**kwu gi bu mmuo, Onyenweanyi ha bu ndu; I nwere ozi nke ndu ebighiebi.

**Ozioma**

Ihe ogugu nke a si n'Ozioma di aso nke Luk dere (6:36-38)

**J**esu gwara ndi na-esu uzo ya si; nwenụ obi ebere dika Nna unu nke eluigwe si nwee obi ebere. "Unu ekpela mmadu ibe unu ikpe ka a ghara ikpe unu ikpe, unu amakwala mmadu ibe unu ikpe ka a ghara ima unu ikpe, nweenu obi mgbaghara ka e wee gbaghara unu. Gbasapunu aka nye, Chineke ga-enyeghachikwa unu. O ga-ebugwe unu iheoma n'akpa buru ibu, nke ayoghariri ihe di n'ime ya, sujue ya n'onu, nke iheoma juputara, na-awupu. Chineke ga-adoba iheoma n'apata ukwu unu abuo. N'ihina udi akpa unu ji tunyere ndiozo ka a ga-eji tunyere unu. Ozioma nke Oseburuwa.

**Ekpere Nhunye**

**W**ere afoma gi nara aririo ndi a, O Onyenweanyi, ma mee ka ha nwere onwe ha n'ebe odudo-ihe-uto nke uwa di bu ndi ahu I kweere ka ha gbaara iheomimi nke eluigwe odibo. Site na Kristi Onyenweanyi.

**Ukwe Oriri Nso**

**I**ga-enwe obi ebere dika Nna gi siri di ebere, Onyenweanyi na-ekwu.

**Ekpere A Natachaa Oriri Nso**

**K**a Oriri nke a, O Onyenweanyi, sachapu anyi mmehie ma mee anyi ndi nketa anuri nke eluigwe. Site na Kristi Onyenweanyi.

**Ekpere Maka Oha Mmadu**

**K**aa obi ndi di nke gi kwerenu ahu, O Onyenweanyi, anyi na-ario, ka I site n'ike nke amara gi doo ha ike, ka ha were kwudosie ike n'irio gi enyemaka ma gosiputa n'ezikwu ihunaanya maka mmadu ibe ha. Site na Kristi Onyenweanyi.

**7 March [Afor] Tuesday of Lent - Week 2 (Violet)**

**Sts. Perpetua & Felicity Martyrs (Opt. Comm)**

**Entry Antiphon**

**G**ive light to my eyes, lest I fall asleep in death, lest my enemy say: I have overcome him.

**Collect**

**G**uard your Church, we pray, O Lord, in your unceasing mercy, and, since without you mortal humanity is sure to fall, may we be kept by your constant

**Ukwe Mbata**

**N**ye anya m ihe, ka m ghara ida n'ura onwu; ka ndi iro m ghara ikwu si: e meriela m ya.

**Ekpere Mmeghe**

**C**hekwaaba Nzuko gi, anyi na-ario, O Onyenweanyi, n'ime ebere gi na-enweghi mgbo, n'ihia na ewezuga gi mmadu puru inwu anwu ga na-adajoghari, ka I site n'enyemaka gi di okpu

helps from all harm and directed to all that brings salvation. Through our Lord.

### First Reading

A reading from the prophet Isaiah (1:10.16-20)

**H**ear the word of the Lord, you rulers of Sodom; listen to the command of our God, you people of Gomorrah. 'Wash, make yourselves clean. Take your wrong-doing out of my sight. 'Cease to do evil. Learn to do good, search for justice, help the oppressed, be just to the orphan, plead for the widow. 'Come now, let us talk this over,' says the Lord. Though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they are red as crimson, they shall be like wool. 'If you are willing to obey, you shall eat the good things of the earth. But if you persist in rebellion, the sword shall eat you instead.' The mouth of the Lord has spoken.

The word of the Lord.

**Responsorial Psalm: Ps. 49: 8-9. 16-17.21.23 (R.v. 23)**

**Response: I will show God's salvation to the upright.**

1. 'I find no fault with your sacrifices, your offerings are always before me. I do not ask more bullocks from your farms, nor goats from among your herds. (R.)
2. 'But how can you recite my commandments and take my covenant on your lips, you who despise my law and throw my words to the winds. (R.)
3. 'You do this, and should I keep silence? Do you think that I am like you? A sacrifice of thanksgiving honours me and I will show God's salvation to the upright.' (R.)

**Acclamation! Mt. 4:17**

**R**epent, says the Lord, for the kingdom of heaven is close at hand.

### Gospel

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew (23:1-12)

**A**ddressing the people and his disciples Jesus said, 'the scribes and the Pharisees occupy the chair of Moses. You must therefore do what they tell you and listen to what they say;

chekwaba anyi n'ajo ihe niile, ma dute anyi na ihe niile ga-eweta nzoputa. Site na Dinwenụ anyi

### Ihe Ogugu Nke Mbu

Ihe ogugu e wetara n'akwukwo onye amuma Aizaya (1:10.16-20)

**U**gbu a, nurunu okwu nke Dinwenu, unu ndi ochichi Sodom! Geenu nti na nkuzi nke Chineke anyi unu ndi obodo Gomora!

Sachaanu onwe unu, meenu onwe unu ka unu di ocha; wepunu ajoomume unu n'ihu m, kwusinu ime njo. Mutanu ka e si eme eziumume, na-achokwanu ikpe nkhumoto; kwusinu mmegbu, chekwabanu umu ogbenye na-ekwuchiterenu umunwaanyi ajadu. "Ugbu a, biazienu ka anyi tukorita uche," o bu Oseburuwa na-ekwu; "O bu ezie na njo unu na-acha ka uhie ma a ga-eme ka o di ocha ka akummiriigwe, o bu ezie na o na-acha ka obara, ma a ga-emekwa ka o di ocha ka owu ocha. O buru na unu ekwere rubeisi, unu ga-eri iheoma nke si n'ala ahụ, ma o buru na unu agbaa isi akwara, nogide n'inupu isi, unu ga-anwucha na mmaagha, otu a ka Oseburuwa si kwuo.

Okwu nke Oseburuwa.

**Abuoma na Aziza: Abu. 50:8-9.16-17.21.23 (Az.23)**

**Aziza: Aga m egosi nzoputa nke Chineke n'ebe ndi eziumume no.**

1. O bughi n'ihia aja unu ka m ji wee na-abara unu mba, aja nsureoku unu no n'ihu m oge niile; agaghi m anabata oke ehi obula nke si n'ulo unu, mobu ewu obula nke si n'uloanu unu. (Az.)
2. Kedu ikikere unu nwere iji na-agughari iwu m, iji na-ekwuputa maka ogbugbandu m? N'ihina unu juru inabata nkuzi m, ma leghara okwu m anya. (Az.)
3. Unu na-eme nke a, chee na m ga-agba nkiti? Unu chere na m dika unu? Onye obula na-achunyere m aja ekele na asopuru m, ma aga m egosi nzoputa nke Chineke n'ebe ndi eziumume no." (Az.)

**Mbeku! Mat. 4:17**

**C**hegharianu, n'ihina alaeze eluigwe adila nso.

### Ozioma

Ihe ogugu nke a si n'Ozioma di aso nke Matiu dere (23:1-12)

**J**esu gwara igwe mmadu ahụ na ndi na-esozu ya si, "Ndi odeakwukwo na ndi Farisii no n'okwa Mosis. Ya bu, na-emenu ma na-edebekwanu ihe niile ha na-agwa unu. Kama

but do not be guided by what they do, since they do not practice what they preach. They tie up heavy burdens and lay them on men's shoulders, but will they lift a finger to move them? Not they! Everything they do is done to attract attention, like wearing broader phylacteries and longer tassels, like wanting to take the place of honour at banquets and the front seats in the synagogues, being greeted obsequiously in the market squares and having people calling them Rabbi.

'You, however, must not allow yourselves to be called Rabbi, since you have only one Master, and you are all brothers. You must call no one on earth your father, since you have only one Father, and he is in heaven. Nor must you allow yourselves to be called teachers, for you have only one Teacher, the Christ. The greatest among you must be your servant. Anyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and anyone who humbles himself will be exalted.

The Gospel of the Lord.

### **Prayer Over The Offerings**

**B**e pleased to work your sanctification within us by means of these mysteries, O Lord, and by it may we be cleansed of earthly faults and led to the gifts of heaven. Through Christ our Lord.

### **Communion Antiphon**

**I** will recount all your wonders. I will rejoice in you and be glad, and sing psalms in your name, O Most High.

### **Prayer After Communion**

**M**ay the refreshment of this sacred table, O Lord, we pray, bring us an increase in devoutness of life and the constant help of your work of conciliation. Through Christ our Lord.

### **Prayer Over The People**

**G**raciously hear the cries of your faithful, O Lord, and relieve the weariness of their souls, that, having received your forgiveness, they may ever rejoice in your blessing. Through Christ our Lord.

unu emekwala omume ka ha, n'ihina ha na-ekwu ma ha anaghi emeputa ya n'omume. Ha na-eke ibu siri ike obubu bo ndi mmadu n'ubu, ma ha onwe ha agaghi emetu ya o buladi otu mkpisiaka. Ha na-arụ oru oma ha niile naani ka ndi mmadu wee hu ha. Ha na-eme ka akwa e dere iwu ndi di mkpa nke ha na-amado n'ihu na n'aka di obosara na-emekwa ka onu uwe ha buo ibu. O na-amasi ha ino n'uche di elu n'oriri, ino n'ihu oche n'ulo nzuko, i nara ekele n'oma ahia nakwa ka ndi mmadu na-akpo ha ndi nkuzi. Unu ekwela ka a na-akpo unu ndi nkuzi, n'ihina unu nwere naani otu Onye nkuzi. Unu niile bukwaa umunne. Unu akpola onye obula nna unu n'elu uwa a, n'ihina unu nwere otu Nna nke bi n'eluigwe. Unu ekwekwala ka a na-akpo unu Nnaukwu n'ihina unu nwere naani otu nnaukwu - ya bu Kristi. Ya bu, onye obula kachasi n'etiti unu ga-abu odibo unu. Onye obula nke na-ebuli onwe ya elu a ga-ebuda ya ala ma onye obula nke wedara onwe ya ala, a ga-ebuli ya elu.

Ozioma nke Oseburuwa.

### **Ekpere Nhunye**

**K**a o masi gi isite n'iheomimi ndi a ruo oru idoaso n'ime anyi, O Onyenweanyi, ka I site na ya sachapu anyi atutu mmehie uwaaga were dute anyi n'onyinye nke eluigwega. Site na Kristi Onyenweanyi.

### **Ukwe Oriri Nso**

**A**ga m ekwuputa oru itunaanya gi niile. A ga m e gori na gi, nuri, ma buo abu n'aha gi, O Oseburuwa kacha di elu.

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

**K**a ozuzu nke si n'ochenri a di nso, O Onyenweanyi, anyi na-ario, wetara anyi uto n'idiaso nke ndu na enyemaka di okpu nke oru mkpezi gi. Site na Kristi Onyenweanyi.

### **Ekpere Maka Oha Mmadu**

**W**ere ebere nuru mkpuakwa ndi kwere na gi, O Onyenweanyi, ka I weta ume n'ikeogwugwu nke obi ha; ha natacharala mgbaghara, ka ha nuri mgbe niile na ngozi gi. Site na Kristi Onyenweanyi.

**8 March [Nkwo] Wednesday of Lent - Week 2 (Violet)**

## **St. John of God Religious (Opt. Comm.)**

### **Entry Antiphon**

**F**orsake me not, O Lord! My God, be not far from me! Make haste and come to my help, O Lord, my strong salvation!

### **Ukwe Mbata**

**E**chezola m, Onyenweanyi! Chineke m, a notela aka n'ebe m no! Were oso bia nyere m aka, Onyenweanyi, nzoputa m di ike.

### Collect

**K**ee your family, O Lord, schooled always in good works, and so comfort them with your protection here as to lead them graciously to gifts on high. Through our Lord

### First Reading

A reading from the prophet Jeremiah (18:18-20)

**C**ome on, they said 'let us concoct a plot against Jeremiah; the priest will not run short of instruction without him, nor the sage of advice, nor the prophet of the word. Come on, let us hit at him with his own tongue; let us listen carefully to every word he says.' Listen to me, Lord, hear what my adversaries are saying. Should evil be returned for good? For they are digging a pit for me. Remember how I stood in your presence to plead on their behalf, to turn your wrath away from them.

The word of the Lord.

**Responsorial Psalm: Ps.30:5-6.14-16. (R.v.17)**

**Response: Save me in your love, O Lord.**

1. Release me from the snares they have hidden for you are my refuge, Lord. Into your hands I commend my spirit. It is you who will redeem me, Lord. (R.)
2. I have heard the slander of the crowd, fear is all around me, as they plot together against me, as they plan to take my life. (R.)
3. But as for me, I trust in you, Lord, I say: 'You are my God. My life is in your hands, deliver me from the hands of those who hate me.' (R.)

### Acclamation Jn.8:12

**I** am the light of the world, says the Lord, anyone who follows me will have the light of life.

### Gospel

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew (20:17-28)

**J**esus was going up to Jerusalem, and on the way he took the Twelve to one side and said to them, 'Now we are going up to Jerusalem, and the Son of Man is about to be handed over to the chief priests and scribes. They will condemn him to death and will hand him over to the pagans to be mocked and scourged and crucified; and on the third day he will rise again.'

Then the mother of Zebedee's sons came

### Ekpere Mmeghe

**C**hekwawa ezinaulo gi, O Onyenweanyi, a zigorola n'ezi oruga, ka I were nchedo gi gbaa ha ume n'ebe a, werekwa afooma gi dute ha n'onyinye nke di n'elu. Site na Dinwenụ anyi....

### Ihe Ogugu Nke Mbu

Ihe ogugu e wetara n'akwukwo onye amuma Jeremaya (18:18-20)

**M**ahakwuru si, "Bianu ka anyi tuo aro ojoo banyere Jeremaya n'ihina ndi ukochukwu ga-enye anyi nkuzi, mobu ndi amamihe ga na-enye anyi ndumodu, mobu ndiamuma ga na-agwa anyi okwu agaghi ako anyi, ma gharakwa ige okwu ya obula." Gee m nti O Dinwenu, ma nuru ariri o m. E ji ihe ojoo akwu ugwo iheoma? Ha egwuorola m olulu, cheta otu m siri kwuru n'ihu gi na-ekwu iheoma banyere ha, ka m were wepuru ha iwe gi.

Okwu nke Oseburuwa.

**Abuoma na Aziza: Abu.31:4-5.13-15. (Az.16)**

**Aziza: Were ihunaanya gi zoputa m, O Dinwenụ.**

1. Ekwekwala ka m daba n'onya ha kweere m n'ihina gi bu ebe mgbaba m; N'aka gi ka m tinyere mmuo m, O bu gi ga-agbaputa m onyenweanyi. (Az.)
2. Ana m anu nkwo ha niile, iyi egwu si n'akuku niile abia; Ha na-agbako imegide m; Ha na-agba izu iwere ndu m (Az.)
3. Na gi ka m tukwasiriobi, Oseburuwa. Ana m ekwu si, "Ginwa bu Chineke m." Ubochi m niile di gi n'aka; zoputa m n'aka ndi ro m na ndi na-emekpa m ahụ. (Az.)

### Mbeku Jon.8:12

**A**bu m ihe nke uwa, Onyenweanyi na-ekwu, onye obula na-eso m agaghi aga n'ochichiri, kama o ga-enwe ihe nke ndu.

### Ozioma

Ihe ogugu nke a si n'Ozioma di aso nke Matiu dere (20:17-28)

**M**gbe Jesu na-aga Jerusalem, O kpoputara umuazu iri na abuo ahụ iche si ha, "Lee anyi na-aga Jerusalem ebe a ga-arara Nwa nke mmadu nye n'aka ndiisi nchujaja na ndi odeakwukwo. Ha ga-ama ya ikpe onwu. Ha ga-arara ya nye ndi mba ozo ka ha mee ya akaje, pia ya ihe, wee kpogbue ya n'obe. Ma n'ubochi nke ato, a ga-eme ka o si n'onwu bilie".

Mgbe ahụ, nne umu Zebedi kpooro umu



with her sons to make a request of him, and bowed low; and he said to her, 'What is it you want?' She said to him, 'Promise that these two sons of mine may sit one at your right hand and the other at your left in your kingdom.' You do not know what you are asking' Jesus answered. 'Can you drink the cup that I am going to drink?' They replied, 'We can.' 'Very well,' he said 'you shall drink my cup, but as for seats at my right hand and my left, these are not mine to grant; they belong to those to whom they have been allotted by my Father.'

When the other ten heard this they were indignant with the two brothers. But Jesus called them to him and said, 'You know that among the pagans the rulers lord it over them, and their great men make their authority felt. This is not to happen among you. No; anyone who wants to be great among you must be your servant, and anyone who wants to be first among you must be your slave, just as the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

### Prayer Over the Offerings

**L**ook with favour, Lord, on the sacrificial gifts we offer you, and by this holy exchange undo the bonds of our sins. Through Christ our Lord.

### Communion Antiphon

**T**he Son of Man did not come to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.

### Prayer After Communion

**G**rant, we pray, O Lord our God, that what you have given us as the pledge of immortality may work for our eternal salvation. Through Christ our Lord.

### Prayer Over The People

**B**estow upon your servants, Lord, abundance of grace and protection; grant health of mind and body; grant fullness of fraternal charity, and make them always devoted to you. Through Christ our Lord.

ya ndiikom abuo biakwute Jesu. O sekpuuru ala rio Jesu aririo. Jesu juru ya si, "Gini ka i chor?" O zara si, "Kwe m nkwa na umu m abuo ndi a ga-ano otu n'aka nri, nke ozo n'aka ekpe n'alaeze gi. Ma Jesu gwara ha si, "Unu amaghi ihe unu na-arjo. Unu nwere ike inu iko ahuhu nke mu onwe m ga-anu?" Ha si ya, "Anyi nwere ike." Jesu siru ha, "N'ezikwu unu ga-anu iko m ga-anu, mana o bughu m ka o diiri ikwu onye ga-ano n'akanri m mobu n'akaekpe m, kama o bu ndi niile Nna m kwadooro ya."

Mgbe umazu ya mmadu iri ndi ozo nuru nke a, ha wesara umunne abuo ahu iwe nke ukwu. Jesu kpokotara ha si, "Unu amarala na ndi na-achiachi n'etiti ndi mba ozo na-eji mmegbu na-achi ha dika ndi nwe ha. Ndi ukwu n'etiti ha na-egosikwa na ike di ha n'aka. Ma o gaghi adi otu a n'etiti unu. Kama onye obula nke na-acho ka e mee ya onye ukwu n'etiti unu ga-abu onye na-ejere unu ozi. Ozokwa, onye obula nke na-acho ibu onye mbu n'etiti unu ga-abu ohu unu niile, dika o si buru na Nwa nke mmadu abiaghi ka a gbaara ya odibo, kama ka o gbaara ndi ozo odibo, bia werekwa ndu ya nye maka mgbaputa nke otutu mmadu."

Ozioma nke Oseburuwa.

### Ekpere Nhunye

**W**ere afoma lekwasị anya, Onyenweanyi, n'onyinye aja anyi na-achu, ma sikwa na nnyekorita a di nso ketoo agbu njo anyi. Site na Kristi Onyenweanyi.

### Ukwe Oriri Nso

**N**wa nke Mmadu abiaghi ka agbaara ya odibo, kama ka o gbaa odibo, were ndu ya nye iji gbaputa otutu mmadu.

### Ekpere A Natachaa Oriri Nso

**M**ee, anyi na-arjo, O Dinwenụ Chineke Manyi, ka ihe I nyerela anyi ka mbe nke anwuanwu रुपतरा anyi nzoputa ebighiebi. Site na Kristi Onyenweanyi.

### Ekpere Maka Oha Mmadu

**H**ukwasa umuodibo gi, Onyenweanyi, uju nke amara na nchedo; nye ha ike nke mmuo na nke ahụ; weta uju nke ihunaanya nwanne, mee ka ha na-asopuru gi mgbe niile. Site na Kristi Onyenweanyi.

**9 March [Eke] Thursday of Lent - Week 2 (Violet)**

**St. Frances of Rome Religious (Opt. Comm.)**

**Entry Antiphon**

**T**est me, O God, and know my thoughts.  
See that my path is not wicked, and lead me in the way everlasting.

**Collect**

**O** God, who delight in innocence and restore it, direct the hearts of your servants to yourself, that, caught up in the fire of your Spirit, we may be found steadfast in faith and effective in works. Through our Lord.

**First Reading**

Areading from the prophet Jeremiah (17:5-10)

**T**he Lord says this: 'A curse on the man who puts his trust in man, who relies on things of flesh, whose heart turns from the Lord. He is like dry scrub in the wastelands: if good comes, he has no eyes for it, he settles in the parched places of the wilderness, a salt land, uninhabited.

'A blessing on the man who puts his trust in the Lord, with the Lord for his hope. He is like a tree by the waterside that thrusts its roots to the stream: when the heat comes it feels no alarm, its foliage stays green; it has no worries in a year of drought, and never ceases to bear fruit. 'The heart is more devious than any other thing, perverse too: who can pierce its secrets? I, the Lord, search the heart, I probe the loins to give each man what his conduct and his actions deserve.'

The word of the Lord.

**Responsorial Psalm: Ps. 1:1-4.6.(R.Ps39:5)**

**Response: Happy the man who has placed his trust in the Lord**

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.)

**Ukwe Mbata**

**T**ulee m, O Chineke, ka I mata echiche m ga. Hu na uzo m abughi nke ndi ajo obi, ka I duga m n'uzo ebighiebi.

**Ekpere Mmeghe**

**O** Chineke, onye huru ndu enweghi ntupo n'anya ma na-emezikwa ya; Duzie obi umu odibo gi n'ebe I no, ka, oku nke Muo gi na-agba anyi, anyi ewere guzosie ike n'okwukwe ma dikwa nko n'oru. Site na Dinwenu anyi..

**Ihe Ogugu Nke Mbu**

Ihe ogugu e wetara n'akwukwo onye amuma Jeremaya (17:5-10)

**O**nyenweanyi kwuru si, "Omuma ikpe diiri onye nke tukwasara obi na mmadu, onye chekwubere naani n'ike aka mmadu, onye obi ya juru Chineke. O dika obere osisi nke puru n'ikpa enweghi iheoma ga-esi na ya puta. O ga-ano n'ala kporo nku nke ikpa ahu, n'ala nyu mmadu ebighi.

"Ngozi diiri onye ahu nwere nchekwube na Chineke, onye nchekwube ya bu na Onyenweanyi. O dika osisi a kuru n'akuku mmiri, nke gbanyere mgborogwu na mmiri, o naghị atu egwu okochi n'ihina akwukwo ya na-adi ndu mgbe niile. O dighikwa atu egwu n'oge uko mmiri, o na-ami mkpuru oge niile. Obi mmadu di aghughu karia ihe niile, o juputakwara n'ajo ihe, onye ga-aghotali ihe di ya n'ime? "Munwa Chineke na-enyocha obi na-atulekwa echiche ya iji kwu onye obula ugwo dika oru ya siri di. Okwu nke Oseburuwa.

**Abuomana Aziza: Abu. 1:1-4.6 (Az. Abu. 40:4)**

**Aziza: Ha nwere isioma bu ndi ahu tukwasiri nchekwube ha n'Onyenweanyi**

1. Anuri ga-adiri nwoke ahu 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 ehiehi na abali. (Az.)

2. O di ka osisi a kuru n'akuku iyi, nke na-amiputa mkpuru 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 eziumume, mana uzo ndi ajo mmadu na-eduba n'ila n'iyi. (Az.)

## Acclamation! Lk 8:15

**B**lessed are those who, with a noble and generous heart, take the word of God to themselves and yield a harvest through their perseverance.

## Gospel

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke (16:19-31)

**J**esu said to the Pharisees: ‘There was a rich man who used to dress in purple and fine linen and feast magnificently every day. And at his gate there lay a poor man called Lazarus, covered with sores, who longed to fill himself with the scraps that fell from the rich man’s table. Dogs even came and licked his sores. Now the poor man died and was carried away by the angels to the bosom of Abraham. The rich man also died and was buried.

‘In his torment in Hades he looked up and saw Abraham a long way off with Lazarus in his bosom. So he cried out, “Father Abraham, pity me and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue, for I am in agony in these flames.” “My son”, Abraham replied “remember that during your life good things came your way, just as bad things came the way of Lazarus. Now he is being comforted here while you are in agony. But that is not all: between us and you a great gulf has been fixed, to stop anyone, if he wanted to, crossing from our side to yours, and to stop any crossing from your side to ours.”

‘The rich man replied, “Father, I beg you then to send Lazarus to my father’s house, since I have five brothers, to give them warning so that they do not come to this place of torment too.” “They have Moses and the prophets,” said Abraham “let them listen to them.” “Ah no, father Abraham,” said the rich man “but if someone comes to them from the dead, they will repent.” Then Abraham said to him, “If they will not listen either to Moses or to the prophets, they will not be convinced even if someone should rise from the dead.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

## Prayer Over The Offerings

**M**ay this present sacrifice, we pray, O Lord, sanctify our observance, that what Lenten discipline outwardly declares it may inwardly bring about. Through Christ our Lord.

## Mbeku! Luk. 8:15

**N**gozi diiri ndi nuru okwu Chineke, were ikwesi ntukwasiobi na obi di mma jidesie ya ike, werekwa ndidi miputa mkpuru.

## Ozioma

Ihe ogugu nke a si n’Ozioma di aso nke Luk dere (16:19-31)

**J**esu gwara ndi Farisii: O di otu onye ogaranya nke na-eyi akwa uhieuhie na ezi akwa ocha onye na-ano n’oriri na onunụ ubochi niile. O nwere otu ogbenye onya juru n’ahụ, a na-akpo Lazaros nke na-atogbo n’onuuzo ama ya. Ihe di ya mkpa bu iri iperipe nri si n’oche nri eze dapu. O buladi umunkita na-abia aracha ya onya. Mgbe ogbenye a nwuru ndi mmuooma buuru ya buga n’akuku Abraham n’ala mmuo, ogaranya ahụ nwukwara, e lie ya.

Mgbe o no n’okummuo na-ahuju anya o lelii anya hu Abraham n’ebe di anya ka Lazaros no n’akuku ya. O tiri mkpu si: ‘Nna anyi Abraham, biko, mere m ebere. Zitenu Lazaros ka o detu onu mkpisiaka ya na mmiri mejuo ire m, n’ihina ano m n’ahuufu n’etiti ire oku nke a.’ Abraham zara ya si ‘Nwa m, cheta na mgbe i no n’uwa, i nwetara ezi ihe nke gi, n’otu aka ahụ Lazaros nwetara sozo ahuhu. Ma ugbu a, a na-akasi ya obi n’ebe a, ma gi onwe gi no n’ahuufu. N’agbanyeghi ihe ndi a niile, e mere ka oké olulu di n’etiti anyi na unu, ka ndi choro isi ebe a biakwute unu ghara inwe ike, ka onye obula gharakwa isi ebe ahụ biakwute anyi’. O riokwara si, ‘Ebe o di otu a, biko, ario m gi ka i ziga ya n’ulo nna m, n’ihina enwere m umunne ise ka o doo ha aka na nti ka ha onwe ha ghara ibata n’ebe mmekepaahu a.’ Abraham zakwara ya si ‘Ha nwere iwu Mosis na ndiamuma, ha gee ha nti.’ Ma ogaranya ahụ zara ya si, ‘Ee, nna anyi Abraham, a si na otu onye ga-esi n’ala ndi nwuru anwu gkwuru ha, ha ga-echeghari.’ Abraham gwakwara ya si, ‘O buru na ha anughi olu Mosis na nke ndiamuma, ha agaghi echeghari, o buladi na otu onye si n’ala ndi nwuru anwu bia gwa ha.”

Ozioma nke Oseburuwa.

## Ekpere Nhunye

**M**ee ka aja nke ugbu a, anyi na-ario, O Onyenweanyi, doo aso usoro mmemme lenti anyi aso, ka ihe ozuzu Lent na-ekwuputa n’ihe burukwa ihe o na-aruputa n’ime mmuo n’ezie. Site na Kristi Onyenweanyi.

### Communion Antiphon

**H**appy are those whose life is blameless,  
and who follow the law of God.

### Prayer After Communion

**M**ay this sacrifice we have offered, O  
God, continue within us as an abiding  
source of strength and power. Through  
Christ our Lord.

### Prayer Over The People

**A**bide with your servants, O Lord, who  
implore the help of your grace, that  
they may receive from you the support and  
guidance of your protection. Through  
Christ our Lord.

## 10 March [Orie] Friday of Lent - Week 2 (Violet)

### Entry Antiphon

**I**n you, Lord, I put my trust, let me never be  
put to shame; release me from the snare  
they have hidden for me, for you indeed are  
my refuge.

### Collect

**G**rant, we pray you, almighty God, that,  
purifying us by the sacred practice of  
penance, you may lead us in sincerity of  
heart to attain the holy things to come.  
Through our Lord.

### First Reading

A reading from the book of Genesis (37:3-4.12-13.17-28)

**I**srael loved Joseph more than all his other sons, for  
he was the son of his old age, and he had a coat  
with long sleeves made for him. But his brothers,  
seeing how his father loved him more than all his  
other sons, came to hate him so much that they could  
not say a civil word to him.

His brothers went to pasture their father's flock at  
Shechem. Then Israel said to Joseph, Are not your  
brothers with the flock at Shechem? Come, I am  
going to send you to them.' So Joseph went after his  
brothers and found them at Dothan.

They saw him in the distance, and before he  
reached them they made a plot among themselves to  
put him to death. 'Here comes the man of dreams'  
they said to one another. 'Come on, let us kill him  
and throw him into some well; we can say that a wild  
beast devoured him. Then we shall see what  
becomes of his dreams.'

But Reuben heard, and he saved him from  
their violence. 'We must not take his life' he said.  
'Shed no blood,' said Reuben to them 'Throw

### Ukwe Oriri Nso

**A**ñuri diiri ndi ndu ha enweghi atutu,  
Ndi na-eso iwu nke Chineke.

### Ekpere A Natachaa Oriri Nso

**K**a aja nke a anyi churula, O Chineke,  
na-aga n'ihu n'ime anyi dika isiiyi ga-  
adigidekwa nke ume na ike. Site na Kristi  
Onyenweanyi.

### Ekpere Maka Oha Mmadu

**N**onyere umuodibo gi ga, O  
Onyenweanyi, ndi na-ario enyemaka  
ebere gi, ka ha were si na gi nweta nkwa  
na odudu nke nchedo gi. Site na Kristi  
Onyenweanyi.

### Ukwe Mbata

**N**a gi, Onyenweanyi, ka m chekwubere, e  
kwela ka ihere mee m; zoputa m n'onye  
ha zoro maka m, n'ihu n'ezie I bu onye  
mgbabam.

### Ekpere Mmeghe

**M**ee, anyi na-ario, Chineke ji ike niile,  
ka, awuchaa anyi site n'ozuzu di aso  
nke penansi, I were durute anyi n'ime  
eziobi a ga-eji enweta ihe diga aso na-  
abianu. Site na Dinwenyi anyi

### Ihe Ogugu Nke Mbu

Ihe ogugu e wetara n'akwukwo Jenesis  
(37:3-4.12-13.17-28)

**I**zrel huru Josef n'anya kariya umunwoke  
Indiozo niile o mutara maka na o bu nwa  
o mutara n'agadi; O kwaara Josef uwe  
mwida nke nwere aka ogologo. Ma mgbe  
umunne Josef huru ka nna ha siri hu ya  
n'anya kariya ha, o wutere ha nke ukwu, ha  
wee kpo ya asi. Ha anaghi agwa ya okwu  
oma.

Umunne ya gara izu aturu nna ha na  
Shekem. Izrel agwa Josef si, 'Umunne gi  
gara izu aturu na Shekem. Bia ka m ziga gi  
ebe ahụ'. Ya mere Josef chooro umunne ya  
gaba, chota ha na Dotan.

Mgbe ha huru ya ka o na-abia n'ebe di  
anya, ha gbakoo gbaa izu ka ha ga-esi gbuo  
ya. Ha kwuru si: 'Lee onye ororo ka o  
na-abia. Bianu ka anyi gbuo ya tunye ya  
n'olulu mmiri. Anyi nwere ike ikwu na  
anuhia tagburu ya. Ka anyi marazie ka  
nro ndi ahụ o roro ga-esi wee mee.

Mana ka Ruben nuri izu a, o gbara mbo



him into this well in the wilderness, but do not lay violent hands on him'- intending to save him from them and to restore him to his father. So, when Joseph reached his brothers, they pulled off his coat, the coat with long sleeves that he was wearing, and catching hold of him they threw him into the well, an empty well with no water in it. They then sat down to eat.

Looking up they saw a group of Ishmaelites who were coming from Gilead, their camels laden with gum, tragacanth, balsam and resin, which they were taking down into Egypt. Then Judah said to his brothers, 'What do we gain by killing our brother and covering up his blood? Come, let us see him to the Ishmaelites, but let us not do any harm to him. After all, he is our brother, and our own flesh.' His brothers agreed.

Now some Midianite merchants were passing, and they drew Joseph up out of the well. They sold Joseph to the Ishmaelites for twenty silver pieces, and these men took Joseph to Egypt.

The word of the Lord.

**Responsorial Psalm: Ps. 104:16-21. (R.v.5)**

**Response: Remember the wonders the Lord has done.**

1. God called down a famine on the land; he broke the staff that supported them. He had sent a man before them. Joseph, sold as a slave. (R.)
2. His feet were put in chains, his neck was bound with iron, until what he said came to pass and the Lord's word proved him true. (R.)
3. Then the king sent and released him; the ruler of the peoples set him free, making him master of his house and ruler of all he possessed. (R.)

**Acclamation! Jn 3:16**

**G**od loved the world so much that he gave his only Son; everyone who believes in him may not be lost but may have eternal life.

**Gospel**

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew (21:33-43, 45-46)

**J**esus said to the chief priests and the elders of the people: 'Listen to another parable. There was a man, a landowner, who planted a vineyard; he fenced it round, dug a winepress in it and built a tower; then he leased it to tenants

hụ na ha egbughi Josef. O gwara ha si, "Anyị agaghị egbu ya. Ụnụ akwafula ọbara, kama tụnụnyụ ya n'ime olulu mmiri a di n'ikpa, mana ụnụ egbukwala ya." Ihe o ji nye ha ndumodu a bu e mechaa, ka o kporo Josef kpogara nna ha. Ya mere ka Josef rutere n'ebe ụmunne ya no, ha jidere ya yipu ya uwe aka ogologo ya tūnye ya n'olulu mmiri adighi. Ha wee noduzie ala malite iri nri.

Mgbe ha letiri anya, ha huru ndi Ishmel si obodo Giled alota, inyinyaibu ha bu: ụda, mgborogwu osisi na eso osisi na-esi uto na-aga Ijipt. Juda wee gwa ụmunne ya si, "Kedu uru anyi ga-erite ma anyi gbuo nwanne anyi kpuchie ọbara ya? Ngwanu ka anyi kpuru ya resi ndi Ishmel kama ime ya ihe ojoo. Matakwanu na o bu nwanne anyi onye anyi na ya bu otu ahụ." Ha wee kwere n'ihe o kwuru.

Ugbu a e nwere ndi mgbere ahia Midian na-agafeta. Ha doputa Joseph resi ya ndi Ishmel. Ha rere ya iri olaocha abuo. Ndi ahụ akpuruzie Josef gaba Ijipt.

Okwu nke Oseburuwa.

**Abuoma na Aziza: Abu. 105:16-21 (Az.5)**

**Aziza: Chetanu oru ebube niile Onyenweanyi ruru.**

1. Mgbe o mere ka ugani (unwu) daa n'ala ha, mee ka nri ha niile gwu, o zipuru otu nwoke tupu ha eruo Josef, onye nke e rere dika ohu. (Az.)
2. Ha ji agbu merusia ukwu ya ahụ, ha were igwe nyanye ya n'olu; mgbe oge ruru, amuma Josef mere ka O siri kwuo, okwu nke Onyenweanyi gbaara ya akaebe. (Az.)
3. Eze wee nye iwu ka a tohapu ya. Onye nke na-achi mba niile wee zoputa ya, o mere ya o buru onyeisi ezinuulo ya, onye na-elekota akunuba ya anya. (Az.)

**Mbeku! Jon 3:16**

**C**hineke huru uwa n'anya nke ukwu, nke na O nyere so otu Nwa ya, ka onye obula kweere na ya ghara ifu, kama ka o nwee ndu ebighiebi.

**Ozioma**

Ihe ogugu nke a si n'Ozioma di aso nke Matiu dere (21:33-43,45-46)

**J**esu gwara ndi isinchuaja na ndi okenye si, "Nurunu ukabuulu ozo. O nwere otu onye nwere ezinuulo. O koru ugbo vain, gbaa ya ogige gburugburu, bia wuo uloelunche maka ugbo ya. O hanyere ya n'aka ndi nlekota, were

and went abroad. When vintage time drew near he sent his servants to the tenants to collect his produce. But the tenants seized his servants, thrashed one, killed another and stoned a third. Next he sent some more servants, this time a larger number, and they dealt with them in the same way. Finally he sent his son to them. "They will respect my son," he said. But when the tenants saw the son, they said to each other: "This is the heir. Come on, let us kill him and take over his inheritance." So they seized him and threw him out of the vineyard and killed him. Now when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?" They answered, "He will bring those wretches to a wretched end and lease the vineyard to other tenants who will deliver the produce to him when the season arrives." Jesus said to them, "Have you never read in the scriptures: It was the stone rejected by the builders that became the keystone. This was the Lord's doing and it is wonderful to see? I tell you, then, that the kingdom of God will be taken from you and given to a people who will produce its fruit."

When they heard his parables, the chief priests and the scribes realised he was speaking about them, but though they would have liked to arrest him they were afraid of the crowds, who looked on him as a prophet.

The Gospel of the Lord.

### Prayer Over The Offerings

**M**ay your merciful grace prepare your servants, O God, for the worthy celebration of these mysteries, and lead them to it by a devout way of life. Through Christ our Lord.

### Communion Antiphon

**G**od loved us, and sent his Son as expiation for our sins.

### Prayer After Communion

**H**aving received this pledge of eternal salvation, we pray, O Lord, that we may set our course so well as to attain the redemption you promise. Through Christ our Lord.

### Prayer Over The People

**G**rant your people, O Lord, we pray, health of mind and body, that by constancy in good deed they may always merit the defence of your protection. Through Christ our Lord.

gaa n'obodo ozo. Mgbe oge igho mkpuru ruru, nwoke ahụ zigara umuodibo ya ka ha gaa natara ya ndi nlekota ubi ya mkpuru si n'ugbo ya. Ha jidere umuodibo nwoke ahụ, tie otu ihe, gbuo nke ozo ma tuokwa nke ozo okwute. Ozokwa, o zigara umuodibo di otutu karịa ndi nke mbu, ma ndi nlekota ahụ mekwara ha otu ha si mee ndi nke mbu. E mechaa o zigara ha nwa ya nwoke si, 'Ha ga-asopuru nwa m.' Ma mgbe ndi nlekota oru ubi ahụ huru nwa ya, ha gbaritara izu si, 'Onye a bu onye ga-anochi anya ya, bianu ka anyi gbuo ya ka akunuba nna ya buru nke anyi.' Ha jidere ya, kpopu ya n'ubi vain ahụ wee gbuo ya. Mgbe onye nwe ubi ahụ biara, olee ihe unu chere na o ga-eme ndi nlekota a? Ha zara ya si, 'O ga-ala ndi ojoo ahụ n'iyi bia nyefee ubi ahụ n'aka ndi nlekota ozo, ndi ga-enye ya mkpuru ya' mgbe oge ruru.' Jesu juru ha si, "O bu na unu agutabeghi ihe e dere n'ime Akwukwo Nso: Okwute nke ndi na-ewu ulo juru aju aburula ide ji ulo. Nke a bu aka oru nke Onyenweanyi, O turu anyi n'anya. Ya bu agwa unu, a ga-anapuuu alaeze Chineke were ya nyefee n'aka mba ga-amiputa ezi mkpuru.

Mgbe ndiisi nchujaja na ndi Farisii nuru ilu ya ndi a, ha choputara na o na-ekwu maka ha. Ma mgbe ha choroo ijide ya, egwu igwe mmadu turu ha, n'ihina ha were ya dika onye amuma.

Ozioma nke Oseburuwa.

### Ekpere Nhunye

**K**a amara ebere gi kwadebe umuodibo gi, O Chineke, maka ime iheomimi ndi a n'uzo tosiriji etosi, were dubata ha n'ime ya site na usoro ndu di aso. Site na Kristi Onyenweanyi.

### Ukwe Oriri Nso

**C**hineke huru anyi n'anya, were zite Nwa ya ka o buru ihe nchu aja maka mmehie anyi

### Ekpere A Natachaa Oriri Nso

**E**be anyi natarala mbe nke nzoputa ebighiebi a, anyi na-ario, O Onyenweanyi, ka anyi malite njem ofuma iji rute na mgbaputa I kwere na nkwa. Site na Kristi Onyenweanyi.

### Ekpere Maka Oha Mmadu

**N**ye ndi nke gi, O Onyenweanyi, anyi na-ario, ike nke mmuo na nke ahụ, ka ha site n'nkwuosisike n'agwa oma were kwesi ikeogu nke nchedo gi. Sitena Kristi Onyenweanyi.



### Entry Antiphon

The Lord is kind and full of compassion, slow to anger, abounding in mercy. How good is the Lord to all, compassionate to all his creatures.

### Ukwe Mbata

Onyenweanyi di ihunanya ma juputa n'obi ebere, odighi ewe iwe ngwa, ebere ya ebuka. Lekene ka Onyenweanyi si di afoma nyere mmadu dum, nwee omiiko n'ebe okike niile ya no.

### Collect

God, who grant us by glorious healing remedies while still on earth, to be partakers of the things of heaven, guide us, we pray, through this present life and bring us to that light in which you dwell. Through our Lord.

### Ekpere Mmeghe

Chineke, onye sitere n'ogwugwo enyemaka di ebube ka anyi ka no n'uwa, mee ka anyi keta oke n'ihe nke eluigwega, dube anyi, anyi na-arjo, site na ndu nke a ma kpobata anyi n'ihe ahụ ebe gi onwe gi bi. Site na Dinwenụ anyi.

### First Reading

A reading from the prophet Micah (7:14-15.18-20)

With shepherd's crook lead your people to pasture, the flock that is your heritage, living confined in a forest with meadow land all around. Let them pasture in Bashan and Gilead as in the days of old. As in the days when you came out of Egypt grant us to see wonders. What god can compare with you: taking fault away, pardoning crime, not cherishing anger for ever but delighting in showing mercy? Once more have pity on us, tread down our faults, to the bottom of the sea throw all our sins. Grant Jacob your faithfulness and Abraham your mercy, as you swore to our fathers from the days of long ago. The word of the Lord.

**Responsorial Psalm: Ps. 102:1-4.9-12. R.v.8**  
Response: **The Lord is compassion and love.**

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. His wrath will come to an end; he will not be angry for ever. He does not treat us according to our sins nor repay us according to our faults. (R.)
4. For as the heavens are high above the earth so strong is his love for those who fear him. As far as the east is from the west so far does he remove our sins. (R.)

### Acclamation! Lk 15:18

I will leave this place and go to my father and say: 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you.'

### Ihe Ogugu Nke Mbu

Ihe ogugu e wetara n'akwukwo onye amuma Maika (7:14-15.18-20)

Jiri mkpara onye ncheaturu chiga ndi nke gi n'ebe ahilia ha ga-eri di, duokwa igwe aturu a bu ihe nketa gi, bu ndi bi n'ime oke ohia a, ala anaghi amita mkpuru. Mee ka ha taa nri n'obodo Bashan na Gilead dika na mgbe ochie. Dika n'ubochi ahụ unu siri n'Ijpt puta, aga m egosi ha ihe itunaanya. Kedu chi a ga-eji tunyere gi n'igbaghara njo na ileghara mmehie ndi nke ya anya? O naghị anogide n'iwe ebighiebi, kama o na-enwe mmasi n'igosi ihunaanya di okpu. O ga-egosi anyi ebere ya ozokwa, kpochapu mmehie anyi niile, tunye njo anyi niile n'ala ala osimiri. I ga-egosi Jekob ntukwasiobi, gosikwa Abraham ihunaanya gi di okpu dika i si n'ujoro nna anyi ha n'iyi site na mgbe ochie. Okwu nke Oseburuwa.

**Abuoma na Aziza: Abu. 103:1-4.9-12.(Az.8)**

**Aziza: Oseburuwa di ebere na ihunaanya.**

1. Gozie Onyenweanyi, mkpuruobi m, gozie aha ya di nso, ihe niile di n'ime m! Gozie Onyenweanyi, mkpuruobi m, echezokwala ngozi ya niile. (Az.)
2. O bu ya gbaghara njo gi niile, ma gwoo oria gi niile, O bu ya si n'olulu zoputa ndu gi, o ji ihunaanya na obi ebere kpube gi okpueze. (Az.)
3. Iwe ya anaghi adi ebееbe, ikpo asi ya na-adi so nwa ntinti oge. O naghị emeso anyi omume dika njo anyi siri di, nke o na-akwu anyi ugwo dika amamikpe anyi siri di. (Az.)
4. Dika eluigwe siri di elu n'ebe uwa di, otu ahụ ka ihunaanya ya siri di ukwu n'ebe ndi na-aturu ya egwu no. O na-ewepu njo anyi n'ebe anyi no kara otu owuwa anyanwu siri di anya n'odida ya.

### Mbeku! Luk. 15:18

A ga m ebili, lakwuru nna m, aga m asi ya: Nna, e mehiela m megide eluigwe, megidekwa gi.

## Gospel

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke (15:1-3.11-32)

The tax collectors and the sinners were all seeking the company of Jesus to hear what he had to say, and the Pharisees and the scribes complained. 'This man' they said 'welcomes sinners and eats with them.' So he spoke this parable to them:

'A man had two sons. The younger said to his father, "Father, let me have the share of the estate that would come to me." So the father divided the property between them. A few days later, the younger son got together everything he had and left for a distant country where he squandered his money on a life of debauchery.

'When he had spent it all, that country experienced a severe famine, and now he began to feel the pinch so he hired himself out to one of the local inhabitants who put him on his farm to feed the pigs. And he would willingly have filled his belly with the husks the pigs were eating but no one offered him anything. Then he came to his senses and said, "How many of my father's paid servants have more food than they want, and here am I dying of hunger! I will leave this place and go to my father and say: Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you; I no longer deserve to be called your son; treat me as one of your paid servants." So he left the place and went back to his father.

'While he was still a long way off, his father saw him and was moved with pity. He ran to the boy, clasped him in his arms and kissed him tenderly. Then his son said, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. I no longer deserve to be called your son." But the father said to his servants, "Quick! Bring out the best robe and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. Bring the calf we have been fattening, and kill it; we are going to have a feast, a celebration, because this son of mine was dead and has come back to life; he was lost and is found." And they began to celebrate.

'Now the elder son was out in the fields, and on his way back, as he drew near the house, he could hear music and dancing. Calling one of the servants he asked what it was all about. "Your brother has come" replied the servant "and your father has killed the calf we had fattened because he has got him back safe and sound." He was

## Ozioma

Ihe ogugu nke a si n'Ozioma di aso nke Luk dere (15:1-3.11-32)

Mgbe ahu, otutu ndi onautu na ndi omenjo biakwutere Jesu inuru okwu ya. Ndi Farisii na ndi odeakwukwo tamuru na-asi, "Nwoke a na-anabata ndi omenjo sorokwa ha na-eri ihe." Jesu wee jiri ukabailu a gwa ha okwu si:

Otu nwoke nwere umunwoke abuo. Nke nta n'ime ha siru nna ha, 'Nna, kee ihe gi niile ugbo a, nye m nke m.' Nna ha kekwaara mmadu abuo a ihe o nwere. K'ubochi olemaole gachara, nke nta n'ime ha kpokotachara ihe niile o nwere gaa n'obodo ozo di anya, n'ebe ahu ka o mefuchara ihe niile o nwere site n'ibi ndu nzuzu.

Mgbe o mefuchara ihe niile, oke unwu dara n'obodo ahu, o malite ino n'uko. O gara nonyere otu onye obodo ahu, onye zigara ya n'ubi ya izu ezi. O gaara amasi ya iri nri umuezi ahu rifofo, mana na o nweghi onye nyere ya ihe obula. Mgbe o matara onwe ya, o siru, 'Mmadu ole bu ndi oru ngo no n'ubi nna m na-eri, na-anu, na-eme ihe oriri otu di ha mma, ma ano m ebe a na-anwu n'aguu! Aga m ebili, lakwuru nna m, aga m asi ya: Nna, e mehiela m megide eluigwe, megidekwa gi, etosighi m ka a kpokwaa m nwa gi ozo, na-akpasu m agwa dika otu n'ime ndi oru gi. O biliri lakwuru nna ya. Ma mgbe o ka no ebe di anya, nna ya huru ya, nwee obi ebere n'ebe o no, gbara oso, makuo ya susukwaa ya onu. Nwa ahu siru ya, 'Nna m, emehiela m megide eluigwe ma megidekwa gi, etosighi m ka a kpokwaa m nwa gi ozo.' Mana nna ya siru umuodibo ya, 'Meenu osiso, chiputanu uwe mwuda kacha mma, yibenu ya, gbawanu ya mgba aka na akpukpoukwu; kpuputanu nwa ehi gbara abuba, gbuonu ya, ka anyi kpoonu oriri, nwekwaa anuri. N'ihina nwa m nke a anwuolarii, bia dikwa ndu ozo, o fukwara efu, e wee hu ya. Ha bidoro nuriiba onu.'

'Ma mgbe nke a na-eme, nwa nwoke ahu nke okenye no n'ubi. Mgbe o biaruru nso n'ulo, o nuru uda egwu na-akunu. O kporo otu nwodibo nna ya, juo ya ihe na-emenu. O zara ya si, 'Nwanne gi nwoke alotala, nna gi egbuola nwa ehi ahu gbara abuba, n'ihina o lotara n'udo na ahuike.' Iwe were ya, nke na



angry then and refused to go in, and his father came out to plead with him; but he answered his father, "Look, all these years I have slaved for you and never once disobeyed your orders, yet you never offered me so much as a kid for me to celebrate with my friends. But, for this son of yours, when he comes back after swallowing up your property - he and his women - you kill the calf we had been fattening."

"The father said, 'My son, you are with me always and all I have is yours. But it was only right we should celebrate and rejoice, because your brother here was dead and has come to life; he was lost and is found.'"

The Gospel of the Lord.

### Prayer Over The Offerings

**T**hrough these sacred gifts, we pray, O Lord, may our redemption yield its fruits, restraining us from unruly desires and leading us onward to the gifts of salvation. Through Christ our Lord.

### Communion Antiphon

**Y**ou must rejoice, my son, for your brother was dead and has come to life; he was lost and is found.

### Prayer After Communion

**M**ay your divine Sacrament, O Lord, which we have received, fill the inner depths of our heart and, by its working mightily within us, make us partakers of its grace. Through Christ our Lord.

### Prayer Over The People

**M**ay the ears of your mercy be open, O Lord, to the prayers of those who call upon you; and that you may grant what they desire, have them ask what is pleasing to you. Through Christ our Lord.

o choghikwa ibanye n'ulo. Nna ya putara rio ya. Mana o siriri nna ya, 'Lee, otutu afo ndi a ka m no na-agbara gi odibo, o nweghi mgbe m nupuru isi n'iwu gi, o nweghi mgbe i kpunyere m, o buladi nwa ewu, ka mu na ndi enyi m rie, ma n'urikwaa. Mana mgbe nwa gi nke a lotara, onye ya na umunwaanyi akwuna ripiachara ihe niile i nwere, i gbuuru ya nwa ehi ahu gbara abuba.'

Nna ya siriri ya, 'nwa m, mu na gi no mgbe niile, ihe niile m nwere bu nke gi. O kwesiri ekwesiri ka anyi kpo oriri ma n'urikwaa, maka na nwanne gi anwolari ma dikwa ndu ozo, o fukwara efu, e were hukwa ya.'"

Ozioma nke Oseburuwa.

### Ekpere Nhunye

**S**ite n'onyinye nso ndi a, anyi na-arjo, O Onyenweanyi, ka mgbaputa anyi miputa ukpulu, nke ga-ejidenwu anyi n'ebe agu oliliwalawala diga ma duru anyi gaba n'ihu inweta onyinye nke nzoputa. Site na Kristi Onyenweanyi.

### Ukwe Oriri Nso

**I**ga-egoribe, nwa m, maka na nwuru anwu adila ndu ozo; o furu efu, ma ahula ya ozo.

### Ekpere A Natachaa Oriri Nso

**K**a Sakramenti ibu-Chukwu gi, O Onyenweanyi, nke anyi natarala, hujuputa ime imeala obi anyi, ka o si n'oru di itunaanya o na-arj n'ime anyi, mee ka anyi keta oke amara ya. Site na Kristi Onyenweanyi.

### Ekpere Maka Oha Mmadu

**K**a nti nke ebere gi meghee, O Onyenweanyi, nuru aririo ndi nakpoku gi; ka I mere ha ihe ha na-acho, nya na ka ha rioba ihe na-amasi gi. Site na Kristi Onyenweanyi.

## 3RD SUNDAY OF LENT (A) 12 March [Nkwo] (Violet)

**Office:  
Week 3**

Today's Readings affirm that God is the source of living water. The First Reading recounts the ordeal in the desert of Israelites weary of thirst, occasioning loss of faith, and how God intervenes to give them drink. The Responsorial Psalm reposes firm trust in the Lord as Rock who saves. In the Gospel, Jesus reveals his mission to offer water of life to all who thirst, and to inaugurate true worship of God in spirit and truth. In the Second Reading, St Paul anchors the hope of God's blessings in faith in the Redeemer and Saviour, Jesus, and in our partaking of God's Love through the Holy Spirit.

### Entry Antiphon

**M**y eyes are always on the Lord, for he rescues my feet from the snare. Turn to me and have mercy on me, for I am alone and poor.

### Ukwe Mbata

**A**nya m wukwasara na Dinweni oge niile, n'ihu na o bu Ya na-atohapu m n'onya. Leghachie anya azu n'ebe m no. Meere m ebere n'ihina abu m nwa ogbenye na-enweghi onye enyemaka.

## Collect

O God, author of every mercy and of all goodness, who in fasting, prayer and almsgiving have shown us a remedy for sin, look graciously on this confession of our lowliness, that we, who are bowed down by our conscience, may always be lifted up by your mercy. Through our Lord.

## First Reading

A reading from the book of Exodus (17:3-7)

Tormented by thirst, the people complained against Moses. "Why did you bring us out of Egypt?" They said. "Was it so that I should die of thirst, my children too, and my cattle?" Moses appealed to the Lord. "How am I to deal with this people?" He said. "A little more and they will stone me!" The Lord said to Moses, "Take with you some of the elders of Israel and move on to the forefront of the people; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the river, and go. I shall be standing before you there on the rock, at Horeb. You must strike the rock, and water will flow from it for the people to drink." This is what Moses did, in the sight of the elders of Israel. The place was named Massah and Meribah because of the grumbling of the sons of Israel and because they put the Lord to the test by saying, "Is the Lord with us, or not?"

The word of the Lord

## Responsorial Psalm: Ps.94:1-2.6-9.(R.v.8)

Response: **O that today you would listen to his voice! Harden not your hearts.**

1. Come ring out our joy to the Lord; hail the rock who saves us. Let us come before him, giving thanks, with songs let us hail the Lord. (R.)

2. Come in; let us bow and bend low; let us kneel before the God who made us for he is our God and we the people who belong to his pasture, the flock that is led by his hand. (R.)

3. O that today you would listen to his voice! 'Harden not your hearts as at Meribah, as on that day at Massah in the desert when your fathers put me to the test; when they tried me, though they saw my work. (R.)

## Second Reading

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans (5:1-2.5-8)

So far then we have seen that, through our Lord Jesus Christ, by faith we are judged

## Ekpere Mmeghe

O Chineke, onye ebere na afo oma niile na-esite n'aka ya. I kuziwooro anyi k'anyi site na ibu onu, ikpe ekpere na ime ogo na-anata mgbaghara njo anyi. Anyi na-ario Gi ka I nara nkwpuputa mmehie nke anyi ji umeala ekwuputa n'ihu Gi. Site na ebere Gi wepu ikpe omuma diiri njo nke na-ayido anyi n'obi. Site na Dinwenu anyi.

## The Ogugu Nke Mbu

Ihe ogugu e wetara n'akwukwo Ezodus (17:3-7)

Akpiri kporo ndi mmadu nku ebe ahu, ha wee na-atamu megide Mosis si, "Gini mere i ji kpoputa anyi na umu anyi na umu anumaanu anyi n'obodo Ijipt ka i gbusie anyi n'aguu mmiri?" Nke a mere Mosis ji bekua Chineke si, "Gini ka m ga-eme ndi a? O foduru obere ka ha tuo m okwute." Chineke zara Mosis si, "Were mkpara ahu nke i ji tibie osimiri nke Nail, ma kporo ufodu ndi okenye nke Izrel gafee n'ihu igwe ndi mmadu. Lee, aga m akwuru n'ihu gi n'okwute nke di na Horeb, ma i ga-aku mkpara gi n'okwute ahu, mmiri ga-agbaputa na ya, ka ndi mmadu nuu." Mosis mere otu ahu n'ihu ndi okenye nke Izrel. O kporo ebe ahu Masa na Meriba n'ihu ntamu na inwale Chineke nke umu Izrel mere, site n'iju si, Chineke O nozikwa n'etiti anyi ka o bu na o noghizi?"

Okwu nke Oseburuwa.

## Abuoma na Aziza: Abu. 95:1-2.6-9. (Az.8)

Aziza: **Taa, o buru na unu anu olu ya, unu akpochila obi unu.**

1. Bianu, ka anyi kweere Onyenweanyi ukwe onu, ka anyi tisie mkpu ike tijere nkume nke nizoputa anyi. Ka anyi bia n'ihu ya nye ya ekele, were egwu na ukwe tobe ya. (Az.)

2. Bianu, ka anyi fee Onyenweanyi kporo ya isi ala, ka anyi sekpu n'ihu Onyenweanyi onye kere anyi, n'ihina o bu Chineke anyi, anyinwa bukwa ndi nke ya, igwe aturu o na-azu. (Az.)

3. Taa, o buru na unu anu olu ya, unu akpochila obi unu dika unu mere na Meriba na n'ubochi ahu na Masa n'ime ozara. Mgbe nnanna unu ha nwalere m, mgbe ha nwalere m, na-agbanyeghi na ha buru ihe m mereela ha. (Az.)

## Ihe Ogugu Nke Abu

Ihe ogugu e wetara n'akwukwozi Pol di aso degaara ndi Rom (5:1-2.5-8)

Ebe a gurula anyi na ndi eziumume site n'okwukwe, anyi na Chineke di n'udo site

righteous and at peace with God, since it is by faith and through Jesus that we have entered this state of grace in which we can boast about looking forward to God's glory. This hope is not deceptive, because the love of God has been poured into our hearts by the Holy Spirit which has been given to us. We were still helpless when at his appointed moment Christ died for sinful men. It is not easy to die even for a good man - though of course for someone really worthy, a man might be prepared to die - but what proves that God loves us is that Christ died for us while we were still sinners. The word of the Lord.

### **Acclamation! Jn.4:42.15**

**L**ord, you are really the saviour of the world; give me the living water, so that I may never get thirsty.

### **Gospel**

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John (4:5-42)

Jesus came to the Samaritan town called Sychar, near the land that Jacob gave to his son Joseph. Jacob's well is there and Jesus, tired by the journey, sat straight down by the well. It was about the sixth hour. When a Samaritan woman came to draw water, Jesus said to her, "Give me a drink". His disciples had gone into the town to buy food. The Samaritan woman said to him, "What? You are a Jew and you ask me, a Samaritan, for a drink?" - Jews, in fact, do not associate with Samaritans. Jesus replied: "If you only knew what God is offering and who it is that is saying to you: 'Give me a drink', you would have been the one to ask, and he would have given you living water". "You have no bucket, sir," she answered "and the well is deep: how could you get this living water? Are you a greater man than our father Jacob who gave us this well and drank from it himself with his sons and his cattle?" Jesus replied: "Whoever drinks this water will get thirsty again; but anyone who drinks the water that I shall give will never be thirsty again: the water that I shall give will turn into a spring inside him, welling up to eternal life".

"Sir," said the woman "give me some of that water, so that I may never get thirsty and never have to come here again to draw water." "Go and call your husband" said Jesus to her "and come

n'aka Onyenweanyi Jesu Kristi. Site na ya, anyi eketala oke n'amara nke Chineke nke anyi no n'ime ya ugbo a. Anyi na-enwekwa aṅurị n'ihina anyi nwere olileanya iketa oke otito nke Chineke. Nchekwube aḅu adighikwa agho anyi ahia. N'ihina Chineke awunyela ihunaanya ya n'ime obi anyi site n'oninye nke Mmụọ Nso. N'ihina mgbe anyi no n'enweghi ike imere onwe anyi ihe obula, mgbe oge Chineke kara ruru, Kristi nwurū n'ihī ndi amaghi Chineke. O bu ihe siri ike otu onye inwū n'ihī otu onye eziumume. Eleghi anya, mmadu nwere ike inwurū onye eziumume. Ma Chineke mere ka ihunaanya ya n'ebe anyi no puta ihe. N'ihina mgbe anyi ka bu ndi njo, Kristi nwurū maka anyi. Okwu nke Oseburuwa.

### **Mbeku! Jn. 4:42.15**

**O**nyenweanyi, O bu n'ezie na I bu onye nzoputa nke uwa, nye m mmiri a ka akpiri ghara ikpo m nku ozo.

### **Ozioma**

Ihe ogugu nke a si n'Ozioma di aso nke Jon dere (4:5-42)

Jesu rutere n'otu obodo nke Sameria a na-akpo Saika nke di nso n'ala ubi aḅu Jekob nyere nwa ya Josef. O bukwa n'ebe aḅu ka umi Jekob di. Jesu biara ndu ala n'akuku umi aḅu n'ihina ije o jere gwurū ya ike. Oge aḅu bu ihe dika etiti ehilie. Otu nwaanyi Sameria biara isere mmiri. Jesu asi ya, "Nye m mmiri ka m nūo." (Mgbe aḅu ndi na-eso uzo ya gara n'ime obodo izu ihe oriri). Nwaanyi aḅu zara si, "Olee otu gi bu onye Juu si ario mu bu nwaanyi Sameria mmiri ka i nūo?" (N'ihina ndi Juu na ndi Sameria anaghi emeko). Jesu zara ya si: "O buru na i maara onyinye nke Chineke na onye nke na-asi gi, 'Nye m mmiri ka m nūo, i gaara ario ya ka o nye gi mmiri aḅu nke na-enye ndu.' Nwaanyi aḅu siri ya, 'Nnamukwu, i jighi ihe i ga-eji seta mmiri, umi a mikwara emi. Olee ebe i ga-esi enweta mmiri aḅu na-enye ndu? O bu gi ka nna anyi Jekob, onye nyere anyi umi a? Ya onwe ya, umu ya na anuulo ya sikwara n'umi a, nweta mmiri ha nūu.' Ma Jesu zara ya si, 'Onye obula nūu mmiri si n'umi a, ga-enwekwa aguu mmiri ozo. Ma onye obula nūu mmiri aḅu nke mu onwe m ga-enye ya, akpiri agaghi akpo ya nku ruo mgbe ebighiebi. Kama mmiri aḅu m ga-enye ya ga-aghō n'ime ya isiyi nke ga na-asoputara ya mmiri nke ndu ebeebe.'"

Nwaanyi aḅu siri ya, "Nnamukwu, nye m mmiri a ka akpiri ghara ikpo m nku ozo, ka m gharakwa ibia ebe a ozo isere mmiri." Jesu wee

back here.” The woman answered, “I have no husband”. He said to her, “You are right to say, ‘I have no husband’; for although you have had five, the one you have now is not your husband. You spoke the truth there.” “I see you are a prophet, sir” said the woman. “Our father worshipped on this mountain, while you say that Jerusalem is the place where one ought to worship.” Jesus said: “Believe me, woman, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. You worship what you do not know; we worship what we do know; for salvation comes from the Jews. But the hour will come - in fact it is here already - when true worshippers will worship the Father in spirit and truth: that is the kind of worshipper the Father wants. God is spirit, and those who worship must worship in spirit and truth.”

The woman said to him, “I know that Messiah - that is, Christ - is coming; and when he comes he will tell us everything”. “I who am speaking to you,” said Jesus “I am he.”

At this point his disciples returned, and were surprised to find him speaking to a woman, though none of them asked, “What do you want from her?” or, “Why are you talking to her?” The woman put down her water jar and hurried back to the town to tell the people, “Come and see a man who has told me everything I ever did; I wonder if he is the Christ?” This brought people out of the town and they started walking towards him.

Meanwhile, the disciples were urging him, “Rabbi, do have something to eat”; but he said, “I have food to eat that you do not know about”. So the disciples asked one another, “Has someone been bringing him food?” But Jesus said: “My food is to do the will of the one who sent me, and to complete his work. Have you not got a saying: Four months and then the harvest? Well, I tell you: Look around you, look at the fields; already they are white, ready for harvest! Already the reaper is being paid his wages, already he is bringing in the grain for eternal life, and thus sower and reaper rejoice together. For here the proverb holds good: one sows, another reaps; I sent you to reap a harvest you had not worked for. Others worked for it; and you have come into the rewards of their trouble.”

Many Samaritans of that town had believed in him on the strength of the woman’s testimony when she said, “He told me all I have ever done”, so, when the Samaritans came up to him,

si ya, “Jee, kpota di gi, biaghachikwa n’ebe a.” Nwaanyi ahụ zara ya si, “Enweghi m di.” Jesu asi ya, “I kwuru nke oma na i nweghi di. I nweela di ise, ma nwoke gi na ya bi ugbu a abughi di gi.” Nwaanyi ahụ siriri ya, “Nnamukwu, ahuru m na i bu onye amuma. Nna anyi ha fere Chineke n’ugwu a; ma i na-ekwu n’ebe mmadu ga-efe Chineke bu naani na Jerusalem.” Jesu zara ya si: “Nwaanyi kwere ihe m kwuru: oge na-abia mgbe unu na-agaghi efe Nna m n’ugwu a mobu na Jerusalem. Unu ndi Sameria amaghi ihe unu na-eefe. Ma anyi onwe anyi maara n’eziokwu onye anyi na-eefe. N’ihina nziputa si n’aka ndi Juu bia. Oge na-abia, o biala ugbu a, mgbe ndi na-eefe Chineke n’ezie ga-eefe ya n’ime mmuo na eziokwu. N’ihina ndi di otu a ka Nna m choro ka ha na-eefe ya. Chineke bu Mmuo, ndi na-eefe ya ga-eferiri ya n’ime mmuo na eziokwu.” Nwaanyi ahụ asi ya, “Ama m na Mezaya onye a na-akpo Kristi na-abia. Mgbe o biara, o ga-akowara anyi ihe niile.” Jesu siriri ya, “Mu onwe m na-agwa gi okwu bu ya.”

Mgbe nke a na-eme, ndi na-eso uzo ya biara, o wee ju ha anya ihu na ya na nwaanyi na-ekwurita uka. Mana o dighi onye obula n’ime ha juru si, “Gini ka i na-acho?” mobu, “Gini mere gi na ya ji ekwurita uka.” Nwaanyi ahụ hapuru udu mmiri ya, laghachi n’ime obodo wee gwa ndi mmadu si, “Bianu, lee nwoke gwara m ihe niile m merela. Onye ma mobu Kristi ahụ?” Ha siriri n’obodo puta, biakwute Jesu.

Mgbe ihe ndi a na-eme, ndi na-eso uzo Jesu rioro ya si, “Rabai (onyenkuzi) rienu ihe.” Jesu siriri ha, “Enwere m nri m ga-eri nke unu na-amaghi.” Nke a mere ndi na-eso uzo ya ji jurita onwe ha si, “O di onye wetaara ya nri?” Jesu azaa ha si: “The oriri m bu ime uche nke onye zitere m na iruzu oru ya.” O bu na unu anaghi ekwu si: “O foro onwa ano tupu owuwe ihe ubi eruo.” Ma ana m agwa unu, ka unu letia anya n’ubi wee hu na mkpuru ubi achalari, na oge owuwe ihe ubi eruala. Onye na-ewe ihe ubi na-anara ugwooru ya, na-achikotakwa mkpuru maka ndi ebighiebi, ka onye ghara mkpuru n’ubi na onye were ihe ubi n’urikoo onu n’otu. Nke a gosiputara n’ihe a na-ekwu si: “Otu onye ghaa mkpuru, onyeozo ewee ihe ubi, bu eziokwu. Ezigara m unu iwe ihe ubi n’ebe unu arughi oru obula, ndiozo aruchala oru, ihe unu na-emezi bu iri uru ihe ha ruru. Otutu ndi Sameria, ndi si n’obodo ahụ



they begged him to stay with them. He stayed for two days, and when he spoke to them many more came to believe; and they said to the woman, "Now we no longer believe because of what you told us; we have heard him ourselves and we know that he really is the saviour of the world".

The Gospel of the Lord.

### Prayer Over The Offerings

**B**e pleased, O Lord, with these sacrificial offerings, and grant that we who beseech pardon for our own sins, may take care to forgive our neighbours. Through Christ our Lord.

**For Preface, see Usoro Emume Missa (2018 Edition) p. 38**

### Communion Antiphon

**F**or anyone who drinks it, says the Lord, the water I shall give will become in him a spring welling up to eternal life.

### Prayer After Communion

**A**s we receive the pledge of things yet hidden in heaven and are nourished while still on earth with the Bread that comes from on high, we humbly entreat you, O Lord, that what is being brought about in us in mystery may come to true completion. Through Christ our Lord.

### Prayer Over The People

**D**irect, O Lord, we pray, the hearts of your faithful, and in your kindness grant your servants this grace: that, abiding in the love of you and their neighbour, they may fulfil the whole of your commands. Through Christ our Lord.



**Theme: Jesus as Living Water**  
**See Sunday Evening Instruction on page 77**

**13 March [Eke] Monday of Lent - Week 3 (Violet)**

### Entry Antiphon

**M**y soul is longing and yearning for the courts of the Lord. My heart and my flesh cry out to the living God.

### Collect

**M**ay your unfailing compassion, O Lord, cleanse and protect your Church, and, since without you she cannot stand secure, may she be always governed by your grace. Through our Lord.

kweere na Jesu site n'akaebe nyaanyi ahu gbara si, "O gwara m ihe niile m merela." Nke a mere mgbe ndi Sameria biakwutere Jesu, ha rioro ya ka o noro na be ha. O nonyere ha mkpuru ubochi abuo. Otutu ndiozo kwenyere na Jesu n'ili okwu ya. Ha gwara nwaanyi ahu si, "O bughizi maka okwu onu gi ka anyi ji kwere, kama anyi anula n'onwe anyi, matakwa na o bu n'ezie onye nzoputa nke uwa."

Ozioma nke Oseburuwa.

### Ekpere Nhunye

**D**inwenụ Chineke, Nna ebere, anyi na-arịo ka aja anyi na-ehunyerere Gi medaa Gi obi maka njo anyi. Otu I si agbaghara njo anyi oge anyi na-arịo Gi, meekwa ka anyi si otu ahu na-enwe aguu igbaghara mmehie mmadu ibe anyi. Site na Kristi Onyenweanyi.

### Ukwe Oriri Nso

**D**inwenụ kwuru si: "Onye o bula ga-añu mmiri nke m ga-enye ya, mmiri ahu ga-agho n'ime ya, isi iyi nke ga na-agbaputa mmiri ruo na ndu ebighi ebi."

### Ekpere A Natachaa Oriri Nso

**O**nyenweanyi, anyi anatala ube nke ihe ahu e debeere anyi na eluigwe. Anyi ewerela achicha nke ndu rijuo afo anyi ugbo a anyi ka no n'elu uwa. Biko mee k'anyi nwetakwue na ndu anyi uru na mgbanwo nke Sakramenti a na-eweta. Site na Kristi Dinwenụ anyi.

### Ekpere Maka Oha Mmadu

**D**uzie obi ndi nke gi kwere, O Onyenweanyi, anyi na-arịo, ma site na mmesooma gi nye umuodibo gi amara nke a: ka, site n'ikwudosiike n'ihunaanya maka gi na nke agbataobi ha, ka ha mejuo iwu gi niile. Site na Kristi Onyenweanyi.

### Ukwe Mbata

**M**kpuruobi m na-acho na-adoli maka Mulo obi nke Onyenweanyi. Obi m na anaru m na-etikuru Chukwu di ndu.

### Ekpere Mmeghe

**K**a omiko gi di okpu, O Onyenweanyi, wuchaa ma chekwawa Nzuko gi, ka, ebe o nweghi ike iguzosiike ma o bughi na gi, ka amara gi chiba ya mgbe niile. Site na Dinwenụ anyi.

## First Reading

A reading from the second book of the Kings (5:1-15)

**N**aaman, army commander to the king of Aram, was a man who enjoyed his master's respect and favour, since through him the Lord had granted victory to the Aramaeans. But the man was a leper. Now on one of their raids, the Aramaeans had carried off from the land of Israel a little girl who had become a servant of Naaman's wife. She said to her mistress, 'If only my master would approach the prophet of Samaria. He would cure him of his leprosy.' Naaman went and told his master. 'This and this' he reported 'is what the girl from the land of Israel said.' 'Go by all means,' said the king of Aram 'I will send a letter to the king of Israel.' So Naaman left, taking with him ten talents of silver, six thousand shekels of gold and ten festal robes. He presented the letter to the king of Israel. It read: 'With this letter, I am sending my servant Naaman to you for you to cure him of his leprosy.' When the king of Israel read the letter, he tore his garments. 'Am I a god to give death and life,' he said 'that he sends a man to me and asks me to cure him of his leprosy? Listen to this, and take note of it and see how he intends to pick a quarrel with me.'

When Elisha heard that the king of Israel had torn his garments, he sent word to the king, 'Why did you tear your garments? Let him come to me, and he will find there is a prophet in Israel.' So Naaman came with his team and chariot and drew up at the door of Elisha's house. And Elisha sent him a messenger to say, 'Go and bathe seven times in the Jordan, and your flesh will become clean once more.' But Naaman was indignant and went off, saying, 'Here was I thinking he would be sure to come out to me, and stand there, and call on the name of the Lord his God, and wave his hand over the spot and cure the leprous part. Surely Abana and Pharpar, the rivers of Damascus, are better than any water in Israel? Could I not bathe in them and become clean?' And he turned round and went off in a rage. But his servants approached him and said, 'My father, if the prophet had asked you to do something difficult, would you not have done it? All the more reason, then, when he says to you, "Bathe and you will become clean."' So he went down and immersed himself seven times in the Jordan, as Elisha had told him to do. And his flesh

## The Ogugu Nke Mbụ

Ihe ogugu e wetara n'akwukwo abụọ nke Ndieze (5:1-15)

**N**aaman onye isi agha nke Siria bu nwoke di ukwu n'ihu nna ya ukwu, n'ihina site na mgbali ya ka Oseburuwa ji nye Siria mmeri. Nwoke a bu dike n'agha, mobu onye ekpenta. N'otu n'ime agha ha busoro Izrel na mberede, ndi Siria dotara otu ntakiri nwaagboghọ, onye nke mechara buru odibo nwunye Naaman. Nwata a gwara nne ya ukwu si, "A si na nna m ukwu ga-agakwuru onye amuma nke bi na Samaria! O ga-agwo ya oria ya." Naaman jekwuru nna ya ukwu kosara ya kpomkwem, ihe niile nwatakiri ahụ kwuru. Eze Siria zara ya si, "Gaba ugbu a, aga m enye gi akwukwozi i ga-enye eze Izrel." O gabara, were talent olaocha iri, puku shekel olaedo isii na uwe emume iri. O wetaara eze Izrel akwukwozi ahụ nke ihe e dere n'ime ya bu, "Akwukwozi a bu iji gwa gi na ezitere m nwodibo m bu Naaman ka i gwoo ya oria ekpenta ya." Mgbe eze ndi Izrel guru akwukwozi ahụ o dowaa uwe ya kwuo si, "Abu m Chineke onye onwu na ndu di n'aka mere nwoke a jiri zitere m ozi ka m gwoo onye ekpenta? Hukwanu otu nwoke a si achọ m okwu!"

Mgbe Elaisha onye nke Chineke nuru ka eze ndi Izrel siri dowaa uwe ya, o zigara ya ozi juo ya si, "Kedu ihe kpataa i jiri dowaa uwe gi? Gwa nwoke ahụ ka o biakwute m, o ga-amata na e nwere onye amuma n'ala Izrel." Ya mere, Naaman jiri inyinya ya na ugboinyinya ya bia guzoro n'onuuzo ulo Elaisha. Elaisha zipuru onyeozu ka o gwa ya si, "Gaa saa ahụ n'Osिमiri Jodan ugboro asaa, ahụ gi ga-adikwa mma ozo." Naaman jiri iwe na onuma tugharia, laba, na-ekwu si, "Echere m nnoo na o gaara aputa, guzoro, kpokuo aha Oseburuwa Chineke ya, fegharia aka ya n'elu ebe ahụ, gwoo m oria m. O bu na osimiri Abana na Fapa nke di na Damaskos adighi mma karịa mmiri Izrel niile? O bu na enweghi m ike isa ahụ n'ime ha wee di ocha?" Ya mere, o tugharia laba n'iwe. Ndiodibo ya biakwutere ya si ya, "Nna anyi ukwu, a si na ihe onye amuma gwara gi mee bu ihe siri ike omume, o bu na i gaghi eme ya? Ma nke a bu na o gwara gi naani saa ahụ ka i dikwa ocha." Ya mere o gara sunye onwe ya n'ime osimiri Jodan

became clean once more like the flesh of a little child.

Returning to Elisha with his whole escort, he went in and stood before him. 'Now I know' he said 'that there is no God in all the earth except in Israel.'

The word of the Lord.

**Responsorial Psalm: Ps. 41:2-3;42:3-4.(R.Ps. 41:3)**

**Response: My soul is thirsting for God, the God of my life; when can I enter and see the face of God?**

1. Like the deer that yearns for running streams, so my soul is yearning for you, my God. (R.)

2. My soul is thirsting for God, the God of my life; when can I enter and see the face of God? (R.)

3. O send forth your light and your truth; let these be my guide. Let them bring me to your holy mountain to the place where you dwell. (R.)

4. And I will come to the altar of God, the God of my joy. My redeemer, I will thank you on the harp, O God, my God. (R.)

**Acclamation! Ps. 129:5.7**

**M**y soul is waiting for the Lord, I count on his word, because with the Lord there is mercy and fulness of redemption.

**Gospel**

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke (4:24-30)

**J**esus came to Nazara and spoke to the people in the synagogue: 'I tell you solemnly, no prophet is ever accepted in his own country.

'There were many widows in Israel, I can assure you, in Elijah's day, when heaven remained shut for three years and six months and a great famine raged throughout the land, but Elijah was not sent to any one of these: he was sent to a widow at Zarephath, a Sidonian town. And in the prophet Elisha's time there were many lepers in Israel, but none of these was cured, except the Syrian, Naaman.'

When they heard this everyone in the synagogue was enraged. They sprang to their feet and hustled him out of the town; and they took him up to the brow of the hill their town was built on, intending to throw him down the

ugboro asaa dika Elaisha gwara ya. Anu ahụ ya wee dikwa minna dika ahụ nwatakiri.

Mgbe ahụ, Naaman na ndiozi ya laghachiri jekwuru onye nke Chineke ahụ si ya, 'ugbu a, amatala m na e nweghi chi ozo n'elu uwa beluso n'ala Izrel.

Okwu nke Oseburuwa.

**Abuoma na Aziza: Abu. 42:1-2;43:3-4 (Az. 42:2)**

**Aziza: Akpiri na-akpo m nku maka Chineke, Chukwu nke ndi di ndu, kedụ oge m ga-enweike jee hụ ihu nke Chineke?**

1. Dika otu agụụ mmiri si na-agụ nne ele, otu ahụ ka agụ si na-agụ m maka gi, O Chineke m. (Az.)

2. Akpiri na-akpo m nku maka Chineke, Chukwu nke ndi di ndu, kedụ oge m ga-enweike jee hụ ihu nke Chineke? (Az.)

3. Ziputa ihe gi na eziokwu gi ka ha na-edu m, ka ha dubata m n'ugwu gi di nso ebe i jiri mere ebe obibi. (Az.)

4. Mgbe ahụ aga m aga n'ebe nchua nke Chineke, Chineke nke bu aṅuri m. Aga m eji aṅuri were ubo too gi Onyenweanyi, Chineke m. (Az.)

**Mbeku! Abu. 130:5**

**M**kpuruobi m eche Onyenweanyi, na nkwa ya ka m nwere nchekwube, n'hina ihunaanya Onyenweanyi di okpu, n'ime ya ka nnukwu nzoputa di!

**Ozioma**

Ihe ogugu nke a si n'Ozioma di aso nke Luk dere (4:24-30)

**J**esu biara na Nazara were gwa ndi mmadu n'unonzuko ha si: N'ezie agwa m unu, a naghị anabata onye amuma obula n'obodo a muru ya.

E nwere otutu umunwaanyi isimkpe n'Izrel n'oge Elaija. Mgbe e mechiri eluigwe mmiri ezoghikwa afo ato na onwa isii, mgbe oke ugani dara n'ala ahụ dum; ma o nweghi onye n'ime ha e zigaara Elaija ma o bughị naani otu nwaanyi ajadu nke bi n'obodo Zarefat, nke di n'ala Saidon. Otutu ndi ekpenta nokwa n'ala Izrel n'oge Elisha; ma o nweghi onye obula n'ime ha e mere ka o di ochama o bughị Naaman, Onye Siria."

Mgbe ndi niile no n'unonzuko ahụ nuru okwu ndi a, iwe juputara ha n'obi. Ha biliri, kwapu ya n'obodo ha, kpuru ya ruo n'otu ugwu nta a

cliff, but he slipped through the crowd and walked away.

The Gospel of the Lord.

### Prayer Over The Offerings

**M**ay what we offer you, O Lord, in token of our service, be transformed by you into the sacrament of salvation. Through Christ our Lord.

### Communion Antiphon

**O** praise the Lord, all you nations, for his merciful love towards us is great.

### Prayer After Communion

**M**ay communion in this your Sacrament, we pray, O Lord, bring with it purification and the unity that is your gift. Through Christ our Lord.

### Prayer Over The People

**M**ay your right hand, we ask, O Lord, protect this people that makes entreaty to you: graciously purify them and give them instruction, that finding solace in this life, they reach the good things to come. Through Christ our Lord.

rukwasara obodo ha n'elu ya ka ha si ebe ahụ kwada ya. Ma o mịchapuru onwe ya n'aka ha, si n'etiti igwè mmadụ laa. Ozioma nke Oseburuwa.

### Ekpere Nhunye

**K**a ihe ndi anyi na-ehunye, O Onyenweanyi, na-anochite anya odibo anyi na-agba, buru ihe ndi I ga-agbanwo ka ha gboro amanso nke nzoputa. Site na Kristi Onyenweanyi.

### Ukwe Oriri Nso

**O** toonu Onyenweanyi, unu mba niile, n'ihina ihunaanya ebere ya n'ebe anyi no di ukwu.

### Ekpere A Natachaa Oriri Nso

**K**a njiko nke Sakramenti a, anyi na-kariu, O Onyenweanyi, wetakwa mkpochapu mmehie na idikonotu nke bu onyinye gi. Site na Kristi Onyenweanyi.

### Ekpere Maka Oha Mmadu

**K**a aka nri gi, anyi na-ariu, O Onyenweanyi, chekwawa ndi a na-akosara gi mkpa ha: were ebere sachaa ha ma nye ha nkuzi, ka o ga-abu ha na-enweta enyemaka na ndu a, ha ana-erute n'ezi ihe ndi ga-abianu. Site na Kristi Onyenweanyi.

## 14 March [Orie] Tuesday of Lent - Week 3 (Violet)

### Entry Antiphon

**T**o you I call, for you will surely heed me, O God; turn your ear to me; hear my words. Guard me as the apple of your eye; in the shadow of your wings protect me.

### Collect

**M**ay your grace not forsake us, O Lord, we pray, but make us dedicated to your holy service and at all times obtain for us your help. Through our Lord.

### First Reading

Areading from the prophet Daniel (3:25.34-43)

**A**zariah stood in the heart of the fire, and he began to pray: Oh! Do not abandon us for ever, for the sake of your name; do not repudiate your covenant, do not withdraw your favour from us, for the sake of Abraham, your friend, of Isaac your servant, and of Israel your holy one, to whom you promised descendants as countless as the stars of heaven and as the grains of sand on the seashore. Lord, now we are the least of all the nations, now we are despised throughout the world, today, because of our sins. We have at this time no leader, no prophet, no prince, no

### Ukwe Mbata

**G**i ka m na-akpoku, n'ihina I na-echeri ri in nti, O Chineke; Onyenweanyi, chee nti n'okwu m ga. Chekwawa m ka mkpuru anya gi; chekwaba m n'okpuru nku gi.

### Ekpere Mmeghe

**K**a amara gi ghara igbarapu anyi, O Onyenweanyi, anyi na-ariu, ka o mee ka anyi guzosie ike n'ofufe gi di aso, ma wetara anyi enyemaka gi mgbeniile. Site na Dinwenụ anyi.

### Ihe Ogugu Nke Mbu

Ihe ogugu e wetara n'akwukwo onye amuma Daniel (3:25.34-43)

**A**zaria guzoro n'etiti oku a wee bido ikpe Ekpere: Oh! Ahapukwala anyi ruo mgbe ebighiebi n'ihina aha gi, agbahapukwala ogbugbandu gi, ewepukwala ihuoma gi n'ebe anyi no, n'ihina enyi gi nwoke Abraham nakwa n'ihina nwodibo gi Aizik na onye di nso gi Izrel. Onye nke i kwere nkwa na umu ya ga-adi ka kpakpando nke igwe, nakwa dika mkpuru aja no n'akuku osimiri. Dinwenu, lee, anyi buzi obodo kacha di nta n'uwu niile. Anyi buzi ndi e ji eme ihe ochi n'uwu niile, n'ihina njo anyi. Ugwu a, anyi enweghikwa onyendu, mọbu onye amuma,



holocaust, no sacrifice, no oblation, no incense, no place where we can offer you the first-fruits and win your favour. But may the contrite soul, the humbled spirit be as acceptable to you as holocausts of rams and bullocks, as thousands of fattened lambs: such let our sacrifice be to you today, and may it be your will that we follow you wholeheartedly, since those who put their trust in you will not be disappointed. And now we put our whole heart into following you, into fearing you and seeking your face once more. Do not disappoint us; treat us gently, as you yourself are gentle and very merciful. Grant us deliverance worthy of your wonderful deeds, let your name win glory, Lord.

The word of the Lord.

### **Responsorial Psalm: Ps. 24:4-9.(R.v.6)**

Response: **Remember your mercy, Lord.**

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. Do not remember the sins of my youth 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.)

### **Acclamation Joel 2:12-13**

**N**ow, now - it is the Lord who speaks - come back to me with all your heart, for I am all tenderness and compassion.

### **Gospel**

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew (18:21-35)

**P**eter went up to Jesus and said, 'Lord, how often must I forgive my brother if he wrongs me? As often as seven times?' Jesus answered, 'Not seven, I tell you, but seventy-seven times.'

And so the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who decided to settle his accounts with his servants. When the reckoning began, they brought him a man who owed ten thousand talents; but he had no means of paying, so his master gave orders that he should be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, to meet the debt. At this, the servant threw himself down at his master's feet. "Give

mobu onyeeze, anyi anaghikwa achunyere gi aja nsureoku mobu aja isi uto; o nweghikwa ebe anyi nwere ino nye gi ihe mbu anyi wetara n'ubi anyi, iji nweta afooma gi. Mana ka i nara obi di umeala, na obi loghara elogha dika aja nsureoku nke e ji ewu na ehi chunyere gi, nakwa nke e ji puku kwuru puku aturu gbara abuba chu. Meekwa ka aja anyi na-achuru gi diri otu a; ka anyi jiri obi anyi niile na-efe gi; ebe o bu na ndi niile chekwubere na gi agaghi agba aka efu. Ugwu a, anyi etinyela obi anyi niile n'ife gi na n'ituru gi egwu na ichokwa ihu gi ozo. Agbawakwala anyi aka. Emesikwala anyi ike n'ihina i di nwayoo dikwa obi ebere; nye anyi nzoputa nke tosiri onrebube niile i na-ar. Mee ka anyi si n'aha gi nweta otito Onyenweanyi.

Okwu nke Oseburwa.

### **Abuoma na Aziza: Abu. 25:4-9 (Az.6)**

Aziza: **Cheta ebere gi, 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, na gi ka m tukwasiri obi ubochi niile. (Az.)
2. Cheta ebere gi, O Onyenweanyi, Chetakwa ihunaanya gi na-enweghi ube nke i gosiri site na mgbe ochie. Echetakwala mmehie niile m mere mgbe m di na nwata n'ihini idi mma gi, O Onyenweanyi. (Az.)
3. Onyenweanyi di mma, burukwa onye eziumume, O na-akuziri ndi mmehie uzo; O na-eduzi ndi umeala n'ihini niile kwuoto, O na-akuziri ndi ogbenye uzo ya. (Az.)

### **Mbeku Joel 2:12-13**

**U**gbu a, ugbu a, Onyenweanyi na-ekwu, werenu obi unu niile loghachi azu n'ebe m no, n'ihina a di m afoma na ebere.

### **Ozioma**

Ihe ogugu nke a si n'Ozioma di aso nke Matiu dere (18:21-35)

**P**ita biakwutere Jesu, juo ya si, "Onyenweanyi ugboro ole ka nwanne m ga-emejo m, m gbaghara ya? O bu ugboro asaa?" Jesu azaa ya si, "Agwa m gi na o bughi sozo ugboro asaa, kama iri asaa uzo asaa. Ya mere a ga-eji alaeze nke eluigwe tunyere otu onyeeze choro ka ya na umuodibo ya piazie akunuba ya. Mgbe o malitere ntule ya, a kpotaara ya otu nwodibo nke ji ya puku talent iri. Ma ebe nwodibo ahụ na-enweghi ike ikwughachi ugwo ahụ, nna ya ukwu nyere iwu ka e ree ya na nwunye ya na umu ya na ihe niile o nwere, ka e wee kwughachi ugwo o ji. Nke a

me time” he said “and I will pay the whole sum.” And the servant’s master felt so sorry for him that he let him go and cancelled the debt. Now as this servant went out, he happened to meet a fellow servant who owed him one hundred denarii; and he seized him by the throat and began to throttle him. “Pay what you owe me” he said. His fellow servant fell at his feet and implored him, saying, “Give me time and I will pay you.” But the other would not agree; on the contrary, he had him thrown into prison till he should pay the debt. His fellow servants were deeply distressed when they saw what had happened, and they went to their master and reported the whole affair to him. Then the master sent for him. “You wicked servant.” He said, “I cancelled all that debt of yours when you appealed to me. Were you not bound, then, to have pity on your fellow servant just as I had pity on you?” And in his anger the master handed him over to the torturers till he should pay all his debt. And that is how my heavenly Father will deal with you unless you each forgive your brother from your heart.’  
The Gospel of the Lord.

### Prayer Over The Offerings

**G**rant us, O Lord, we pray, that this saving sacrifice may cleanse us of our faults and become an oblation pleasing to your almighty power. Through Christ our Lord.

### Communion Antiphon

**L**ord, who may abide in your tent, and dwell on your holy mountain? Whoever walks without fault and does what is just.

### Prayer After Communion

**M**ay the holy partaking of this mystery give us life, O Lord, we pray, and grant us both pardon and protection. Through Christ our Lord.

### Prayer Over The People

**O** God, founder and ruler of your people, drive away the sins that assail them, that they may always be pleasing to you and ever safe under your protection. Through Christ our Lord.

mere odibo ahu ji daa n’ala na-ario ya si, ‘Nnamukwu, biko nwee ndidi n’ebe m no, aga m akwughachi gi ihe niile!’ N’ihi obi ebere o nwere n’ebe nwodibo ya no, nna ya ukwu hapuru ya, kagbukwaa ugwo niile o ji. Ma ka nwodibo ahu n’onwe ya pubara, o huru otu nwodibo ibe ya nke ji ya otu nari dinari, o todooro ya n’akpiri si ya, ‘Kwughachi m ugwo i ji m.’ Nke a mere nwodibo ibe ya ahu ji daa n’ala rio ya si, ‘Nweere m ndidi, aga m akwughachi gi ugwo gi.’ Ma o kweghi. Kama o gara tuba ya n’ulomkporo ruo mgbe o kwughachiri ya ugwo o ji ya. Mgbe ndi odibo ibe ya huru ihe merenu, o wutere ha nke ukwu. Ha wee gaa kooro nna ha ukwu ihe niile ndi a. N’ihi nke a nna ya ukwu kporo nwodibo ahu si ya, ‘Odibo obi ojoo! Agbagharala m gi ugwo niile i ji m, n’ihina i rioro m ario. I cheghi na o kwesiri ka i meere nwodibo ibe gi ebere dika m siri mere gi? N’iwe, nna ya ukwu nyefere ya ndi nche ndi no n’ulomkporo ka ha taa ya ahuhu ruo mgbe o kwughachiri ugwo niile o ji. Otu a ka Nna m nke bi n’eluigwe ga-esi meso onye obula n’ime unu ma o buru na unu esighi n’ala obi unu gbaghara umunne unu mmehie niile ha mehiere unu.’  
Ozioma nke Oseburuwa.

### Ekpere Nhunye

**M**ee, O Onyenweanyi, anyi na-ario, ka aja nzoputa nke a sachapu utammehie anyiga, were buru onyinye masiri ike gi puru ime ihe niile. Site na Kristi Onyenweanyi.

### Ukwe Oriri Nso

**O**nyenweanyi, onye ga-anogide n’uloikwu gi, ma biri n’ugwu gi di aso? O bu onye na-aga enweghi uta ma na-emekwa ihe kwesiri ekwesị.

### Ekpere A Natachaa Oriri Nso

**K**a nketaoke di nso n’iheomimi a nye anyi ndu, O Onyenweanyi, anyi na-ario, ka I wetara anyi ka mgbaghara ka nchedo. Site na Kristi Onyenweanyi.

### Ekpere Maka Oha Mmadu

**O** Chineke, mmalite na ochichi ndi nke gi, chutteeaka njoga ndi na-abagido ha, ka ha were masi gi mgbe niile werekwa noro n’udo n’okpuru nchedo gi. Site na Kristi Onyenweanyi.

**15 March [Afor] Wednesday of Lent - Week 3 (Violet)**

### Entry Antiphon

**L**et my steps be guided by your promise; may evil never rule me.

### Ukwe Mbata

**K**a nkwa gi hazie mma ukwu m ga; ka ihe ojoo ghara ichiba m.

### Collect

**G**rant, we pray, O Lord, that, schooled through Lenten observance and nourished by your word, through holy restraint we may be devoted to you with all our heart and be ever united in prayer, Through our Lord.

### First Reading

A reading from the book of Deuteronomy (4:1.5-9)

**M**oses said to the people: 'And now, Israel, take notice of the laws and customs that I teach you today, and observe them, that you may have life and may enter and take possession of the land that the Lord the God of your fathers is giving you. See, as the Lord my God has commanded me, I teach you the laws and customs that you are to observe in the land you are to enter and make your own. Keep them, observe them, and they will demonstrate to the peoples your wisdom and understanding. When they come to know of all these laws they will exclaim, "No other people is as wise and prudent as this great nation." And indeed, what great nation is there that has its gods so near as the Lord our God is to us whenever we call to him? And what great nation is there that has laws and customs to match this whole Law that I put before you today?

'But take care what you do and be on your guard. Do not forget the things your eyes have seen, nor let them slip from your heart all the days of your life; rather, tell them to your children and to your children's children.'  
The word of the Lord.

**Responsorial Psalm: Ps. 147:12-13.15-16.19-20. (R.v.12)**

**Response: O praise the Lord, Jerusalem!**

1. O praise the Lord, Jerusalem! Zion, praise your God! He has strengthened the bars of your gates, has blessed the children within you. (R.)
2. He sends out his word to the earth and swiftly runs his command. He showers down snow white as wool, he scatters hoar-frost like ashes. (R.)
3. He makes his word known to Jacob, to Israel his laws and decrees. He has not dealt thus with other nations; he has not taught them his decrees. (R.)

**Acclamation! Jn. 8:12**

**I** am the Light of the world, says the Lord, anyone who follows me will have the light of life.

### Ekpere Mmeghe

**M**ee, anyị na-ariọ, O Onyenweanyi, ka, azụchaa anyị site na mmemme Lenti, werekwa okwu gi zuo anyị, anyị esitena mkpagbu nsoga buru ndi ga-eji obi ha niile efe gi, ma jikotakwaa onu mgbe dum n'ekpere. Site na Dinwenụ anyị.

### Ihe Ogugu Nke Mbu

Ihe ogugu e wetara n'akwukwo Diuteronomi (4:1.5-9)

**M**gbe ahụ, Mosis gwara umu Izrel si, "Dobenu iwu niile m na-akuziri unu. Unu ga-adikwa ndu biri n'ala ahụ Onyenweanyi, bu Chineke nnanna unu ha, na-enye unu. Akuzierela m unu iwu ahụ niile, dika Onyenweanyi bu Chineke m gwara m ka m mee. Dobenu ha mgbe unu ruu n'ala ahụ unu ga-abanye, ibiri n'ime ya. Werenụ ikwesi ntukwasioji dobe ha. Nke a ga-egosi mba di ichiche na unu ma ihe. Mgbe ha nuru ihe banyere iwu a niile, ha ga-asị, 'Leekwanu udi amanihe na nghota mba ukwu nke a nwere!' "N'ezikwu, o nweghi nnu kwu mba ozo chi ha no nso dika Oseburuwa bu Chineke anyi si noro anyi nso mgbe obula anyi kpokuru ya. O nweghi kwu nnu kwu mba obula nke iwu niile na-achi ha ziri ezi dika iwu ndi a m kuziri unu taa!

"Ya mere, kpacharanu anya! Hukwanu na, na ndu unu niile, unu echefughị ihe ndi a unu jiri anya unu hu. Kooronu umu unu na umu unu. Okwu nke Oseburuwa.

**Abuoma na Aziza: Abu. 147:12-13.15-16.19-20 (Az.12)**

**Aziza: Jerusalem too Onyenweanyi**

1. Jerusalem too Onyenweanyi, Zayon too Chineke gi, n'ihina o bu ya mere onuuzo ama gi niile, ka ha sie ike, o na-agozi umu gi niile. (Az.)
2. O na-etiri uwa iwu, okwu ya agazuo uwa niile osooso, O na-atusa mkpuru mmiri ocha n'ala dika ute, na-efesasi igirigi di ka ntụ. (Az.)
3. O na-ekpughere umu Jekob okwu ya, na-egosikwa umu Izrel iwu ya na ikpe ya. O naghị emere mba ndiozo otu a, o naghị akuziri ha iwu ya. (Az.)

**Mbeku! Jon. 8:12**

**A**bu m ihe nke uwa, O bu Dinwenu na Aekwu, onye obula na-eso m ga-enwe ihe nke ndu.

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew (5:17-19)

**J**esus said to his disciples: 'Do not imagine that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets. I have come not to abolish but to complete them. I tell you solemnly, till heaven and earth disappear, not one dot, not one little stroke, shall disappear from the Law until its purpose is achieved. Therefore, the man who infringes even one of the least of these commandments and teaches others to do the same will be considered the least in the kingdom of heaven; but the man who keeps them and teaches them will be considered great in the kingdom of heaven.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

### **Prayer Over The Offerings**

**A**cept, O Lord, we pray, the prayers of your people along with these sacrificial offerings, and defend those who celebrate your mysteries from every kind of danger. Through Christ our Lord.

### **Communion Antiphon**

**Y**ou will show me the path of life, the fullness of joy in your presence, O Lord.

### **Prayer After Communion**

**M**ay the heavenly banquet, at which we have been fed, sanctify us, O Lord, and, cleansing us of all errors, make us worthy of your promises from on high. Through Christ our Lord.

### **Prayer Over The People**

**G**ive to your people, our God, a resolve that is pleasing to you, for by conforming them to your teachings you bestow on them every favour. Through Christ our Lord.

## **16 March [Nkwo] Thursday of Lent - Week 3 (Violet)**

### **Entry Antiphon**

**I**am the salvation of the people, says the Lord. Should they cry to me in any distress, I will hear them, and I will be their Lord for ever.

### **Collect**

**W**e implore your majesty most humbly, O Lord, that, as the feast of our salvation draws ever closer, so we may press forward all the more eagerly towards the worthy celebration of the paschal mystery. Through our Lord.

### **Ozioma**

Ihe ogugu nke a si n'Ozioma di aso nke Matiu dere (5:17-19)

**J**esu gwara ndi umuazu ya: Unu echekwala na m biara imebi iwu Mosis na nkuzi ndi amuma. Abiaghi m imebi ha; kama abjara m imejuputa ha. N'ezikwu, agwa m unu, ruo mgbe eluigwe na ala ga-agabiga, o dighi otu ihe obula di nta, o buladi nke dikarichara nta, nke a ga-esi n'iwu Chineke wepu ruo mgbe e mezuru ha niile. Ya bu, onye obula ga-emebi otu n'ime iwu ndi a, o buladi nke dikarichara nta, ma kuzikwaara ndi mmadu ime otu ahụ, ga-abu onye dikarichara nta n'alaeze eluigwe. Ma onye obula na-edobe ha, ma na-akuzikwa ha, ga-abu nnukwu mmadu n'alaeze eluigwe. Ozioma nke Oseburuwa.

### **Ekpere Nhunye**

**N**ara, O Onyenweanyi, anyi na-ario, Ekpere ndi nke gi nke so onyinye aja ndi a, ka I chekwawa ndi na-eme mmemme iheomimi gi ga n'ebe ihe egwu obula di. Site na Kristi Onyenweanyi.

### **Ukwe Oriri Nso**

**I**ga-egosi m uzo nke ndu, uju nke ngori n'ihu gi, O Onyenweanyi.

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

**K**a oriri nke eluigwe, nke ejirila zuo Kanyi, doo anyi aso, O Onyenweanyi, ka, asachapu anyi mmehie anyi niile, I mezie ka anyi tosi nkwa giga si n'igwe. Site na Kristi Onyenweanyi.

### **Ekpere Maka Oha Mmadu**

**N**ye ndi nke gi, Chineke anyi, mkpebi na-amasi gi, n'ihu na site na iguzosi ha ike n'usoro nkuzi giga, I na-enyezu ha ihe diga ha n'obi. Site na Kristi Onyenweanyi

### **Ukwe Mbata**

**A**bu m nzoputa nke ndi mmadu, Onyenweanyi na-ekwu. O buru na ha akpokuo m n'oke egwu obula, a ga m anu olu ha were buru Dinwenu ha ebighi ebi.

### **Ekpere Mmeghe**

**A**nyi ji umeala ario ukpoeze gi, O Onyenweanyi, ebe oriri nke nzoputa anyi na-abjawanye nso, ka anyi were njikere oso na ije gaba n'ihu ime mmemme iheomimi Paska n'uzo kwesiri ekwes. Site na Dinwenu anyi.



## First Reading

Reading from the prophet Jeremiah (7:23-28)

**T**hese were my orders: Listen to my voice, then I will be your God and you shall be my people. Follow right to the end the way that I mark out for you, and you will prosper. But they did not listen, they did not pay attention; they followed the dictates of their own evil hearts, refused to face me, and turned their backs on me. From the day your ancestors came out of the land of Egypt until today, day after day I have persistently sent you all my servants the prophets. But they have not listened to me, have not paid attention; they have grown stubborn and behaved worse than their ancestors. You may say all these words to them: they will not listen to you; you may call them: they will not answer. So tell them this, 'Here is the nation that will not listen to the voice of the Lord its God nor take correction. Sincerity is no more, it has vanished from their mouths.'

This word of the Lord.

## Responsorial Psalm: Ps.94:1-2.6-9.(R.v.8)

Response: **O that today you would listen to his voice! Harden not your hearts.**

1. Come, ring out our joy to the Lord; hail the rock who saves us. Let us come before him, giving thanks, with songs let us hail the Lord. (R)

2. Come in; let us bow and bend low; let us kneel before the God who made us for he is our God and we the people who belong to his pasture, the flock that is led by his hand. (R.)

3. O that today you would listen to his voice! 'Harden not your hearts as at Meribah, as on that day at Massah in the desert when your fathers put me to the test; when they tried me, though they saw my work.' (R.)

## Acclamation: Joel 2:12-13

**N**ow, now - it is the Lord who speaks - come back to me with all your heart, for I am all tenderness and compassion.

## Gospel

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke (11:14-23)

**J**esus was casting out a devil and it was dumb; but when the devil had gone out the dumb man spoke, and the people were amazed. But some of them said, 'It is through Beelzebul, the prince of devils, that he casts out devils.' Others asked him, as a test, for a sign from heaven; but, knowing what they were thinking, he said to them, 'Every

## The Ogugu Nke Mbu

Ihe ogugu e wetara n'onye amuma Jeremaya (7:23-28)

**M**a iwu Chineke nyere ha bu nke a: **R**uberenu m isi, ka m wee buru Chineke unu, unu ga-abukwa ndi nke m, ma dobekwanu iwu niile m nyere unu ka ihe wee diri unu mma. Ma ha erubeghi isi mobu gee m nti, kama ha sooro izuzu nke ajo obi ha na-agbaghachi azu karia iga n'ihu. Bido n'ubochi nna unu si n'Ijipt puta ruo taa, ugborougboru ka m zigaara ha ndiamuma, ma n'agbanyeghi ya ha egegghi m nti kama ha kporo ekwo nku mee njo karia nke mma ha. "I ga-agwa ha okwu ndi a, ma ha agaghi ege gi nti, i ga-akpokwa oku ma ha agaghi aza gi. I ga-agwa ha si, 'Nke a bu mba ahụ egegghi Dinwenụ Chineke ha nti; ndi juru inabata ozuzu. Eziokwu adighizikwa. Naani asi bu ihe juru ha onu."

Okwu nke Oseburuwa.

## Abuoma na Aziza: Abu. 95:1-2.6-9.(Az.8)

Aziza: **Taa, o buru na unu anu olu ya, unu akpochila obi unu.**

1. Bianu, ka anyi kweere Onyenweanyi ukwe onu, ka anyi tisi mkpu ike tijere nkume nke inzoputa anyi. Ka anyi bian'ihu ya nye ya ekele, were egwu na ukwe tobe ya. (Az.)

2. Bianu, ka anyi fee Onyenweanyi kpooro ya isi ala, ka anyi sekpue n'ihu Onyenweanyi onye kere anyi, n'ihina o bu Chineke anyi, anyinwa bukwa ndi nke ya, igwe aturu o na-azu. (Az.)

3. Taa, o buru na unu anu olu ya, unu akpochila obi unu dika unu mere na Meriba na n'ubochi ahụ na Masa n'ime ozara mgbe nnanna unu ha nwalere m, mgbe ha nwalere m, na-agbanyeghi na ha huru ihe m mereela ha. (Az.)

## Mbeku Joel 2:12-13

**U**gbu a, ugbu a, Onyenweanyi na-ekwu, werenu obi unu niile loghachi azu n'ebe m no, n'ihina a di m afoma na ebere.

## Ozioma

Ihe ogugu nke a si n'Ozioma di aso nke Luk dere (11:14-23)

**U**gbu a Jesu na-achupu otu ajo mmuo nke dara ogbi; mgbe mmuo ojoo ahụ hapuru, nwoke ogbi ahụ kwuru okwu, nke a turu ndi mmadu n'anya. Ma ufodu n'ime ha kwuru si, "O na-achupu ndi mmuo ojoo site n'ike Belzebul, onyeisi ndi mmuo ojoo," ma ndiozo, iji nwalee ya, chooro n'aka ya ihe ama nke si n'igwe. Ebe o

kingdom divided against itself is heading for ruin, and a household divided against itself collapses. So too with Satan: if he is divided against himself, how can his kingdom stand? - since you assert that it is through Beelzebul that I cast out devils. Now if it is through Beelzebul that I cast out devils, through whom do your own experts cast them out? Let them be your judges, then. But if it is through the finger of God that I cast out devils, then know that the kingdom of God has overtaken you. So long as a strong man fully armed guards his own palace, his goods are undisturbed; but when someone stronger than he is attacks and defeats him, the stronger man takes away all the weapons he relied on and shares out his spoil.

‘He who is not with me is against me; and he who does not gather with me scatters.’

The Gospel of the Lord.

### Prayer Over The Offerings

Cleanse your people, Lord, we pray, from every taint of wickedness, that their gifts may be pleasing to you; and do not let them cling to false joys, for you promise them the rewards of your truth. Through Christ our Lord.

### Communion Antiphon

You have laid down your precepts to be carefully kept; may my ways be firm in keeping your statutes.

### Prayer After Communion

Graciously raise up, O Lord, those you renew with this Sacrament, that we may come to possess your salvation both in mystery and in the manner of our life. Through Christ our Lord.

### Prayer Over The People

We call on your loving kindness and trust in your mercy, O Lord, that, since we have from you all that we are, through your grace we may seek what is right and have strength to do the good we desire. Through Christ our Lord.

bu na O ma ihe ha na-eche, O siri ha, “Alaeze obula nke kwaranu megide onwe ya ga-adakpo, ulo obula nke dagidere ibe ya na-adakpo. O buru na Ekwensu ekewakwa megide onwe ya, kedu ka alaeze ya ga-esi kwudo? Unu na-asi na-ana m achupu ndi mmuo ojoo site n’ike Belzebul, site n’ike onye ka umu unu na-achupu ha? Ya, mere, ha ga-abu ndi ikpe unu. Ma, o buru na o bu site na mkpisi aka nke Chineke ka m na-achupu ndi mmuo ojoo, matanu na alaeze Chineke abiakwasila unu. Mgbe dike ji ngwaagha na-eche obi ya, o dighi mfe izute ihe o ji biri. Ma mgbe onye ka ya ike biara megide ya, wee merie ya, o na-anara ya ihe agha ya niile, bu ihe ntukwasiobi ya, kesaara ndi otu ya ihe o kwatara n’ulo dike ahu. Onye na-anonyereghi m, na-emegide m; onye obula na-adighi eso m ekpokota ekpokota, na-ekposa ekposa.

Ozioma nke Oseburuwa.

### Ekpere Nhunye

Sachapu ndi nke gi atutu ajoobi obula, S Onyenweanyi, anyi na-arjo, ka onyinye ha were masi gi; e kwela ka ha gudowe aka n’onu asi, n’ihi na I na-ekwe ha nkwa ugwo nke eziokwu gi. Site na Kristi Onyenweanyi.

### Ukwe Oriri Nso

I nyela iwu gi ga ka edobe ha niile nke Ioma; ka uzọ m kwuru chim n’idobe iwu giga.

### Ekpere A Natachaa Oriri Nso

Were obioma kulite, O Onyenweanyi, ndi i mere ka ha di ohuru site na Sakramenti a, ka anyi were nata nzoputa gi ma n’ihe omimi ma n’usoro ndu anyi. Site na Kristi Onyenweanyi.

### Ekpere Maka Oha Mmadu

A nyi na-ebeku mmesooma gi di ihunaanya ma dabere n’ebere gi, O Onyenweanyi, ebe anyi si na gi nweta ihe niile anyi bu, ka anyi site n’amara gi na-acho ihe di mma ma nwetakwa ike ime ezi ihe ndi na-agu anyi. Site na Kristi Onyenweanyi.

**17 March [Eke] Friday of Lent - Week 3 (Violet)**

## St. Patrick, Bishop, 2nd Patron of Nigeria (Feast)

St. Patrick (387 - 461) was born in Scotland. He was captured when he was fourteen during a raid for slaves and taken to Ireland to herd and tend sheep. The Irish people then were pagans.

Patrick was quick to learn the language and customs of his captors. He turned to God and was steadfast in prayer through the period of his captivity. He later wrote: “The love of God and His fear grew in me more and more, as did the faith, and my soul was rosed, so that, in a single day, I have said as many as a hundred prayers and in the



night, nearly the same." "I prayed in the woods and on the mountain, even before dawn. I felt no hurt from the snow or ice or rain." Patrick escaped from captivity at twenty, and sailed to Britain to reunite with his family.

Patrick later became a priest and a bishop and was sent to take the Gospel to Ireland, once the land of his captivity. For 40 years, he laboured in preaching the Gospel and sowing the faith, and together with his helpers converted all of Ireland. Many miracles were attributed to him. He died March 17, 461, after leading an austere life, worn out by extensive travelling and hardship.

### Entry Antiphon

**P**roclaim the salvation of God day by day; tell among the nations his glory.

### Collect

**O** God, who chose the Bishop Saint Patrick to preach your glory to the peoples of Ireland, grant, through his merits and intercession, that those who glory in the name of Christian may never cease to proclaim your wondrous deeds to all. Through our Lord.

### First Reading

A reading from the first letter of St Peter (4:7-11)

**K**ee a calm and sober mind. Above all, never let your love for each other grow insincere, since love covers over many a sin. Welcome each other into your houses without grumbling. Each one of you has received a special grace, so, like good stewards responsible for all these different graces of God, put yourselves at the service of others. If you are a speaker, speak in words which seem to come from God; if you are a helper, help as though every action was done at God's orders; so that in everything God may receive the glory, through Jesus Christ, since to him alone belong all glory and power for ever and ever. Amen.

The word of the Lord.

**Responsorial Psalm: Ps. 95:1-3,7-8,10.(Rv.3)**

Response: **Proclaim the wonders of the Lord among all the peoples.**

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.)

2. Proclaim his help day by day, tell among the nations his glory and his wonders among all the peoples. (R.)

3. Give the Lord, you families of peoples, give the Lord glory and power, give the Lord the glory of his name. (R.)

4. Proclaim to the nations: 'God is king.' The world he made firm in its place; he will judge the peoples in fairness. (R.)

### Ukwe Mbata

**K**wuputānū n̄zoputa ya ubochi niile. Mee ka ūwa niile mara maka otito ya.

### Ekpere Mmeghe

**O** Chineke, onye hoorala Nnukwu Uko-chukwu di aso bu Patirik ka o kwuputa otito gi n'ebe ndi Ailandi no, mee, site n'elele eziumume ya na aririo ya, ka ndi ahụ na-egori iza aha iso uzo Kristi ghara ikwusi ikwusara ohammadu oru giga di itunaanya. Site na Kristi Onyenweanyi.

### Ihe Ogugu Nke Mbụ

Ihe ogugu e wetara n'akwukwo mbu nke Pita di aso dere (4:7-11)

**K**a obi unu na mmuo unu dara juu. Unu ekwela k'ihunaanya unu nwere n'ebe ibe unu no daa mba, n'ih na ihunaanya na-ekpuchi otutu mmehie. Na-eleritanu ibe unu obia nke oma n'atamughi ntau. Unu niile n'otu n'otu natara onyinye amara nke Chineke. Werenu ya jeere ibe unu ozi dika ezi ndi nlekota nke onyinye ahụ di ichieche nke Chineke nyere unu. Onye obula n'ime unu na-ekwu okwuchiukwu, ya kwuo naani okwu si Chineke n'onu puta. Onye obula na-eje ozi, ya were ike Chineke nyere ya jeere ya ozi. Na-emu otu a ka e nye Chineke otito n'ih niile site n'aka Jesu Kristi, onye nwe otito na ike niile, ruo ebighiebi. Amen.

Okwu nke Oseburuwa.

**Abuoma na Aziza: Abu. 96:1-3,7-8,10. (Az.3)**

Aziza: **Kwuputa oru itunaanya ya n'ebe ndi mmadu no.**

1. Kweerenu Onyenweanyi ukwe ohuru; uwa niile kweere Onyenweanyi ukwe. Kweerenu Onyenweanyi ukwe, too aha ya. (Az.)

2. Kwuputa n̄zoputa ya ubochi niile. Mee ka ūwa niile mata maka otito ya, kwuputakwa oru itunaanya ya n'ebe ndi mmadu no. (Az.)

3. Toonu Onyenweanyi, ezinuulo niile di n'awa, toonu ebube ya na ike ya. Nye Onyenweanyi otito kwesiri aha ya. (Az.)

4. Kwusachaanu n'awa niile na Onyenweanyi bu eze, o kwuwasi uwa ike, O ga-eji ikpe nkumoto kpee mba niile ikpe. (Az.)

## Acclamation! Lk 4:17

The Lord has sent me to bring good news to the poor, to proclaim liberty to captives.

### Gospel

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke. (5:1-11)

Jesus was standing one day by the Lake of Gennesaret, with the crowd pressing round him listening to the word of God, when he caught sight of two boats close to the bank. The fishermen had gone out of them and were washing their nets. He got into one of the boats - it was Simon's - and asked him to put out a little from the shore. Then he sat down and taught the crowds from the boat.

When he had finished speaking he said to Simon, 'Put out into deep water and pay out your nets for a catch'. 'Master,' Simon replied, 'we worked hard all night long and caught nothing, but if you say so, I will pay out the nets.' And when they had done this they netted such a huge number of fish that their nets began to tear, so they signalled to their companions in the other boat to come and help them; when these came, they filled the two boats to sinking point.

When Simon Peter saw this he fell at the knees of Jesus saying, 'Leave me, Lord; I am a sinful man'. For he and all his companions were completely overcome by the catch they had made; so also were James and John sons of Zebedee, who were Simon's partners. But Jesus said to Simon, 'Do not be afraid; from now on it is men you will catch'. Then, bringing their boats back to land, they left everything and followed him.

The Gospel of the Lord.

### Prayer Over The Offerings

Lord, accept this pure sacrifice which, through the labours of Saint Patrick, your grateful people make to the glory of your name. Through Christ our Lord.

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### Communion Antiphon

I confer a kingdom on you just as my Father has conferred one on me, that you may eat and drink at my table in my kingdom, says the Lord.

### Prayer After Communion

Strengthen us, O Lord, by this sacrament so that we may profess the faith taught by Saint Patrick and to proclaim it in our way of living. Through Christ our Lord.

## Mbeku! Lk 4:17

Dinwenụ ezigala m ka mụ bugara ndi ogbenye ozioma, ka m kwusaara ndi e ji eji na ha enwerela onwe ha.

### Ozioma

Ihe ogugu nke a si n' Ozioma di aso nke Luk dere (5:1-11)

Ka Jesu guzo n' odo mmiri Genesaret, oke igwe mmadu zukoro na-adagide ya ka ha nuru okwu Chineke. O huru ugbo mmiri abuo n' usoro odo mmiri ahu; ma ndi okuazu esila n' ugbo ahu puo na-asa ugbo ha. Ka Jesu banyere n' ime otu ugbo ahu, nke bu nke Saimon, O gwara ya ka o si n' ala kwopu ugbo mmiri ya ntakiri. O wee ndu ala, si n' ugbo mmiri ahu na-akuziri ndi mmadu ihe.

Mgbe Jesu kwubiri okwu, O gwara Saimon si, "Nupu ugbo gi n' ogbo mmiri wunye ugbo gi maka igbu azu. Ma Saimon zara si, "Nna anyi ukwu, anyi doliri abali niile n' enwetaghi ihe obula, mana otu I siri kwu, aga m awunye ugbo m niile." Mgbe ha mere nke a, ha kutara oke igwe azu nke mere na o foduru ntakiri ka ugbo ha dokaa. Nke a mere ha ji kpoo ndi okuazu ibe ha no n' ugbo mmiri nke ozo ka ha bia nyere ha aka. Ha biara gbujuo ugbo abuo ahu azu, nke mere na ugbo ha malitere imikpu.

Ma mgbe Saimon Pita huru nke a, o dara n' ukwu Jesu na-ekwu si, "Si n' ebe m no puo, n' ihina abu m onye njo, O Dinwenụ m." N' ihina o juru Pita na ndi ya na ha so anyi ihu otutu azu ndi a ha gbute. Otu a ka o mekwara Jemis na Jon, umu Zebedi ndi ha na Saimon bu ndi nnweko. Jesu zara Saimon si, "Ujo atula gi, site ugbo a gaba, i ga na-akuta mmadu." Mgbe ha kwoputara ugbo ha n' elu ala, ha hapuru ihe niile, sobe ya.

Ozioma nke Oseburuwa.

### Ekpere Nhunye

Dinwenụ, nara aja nke a di sam nke ndi nke gi sitere n' oru Patrik di aso jiri obi ekele ehunye ebuhe aha gi. Sitena Kristi Onyenweanyi.

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### Ukwe Oriri Nso

Na m enye unu alaeze dika Nna m siri nye am. Ka unu nwee ike isoro m rie ma nuokwa n' ochi nri nke alaeze m, Dinwenụ na-ekwu.

### Ekpere A Natachaa Oriri Nso

Doo anyi ike, O Onyenweanyi sitena Sakramenti a, ka anyi were gosiputa okwukwe nke Patrik di aso kuziri, ma kwuputakwa ya n' usoro ndu anyi. Sitena Kristi Onyenweanyi.



### Prayer Over The People

**L**ook graciously, O Lord, upon the faithful who implore your mercy, that, trusting in your kindness, they may spread far and wide the gifts your charity has bestowed. Through Christ our Lord.

### Solemn Blessing

**M**ay God the Father, who called us together to celebrate this feast of Saint Patrick, bless you, protect you, and keep you faithful. **R/. Amen.**

**M**ay Christ the Lord, the High King of Heaven, be near you at all times and shield you from evil. **R/. Amen.**

**M**ay the Holy Spirit, who is the source of all holiness, make you rich in the love of God's people. **R/. Amen.**

**A**nd may the blessing of almighty God, the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit, come down on you and remain for ever. **R/. Amen.**

### Ekpere Maka Oha Mmadu

**W**ere afoma leta, O Onyenweanyi, ndi kwerenu na-ario ebere gi, ka, site n'itukwasaobi na mmesooma gi, ha ewere gbasaateeaka onyinye ndi ihunaanya gi kpatarala. Site na Kristi Onyenweanyi.

### Ngozi Puru Iche

**K**a Chineke Nna, onye kpokotara anyi onu iji rie oriri nke Patrik di aso, gozie unu, chekwaba unu, ma mee ka unu kwudisie ike. **Oha/. Amen.**

**K**a Kristi Onyenweanyi, Ezeukwu nke Eluigwe, noro unu nso mgbe dum, ma gbochie ajoihe irute n'ebe unu no. **Oha/. Amen.**

**K**a Muo Nso, onye bu isiayi nke adimnsa niile, mee ka unu baa uba n'ime ihunaanya nke umu Chineke. **Oha/. Amen.**

**K**a ngozi nke Chukwu ji ike niile, Nna, na Nwa, na Muo Nso, dakwasi unu, ma nonyere unu mgbe niile. **Oha/. Amen.**

## 18 March [Orie] Saturday of Lent - Week 3 (Violet)

### St. Cyril of Jerusalem, Bishop & Doctor (Opt. Mem.)

#### Entry Antiphon

**B**less the Lord, O my soul, and never forget all his benefits; it is he who forgives all your sins.

#### Collect

**R**ejoicing in this annual celebration of our Lenten observance, we pray, O Lord, that with our hearts set on the paschal mysteries, we may be gladdened by their full effects. Through our Lord.

#### First Reading

Reading from the prophet Hosea (5:15-6:1-6)

**T**he Lord says this: 'They will search for me in their misery: "Come, let us return to the Lord. He has torn us to pieces, but he will heal us; he has struck us down, but he will bandage our wounds; after a day or two he will bring us back to life, on the third day he will raise us and we shall live in his presence. Let us set ourselves to know the Lord; that he will come is as certain as the dawn, he will come to us as showers come, like spring rains watering the earth.' What am I to do with you, Ephraim? What am I to do with you, Judah? This love of yours is like a morning cloud, like the dew that quickly disappears. This is why I have torn

#### Ukwe Mbata

**G**ozie Onyenweanyi, O mkpuruobi m, Gchezokwala iheoma niile o mere; o bu ya na-agbaghara njo gi niile.

#### Ekpere Mmeghe

**K**a anyi na-egori na mmemme kwa afo nke usoro Lenti anyi, anyi na-ario, O Dinwenu, ka obi anyi dabeere n'iheomimi ngabiga, anyi ewere juputa n'onu site n'uju ire ya ga. Site na Dinwenu anyi.

#### Ihe Ogugu Nke Mbui

Ihe ogugu e wetara n'akwukwo onye amuma Hoseya (5:15-6:1-6)

**O**nyenweanyi wee si, Aga m alaghachi azu na ebe m, ruo mgbe ha kwetara na ikpe mara ha, ma choo m, chosie m ike n'ime ahuhu ha. "Bianu ka anyi laghachikwuru Chineke. O doriela anyi ma o ga-agwokwa anyi. O tiruola anyi ahu ma o ga-ekchikokwa onya anyi. A ga-eme ka anyi dikwa ndu mgbe ubochi abuo gachara; n'ubochi nke ato, o ga-eme ka anyi bilie ka anyi wee dikwa ndu n'ihu ya. Ka anyi gbalianu imata Chineke n'ihina obibia ya doro anya dika chi obubo. O ga-abiakwute anyi dika mmiri ozuzo, dika mmiri na-ezosa ala n'oge udu mmiri. Gini ka m ga-eji gi mee, O Ifrem? Gini ka m ga-eji gi mee, O Juda? ihunaanya unu dika igirigi ututu, igirigi nke anaghi ewe oge; o gbasasia.

them to pieces by the prophets, why I slaughtered them with the words from my mouth, his judgement will rise like the light, since what I want is love, not sacrifice; knowledge of God, not holocausts.  
The word of the Lord.

**Responsorial Psalm: Ps. 50:3-4.18-21.(R.v.Hos 6:6)**

Response: **What I want is love, not sacrifice**

1. Have mercy on me, God, in your kindness. In your compassion blot out my offence. O wash me more and more from my guilt and cleanse me from my sin. (R.)

2. For in sacrifice you take no delight, burnt offering from me you would refuse, my sacrifice, a contrite heart you will not spurn. (R.)

3. In your goodness, show favour to Zion: rebuild the walls of Jerusalem. Then you will be pleased with lawful sacrifice, burnt offerings wholly consumed. (R.)

**Acclamation: Ps. 94:8**

**H**arden not your hearts today, but listen to the voice of the Lord.

**Gospel**

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke (18:9-14)

**J**esus spoke the following parable to some people who prided themselves on being virtuous and despised everyone else, 'Two men went up to the Temple to pray, one a Pharisee, the other a tax collector. The Pharisee stood there and said this prayer to himself, "I thank you, God, that I am not grasping, unjust, adulterous like the rest of mankind, and particularly that I am not like this tax collector here. I fast twice a week; I pay tithes on all I get." The tax collector stood some distance away, not daring even to raise his eyes to heaven; but he beat his breast and said, "God, be merciful to me, a sinner." This man, I tell you, went home again at rights with God; the other did not. For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but the man who humbles himself will be exalted.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Prayer Over The Offerings**

**O** God, by whose grace it comes to pass that we may approach your mysteries with minds made pure, grant, we pray, that in reverently handing them on, we may offer you fitting homage. Through Christ our Lord

Nke a mere m ji si n'onu ndiamuma gburie ha n'ibe n'ibe, ejila m okwu si m n'onu gbuo ha, amamikpe m achawaputa ka ihe. Maka na ihunaanya kwusiri ike bu ihe na-amasi m, o bughị aja; ima Chineke, o bughị aja onyinye nsureokụ.

Okwu nke Oseburuwa.

**Abuomana Aziza: Abu. 51:3-4.18-21 (Az. Hos 6:6)**

**Aziza: Ihe na-amasi m bu ihunaanya, o bughị aja**

1. Meere m ebere O Chineke site n'ihunaanya gi, site na nnukwu obi ebere gi hichapu njo m niile; Sachapu mmehie m niile, wuchapu m na njo m. (Az.)

2. I naghi enwe mmasi obula n'aja, aja nsureokụ anaghi atu gi uto, I naghiaju obi gbawara agbawa na nke loghara elogha. (Az.)

3. Site n'obioma gi meere Zayon ebere, ruzie mgbidi Jerusalem. Mgbe ahụ i ga-anabata aja a churu n'obi ocha, aja nsureokụ na ihe nchua ja niile. (Az.)

**Mbeku: Abu . 95:8**

**T**aata, unu akpochila obi unu, kama geenu nti n'onu nke Onyenweanyi.

**Ozioma**

Ihe ogugu nke a si n'Ozioma di aso nke Luk dere (18:9-14)

**J**esu kowaara ufodu, bu ndi na-ewe onwe ha ka ndi eziumume ma hu ndiozo ka ndi ajo omume ukabuiulu a. Ndi nwoke abuo gara n'ulonso ikpe ekpere. Otu n'ime ha bu onye Farisii, nke ozo bu onye onautu. Onye Farisii ahụ guzoro kpesara onwe ya ekpere nke a si, "Chineke, ekelee m gi na adighi m ka ndi mmadu ozo, ndi na-azoro ihe mmadu ibe ha n'aka ike, ndi omempu, ndi okwaiko, ma o bukwany nke m na-adi ka onye onautu a. Ana m ebu onu ugboro abuo n'izuuka. Ana m enyekwa otu uto n'uto iri nke ihe niile m kpata. Onye onautu ahụ, nke kwu n'ebe di anya, ekweghi welite ihu lelie anya n'eluigwe. Kama o na-etika n'obi na-asi, "Chineke, meere munwa bu onye njo ebere." Agwa m unu, nwoke a lara n'ulo ya buru onye a guru n'onye eziumume karja onye nke ozo. Onye obula buliri onwe ya elu a ga-ebuda ya, ma onye obula budara onwe ya ala, a ga-ebuli ya elu.

Ozioma nke Oseburuwa.

**Ekpere Nhunye**

**O** Chineke, onye o bu site n'amara ya ka anyi ji uche emerela ka o di ocha akpudebe iheomimi giga, mee, anyi na-arjo, ka site na iyi nsopuru emee ka ha si n'aka fere aka, anyi ewere hunyeri gi ofufe nru kwesiri ekwesiri. Site na Kristi Onyenweanyi.

## Communion Antiphon

**T**he tax collector stood at a distance, beating his breast and saying: O God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

## Prayer After Communion

**M**ay we truly revere, O merciful God, these holy gifts by which you ceaselessly nourish us, and may we always partake of them with abundant faith in our hearts. Through Christ our Lord.

## Prayer Over The People

**H**old out to your faithful people, Lord, the right hand of heavenly assistance, that they may seek you with all their heart and merit the granting of what they ask. Through Christ our Lord.

## Ukwe Oriri Nso

**O**tu onye onautu guzoro ebe tereaka, na-esu aka n'obi ya na-asi: O Chineke, meere m ebere, onye njo.

## Ekpere A Natachaa Oriri Nso

**K**a anyi sekpuere n'ezie, O Chineke di ebere, onyinye nso ndi aga nke i si na haazu anyi akwusi akwusi, ka anyi were okwukwe bara uba n'obi anyi eketa oke n'ime ha mgbe niile. Site na Kristi Onyenweanyi.

## Ekpere Maka Oha Mmadu

**S**etipu aka nri nke enyemaka eluigwe n'ebe ndi nke gi kwerenu no, Onyenweanyi, ka ha were obi ha niile na-achota gi were tosikwa inweta ihe ndi ha narioga. Site na Kristi Onyenweanyi.

# 4TH SUNDAY OF LENT (A) 19 March [Afor] (Violet)

## LAETARE SUNDAY

## Office: Week 4

The Readings of today contrast the way of God with human criteria. In the First Reading, Samuel, the last and unexpected son of Jesse, is chosen as prophet - given that God's choice does not base on human criteria. In his cure of the man born blind associated with sin, Jesus demonstrates that he is the light of the world who establishes new order of things and new criteria of judgment. To welcome the new dawn, St Paul in the Second Reading calls on Christians to shun works of darkness and be awake as children of light, eager to accomplish God's will marked by virtuous conducts. God is ever faithful as shepherd, the Responsorial Psalm states, in guiding His flock to the right path, making their cup overflowing.

## Entry Antiphon

**R**ejoice, Jerusalem, and rejoice with her all you who love her. Rejoice and be cheerful, you who were desolate. Be glad and take your fill of the milk of her consolation.

## Collect

**O** God, you have wonderfully reconciled the human race through Jesus Christ, your Word. Grant that your Christian people may prepare to celebrate the Paschal mystery with lively devotion and eager faith. Through our Lord.

## First Reading

A reading from the first book of Samuel (16:1.6-7.10-13)

**T**he Lord said to Samuel: "Fill your horn with oil and go. I am sending you to Jesse of Bethlehem, for I have chosen myself a king among his sons."

When Samuel arrived, he caught sight of Eliab and thought, "Surely the Lord's anointed one stands there before him", but the Lord said to Samuel, "Take no notice of his appearance or his height for I have rejected him; God does

## Ukwe Mbata

**J**erusalem, nuriaba. Unu niile huru ya n'anya, gbakobanu onu. Unu bu ndi n-eru uju, werenu onu goribe; gbawanu egwu onu, werekwanu mmiri ara nkasi obi ya nujuo afo.

## Ekpere Mmeghe

**C**hineke onye ebere, I sitere n'okwu onu Gi bu Nwa Gi, were uzo di itunaanya mee ka Gi na uwa di na mma ozo. Anyi na-ario Gi, mee ka anyi bu ndi otu Kristi were ihunaanya na-ekpo oku na okwukwe di ndu na-akwadosi ike maka emume nke a-na-abianu. Site na Dinweni

## Ihe Ogugu Nke Mbu

Ihe ogugu e wetara n'akwukwo mbu nke Samuel (16:1.6-7.10-13)

**O**seburuwa wee si Samuel, "were mmanu jee Betlehem n'ulo otu nwoke a na-akpo Jese n'ihina ahoro la m otu n'ime umu ya ndi nwoke ka o buru eze."

Mgbe ha biaruru, Samuel huru Eliab, nwa Jese, chee n'obi ya, si, "Onye a guzo n'ebe a n'ihu Chineke, ga-aburiri onye ahu o hoputara." Ma Onyenweanyi siri ya, "Elekwala anya na mma ya na n'ogologo ya. Ajula m ya, n'ihina anaghi m

not see as man sees; man looks at appearances but the Lord looks at the heart”.

Jesse presented his seven sons to Samuel, but Samuel said to Jesse, “The Lord has not chosen these”. He then asked Jesse, “Are these all the sons you have?” He answered, “There is still one left, the youngest; he is out looking after the sheep”. Then Samuel said to Jesse, “send for him; we will not sit down to eat until he comes”. Jesse had him sent for, a boy of fresh complexion, with fine eyes and pleasant bearing. The Lord said, “Come, anoint him, for this is the one”. At this, Samuel took the horn of oil and anointed him where he stood with his brothers; and the spirit of the Lord seized on David and stayed with him from that day on.

### Responsorial Psalm: Ps. 22:(R.v.1)

Response: **The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.**

1. The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want. Fresh and green are the pastures where he gives me repose. Near restful waters he leads me, to revive my drooping spirit. (R.)
2. He guides me along the right path; he is true to his name. If I should walk in the valley of darkness no evil would I fear. You are there with your crook and your staff; with these you give me comfort. (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.)

### Second Reading

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Ephesians (5:8-14)

**Y**ou were darkness once, but now you are light in the Lord; be like children of light, for the effects of the light are seen in complete goodness and right living and truth. Try to discover what the Lord wants of you, having nothing to do with the futile works of darkness but exposing them by contrast. The things which are done in secret are things that people are ashamed even to speak of; but anything exposed by the light will be illuminated and anything illuminated turns into light. That is why it is said: Wake up from your sleep, rise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you.

The word of the Lord.

ahụ otu mmadu si ahụ: Madu na-ahụ elu ahụ, ma mụ onwe m na-ahụ ime mmụọ.”

Jese kpootara umu ya ndi nwoke asaa gosi Samuel. Ma Samuel si ya, “Mba! Onyenweanyi ahoputaghi nke obula n’ime ndi a.” O juru Jese si, “Umu gi ndi nwoke niile agwula ha?” Jese azaa ya si, “O foduru nke odudu. Ma lee o gara izu aturu.” Samuel si ya, “Zie ozi ka a kpoo ya. Anyi agaghi anodu ala iri ihe ruo mgbe o biara.” Jese we zie ozi ka a kpoo ya. O bu nwaakorobia mara mma, na-acha ezigbo ocha, nwere mkpuru anya mara mma. Oseburuwa gwa Samuel, “Nke a bu onye ahụ. Bilie, tee ya mmanu!” Samuel were mmanu ahụ wukwasị Devid, n’ihu umunne ya. Mmụọ nke Oseburuwa wee dakwasị Devid, nnyekwara ya bido n’ubochi ahụ gaba.

### Abụoma na Aziza: Abụ. 23 (Az.1)

Aziza: **Chineke bu onyenche m, o nweghi ihe m ga-achọ.**

1. Chineke bu onyenche m o nweghi ihe m ga-achọ. O na-eme ka m zuru ike ebe ahia ndi di. O na-eduga m na mmiri, ebe ahụ ka O na-enye m ike. (Az.)
2. O na-edu m n’uzo eziumume; n’ihi aha ya. Oburugodu na m na-aga na ndagwurugwu nke onwu, egwu obula agaghi atu m; i ji mkpara na ngu gi nodebe m, O bu ha na-enye m 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 niile. Aga m ebi n’ulo nke Chineke ebeeb ebeeb!. (Az.)

### Ihe Ogugu Nke Abuo

Ihe ogugu e wetara n’akwukwozi Pol di aso degaara ndi Efesus (5:8-14)

**N**a mgbe mbu, unu bu ochichiri, ma ugbu a, unu bu ihe n’ime Dinwenu. Na-ebinu ndu ka umu nke ihe. N’ihina a na-ahụ mkpuru nke ihe n’ihe niile di mma, na ihe ziri ezi, na ihe bu eziokwu. Jisienu ike muta ihe na-amasi Dinwenu. Unu etinyekwala aka n’oru nke ochichiri nke anaghi amita ezi mkpuru, kama, gbaanu ha n’anwu. Ihe ha na-eme na nzuzo na-eme ihere, o buladi ikwute na nti. Mgbe a gbara ihe obula n’anwu, o buru ezi ihe o na-aputa ihe a hu ya n’ihina ihe obula e mere ka o puta ihe nke oma otu a bu ihe. Nke a mere na e kwuru si, “Teta, onye orahu ura, si na ndi nwuru anwu bilie, Kristi ga-enyekwa gi ihe.”

Okwu nke Oseburuwa.



## Acclamation! Jn. 8:12

I am the light of the world, says the Lord; anyone who follows me will have the light of life.

### Gospel

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John (9:1-41)

As Jesus went along, he saw a man who had been blind from birth. His disciples asked him, “Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, for him to have been born blind?” “Neither he nor his parents sinned,” Jesus answered “he was born blind so that the works of God might be displayed in him. “As long as the day lasts. I must carry out the work of the one who sent me; the night will soon be here when no one can work. As long as I am in the world. I am the light of the world.”

Having said this, he spat on the ground, made a paste with the spittle, put this over the eyes of the blind man, and said to him, “Go and wash in the Pool of Siloam ( a name that means ‘sent’). So the blind man went off and washed himself, and came away with his sight restored.

His neighbours and people who earlier had seen him begging said, “Isn’t this the man who used to sit and beg?” Some said, “Yes, it is the same one”. Others said, “No, he only looks like him”. The man himself said, “I am the man”. So they said to him, “Then how do your eyes come to be open?” “The man called Jesus” he answered “made a paste, daubed my eyes with it and said to me, ‘Go and wash at Siloam’; so I went, and when I washed I could see”. They asked, “Where is he?” “I don’t know” he answered.

They brought the man who had been blind to the Pharisees. It had been a sabbath day when Jesus made the paste and opened the man’s eyes, so when the Pharisees asked him how he had come to see, he said, “He put a paste on my eyes, and I washed, and I can see”. Then some of the Pharisees said, “This man cannot be from God: he does not keep the sabbath”. Others said, “How could a sinner produce signs like this?” And there was disagreement among them. So they spoke to the blind man again, “What have you to say about him yourself, now that he has opened your eyes?” “He is a prophet” replied the man.

However, the Jews would not believe that the man had been blind and had gained his sight, without first sending for his parents and asking them, “Is this man really your son who you say was born blind? If so, how is it that he is now able to see?” His parents answered, “We know he is our son and we know he was born blind, but we

## Mbeku! Jn. 8:12

A bu m ihe nke uwa, O bu Dinwenụ na Aekwu, onye obula na-eso m ga-enwe ihe nke ndu.

### Ozioma

Ihe ogugu nke a si n’Ozioma di aso nke Jn dere (9:1-41)

Mgbe Jesu na-agafe, o huru otu nwoke kpuru isi site n’oge a muru ya. Ndi na-eso uzo ya juru ya si, “Onyenkuzi, olee onye mmehie ya mere e ji muo nwoke a dika onye kpuru isi. O bu nke ya ka o bu nke ndi muru ya?” Jesu azaa ha si, “Nwoke a emehieghe, nke ndi muru ya na-emehiekwa, kama o kpuru isi ka ori Chineke wee puta ihe n’ahu ya. Anyi ga-aruriri oru nke onye zitere m, mgbe ihe ka di, n’ihina abali na-abia mgbe onye obula enweghi ike iru oru. Mgbe obula m no n’uwa, abu m ihe nke uwa.” Ka o kwuchara nke a, o busara asu n’ala, gwoo aja, werekwa aja ahu tee nwoke ahu n’anya, si ya, “Gaa, saa onwe gi n’odommiri Siloam” nke putara “E zitere”. O gara saa ahu, na-ahukwa uzo mgbe o loghachitere azu. Nke a mere ndi agbataobi ya na ndi na-ahu ya na mbu dika onye aririo ji juo si, “O bu na onye a, abughi nwoke ahu na-ano, na-aririo aririo?” Ufodu kwuru si, “O bu ya. Ndiozo ekwuo si, “Mba kama o yiri ya. “Ya onwe ya siri, “Abu m onye ahu.” Ha juru ya si, “Oleekwanu otu e si meghee anya gi?” O gwara ha si, “Nwoke ahu a na-akpo Jesu gworo aja, tee m n’anya si m, “Gaa na Siloam saa onwe gi.” Agara m saa onwe m, wee huba uzo.” Ha ajuo si ya, “Olee ebe o no?” O zaa si, Amaghi m.

Ha kpugaara ndi Farisii onye ahu kpuburu isi. O bu n’ubochi Sabat ka Jesu gworo aja wee meghee anya nwoke ahu. Ndi Farisii juru ya ozo otu o si huba uzo. O zara ha si, “O tere m aja n’anya, mu saa onwe m, hubakwa uzo.” Ufodu ndi Farisii kwuru si, “Nwoke a esiteghi na Chineke n’ihina o naghi edobe iwu ubochi Sabat.” Ndiozo siri, “Olee otu onye bu onyenjo ga-esi nwee ike iru oruebube di otu a?” Nkewa wee di n’etiti ha. Nke a mere ndi Farisii jukwara onyeisi ahu ozo si, “Ebe o meghere anya gi, gini ka i na-ekwu banyere ya?” O zara si, “O bu onye amuma.”

Ndi Juu ekweghi na nwoke a kpuru isi na-emekwara ka o hu uzo ruo mgbe ha kporo ndi muru ya; wee juo ha si, “Onye a o bu nwa unu, onye unu na-esi na o kpuru isi site n’oge a muru ya? Oleekwanu otu o si ahuzi uzo ugbu a?” Ndi muru ya zara si, “Anyi ma na o bu nwa anyi, na kwa na o kpuru isi site na mgbe a muru

don't know how it is that he can see now, or who opened his eyes. He is old enough: let him speak for himself." His parents spoke like this out of fear of the Jews, who had already agreed to expel from the synagogue anyone who should acknowledge Jesus as the Christ. This was why his parents said, "He is old enough; ask him."

So the Jews again sent for the man and said to him, "Give glory to God! For our part, we know that this man is a sinner." The man answered, "I don't know if he is a sinner". I only know that I was blind and now I can see". They said to him, "What did he do to you? How did he open your eyes?" He replied, "I have told you once and you wouldn't listen. Why do you want to hear it all again? Do you want to become his disciples too?" At this they hurled abuse at him: "You can be his disciple," they said "We are disciples of Moses: we know that God spoke to Moses, but as for this man, we don't know where he comes from". The man replied, "Now here is an astonishing thing! He has opened my eyes, and you don't know where he comes from! We know that God doesn't listen to sinners, but God does listen to men who are devout and do his will. Ever since the world began it is unheard of for anyone to open the eyes of a man who was born blind; if this man were not from God, he couldn't do a thing." "Are you trying to teach us," they replied "and you a sinner through and through, since you were born!" And they drove him away.

Jesus heard they had driven him away, and when he found him he said to him, "Do you believe in the Son of Man?" "Sir," the man replied "tell me who he is so that I may believe in him." Jesus said, "You are looking at him; he is speaking to you". The man said, Lord. I believe", and worshipped him. Jesus said: "It is for judgement that I have come into this world, so that those without sight may see and those with sight turn blind". Hearing this, some Pharisees who were present said to him, "We are not blind, surely?" Jesus replied: "Blind? If you were, you would not be guilty, but since you say, 'We see', your guilt remains."

The Gospel of the Lord.

### Prayer Over The Offering

**L**ord, it is with great joy that we offer you the sacrifice that brings everlasting healing. Grant us the grace to celebrate it for the world's salvation, with due reverence and obedience. Through Christ our Lord.

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ya; ma otu o si ahuzi ụzọ ugbo a anyị amaghị, nke anyị na-ama onye meghere anya ya. Juonu ya. O ghoola dimkpa. O ga-azara onwe ya!" Ndi muru ya kwuru nke a n'ihu egwu ndi Juu, maka ha kwekoritara na onye obula nke ga-ekwuputa na o bu Kristi na a ga-achupu ya n'ulonzo. Nke a mere ndi muru ya ji kwuo si, "Juonu ya, o ghoola dimkpa."

Ha kporo nwoke ahu kpoburu isi nke ugboro abuo si ya, "Nye Chineke otito. Anyi amarala na nwoke a bu onyemmeghie. O zara ha si, "O buru na o bu onyemmeghie, amaghi m, otu ihe m mara bu na, na mbu abu m onye isi ma ugbo a, ana m ahuzi ụzọ." Ha juru ya si, "Gini ka o mere gi? Olee otu o si meghee anya gi?" Nwoke ahuzi zara si ha, "Agwala m unu otu ihe si mee ma unu egeghe nti. Unu na-achokwu ibu ndi na-eso ụzọ ya?" Ha kwutobara ya si, "O bu gi onwe gi bu onye na-eso ụzọ ya, ma anyi onwe anyi bu ndi na eso ụzọ Mosis. Anyi maara na Chineke gwara Mosis okwu, ma gbasara nwoke a, anyi amaghi ebe o si bia." Nwoke ahuzi zara si ha, "Gini! Nke a bu oru itunaanya. Unu amaghi ebe o si puta, mana o meghere anya m. Anyi maara na Chineke anaghi ege ndi mmehie nti, mana o buru na onye obula na-efe Chineke na-emekwa uche ya, Chineke na-egwe ya nti. Site na mbido uwa, o dibeghi mgbe a nuru na onye obula meghere anya onye kpuru isi site na mgbe a muru ya. O buru na nwoke a esighi na Chineke o pughi ime ihe obula." Ha zaghachiri ya si, "Njo zuru gi ahuzi site n'omumu gi, i ga-abia ikuziri anyi?" Ha wee chupu ya.

Jesu nuru na ha achupula nwoke ahuzi n'ulonzo ndi Juu. Mgbe o huru ya, O juru ya si, "Ikwenyerere na Nwa nke mmadu?" O zara ya si, "Kedu onye o bu Nnamukwu, ka m wee kwere na ya?" Jesu siri ya, "I hula ya, O bu ya bu onye na-agwa gi okwu." Nwoke ahuzi asi ya, "Onyenwe m ekwere m." O wee kpooro ya isiala. Jesu gwara ya si, "O bu maka ikpe ka m ji bia n'uwa, ka ndi kpuru isi hu ụzọ, ndi na-ahuzi ụzọ buru ndi kpuru isi. Ufodu ndi Farisi no ya nso nuru nke a wee juo ya si, "Anyi ekpukwuru isi?" Jesu zara si ha, "A si na unu kpuru isi, ikpe omuma agaghị adiri unu, ma ugbo a unu na-asi, Anyi na-ahuzi ụzọ, ikpe omuma diiri unu. Ozioma nke Oseburuwa.

### Ekpere Nhunye

**O**nyenweanyi, anyi ji nnukwu onu ehunyerere gi aja nke a na-eweta ogwu-gwo di ebighiebi. Nye anyi amara iji mmuo ofufe na irube isi eme emume ya maka nzoputa nke uwa. Site na Kristi Onyenweanyi.

### Communion Antiphon

The Lord anointed my eyes; I went and washed, I began to see and believe in God.

### Post-Communion

O God, you enlighten every man who comes into the world. Enlighten our hearts with the brightness of your grace, so that our thoughts may be worthy and pleasing to you, and our love for you may be constant and sincere. Through Christ our Lord.

### Prayer Over The People

Look upon those who call to you, O Lord, and sustain the weak; give life by your unfailing light to those who walk in the shadow of death, and bring those rescued by your mercy from every evil to reach the highest good. Through Christ our Lord.



**Theme: God's Way and Human Criteria**  
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## 20 March [Nkwo] Monday (White)

### St. Joseph, Husband of Blessed Virgin Mary (Solemnity)

Joseph was the husband of Mary and foster Father of Jesus. Coming from a royal lineage (cf. Matthew 1:1-16, Luke 3:23-38), he was noble, discreet and diligent. He was a devout man of faith who obeyed whatever God asked of him without ado. A carpenter by profession (cf. Matthew 13:55), he was diligent, provident and caring as a husband and father, promptly executing his responsibilities. He loved his family and the Child Jesus, passionately concerned about their safety. He heroically exhibited patience and compassion when disturbed by Mary's pregnancy, refraining from exposing her to embarrassment (Matthew 1:19-25).



Since the Gospel account about Joseph ended before our Lord's public life, many historians believe that Joseph had probably died during the hidden years of Jesus at Nazareth.

### Entry Antiphon

Behold, a faithful and prudent steward, whom the Lord set over his household.

### Collect

Grant, we pray, almighty God, that by Saint Joseph's intercession your Church may constantly watch over the unfolding of the mysteries of human salvation, whose beginnings you entrusted to his faithful care. Through our Lord.

### First Reading

A reading from the second book of Samuel (7:4-5.12-14.16)

The word of the Lord came to Nathan: 'Go and tell my servant David, "Thus the Lord

### Ukwe Oriri Nso

O nyenweanyi eteela anya m ude; e jere m sachaa ha, were hu ụzọ, kwere na Chineke.

### Ekpere A Natachaa Oriri Nso

O Chineke, I na-enye mmadu niile biara n'ụwa ihe gi. Mee ka ihe amara gi gbukee n'obi anyi, ka echiche anyi niile tosi etosi, di mma n'ihu gi; ka ihunaanya anyi nwere na gi were too atoo, si kwa n'ala obi anyi puta. Site na Kristi Onyenweanyi.

### Ekpere Maka Oha Mmadu

Lekwasa ndi na-akpoku gi anya, O Onyenweanyi, ka i chekwawa ndi adighiike; site n'ihe gi di okpu nye ndi na-aga na ndo nke onwu ndu, ka I mee ndi ahụ e sitere n'ebere gi zoputa n'ajo ihe niile irute n'odimma kachanu. Site na Kristi Onyenweanyi.

### Ukwe Mbata

Lee, odibo kwesiri ntukwasa obi, maara Iihe, onye Dinweni kwubara ka o lekota ezi na ulo ya anya.

### Ekpere Mmeghe

Mee, anyi na-ario, Chineke ji ike niile, ka, site na ariri nke Josef di aso ka Nzuko gi na-echekwawa mgbe dum mkpughe nke iheomimi nzoputa mmadu, nke I weere mmalite ya tinye n'okpuru nchedo onye ahụ kwesiri ntukwasio. Site na Dinwenu anyi.

### Ihe Ogugu Nke Mbụ

Ihe ogugu e wetara n'akwukwo abuo nke Samuel (7:4-5.12-14.16)

Dinwenu ziri Natan si, "Jee gwa odibo m, bu Devid, na m si, ya, 'O bu gi ga-

speaks: 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. It is he who shall build a house for my name; and I will make his royal throne secure for ever. I will be a father to him and he a son to me. 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.88:2-5.27.29. (R.v.37)**

Response: **His dynasty shall last for ever.**

1. I will sing for ever of your love, O Lord; through all ages my mouth will proclaim your truth. Of this I am sure, that your love lasts for ever, that your truth is firmly established as the heavens. (R.)

2. ‘With my chosen one I have made a covenant; I have sworn to David my servant: I will establish your dynasty for ever and set up your throne through all ages.’ (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; with him my covenant shall last. (R.)

### **Second Reading**

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans (4:13.16-18.22)

**T**he promise of inheriting the world was not made to Abraham and his descendants on account of any law but on account of the righteousness which consists in faith. That is why what fulfills the promise depends on faith, so that it may be a free gift and be available to all of Abraham’s descendants, not only those who belong to the Law but also those who belong to the faith of Abraham who is the Father of all of us. As scripture says: I have made you the ancestor of many nations- Abraham is our father in the eyes of God, in whom he put his faith, and who brings the dead to life and calls into being what does not exist.

Though it seemed Abraham’s hope could not be fulfilled, he hoped and he believed, and through doing so he did become the father of many nations exactly as he had been promised: Your descendants will be as many as the stars. This is the faith that was ‘considered as justifying him’.

The word of the Lord.

aruru m ulo ebe m ga-ebi? Mgbe i nwuru, elie gi ebe e liri nna gi ha, aga m eme ka otu n’ime umu gi ndi nwoke buru eze. Aga m emekwa ka alaeze ya guzosie ike. Ya onwe ya bukwa onye ga-ewuru m ulonso. Aga m emekwa ka ochichi ya di ebeebe. Aga m abu nna ya; o ga-abukwa nwa m. Ezinulo gi na alaeze gi ga-adi ebeebe. Aga m akwudosi ocheeze gi ike ebeebe.  
Okwu nke Oseburuwa.

### **Abuoma na Aziza: Abu. 89:1-4.26.28 (Az.36)**

Aziza: **Ochichi ya ga-adigide rue ebighiebi.**

1. Aga m eji ukwe kwuputa ihunaanya nke Onyenweanyi ebeebe ebeebe; bido na ndudugandu ruo na ndudugandu aga m na-ekwuputa ntukwasio bi gi. N’ihina ihunaanya gi ga-adi ebeebe, ikwesi ntukwasio bi gi ga-akwudosi ike dika igwe. (Az.)

2. Mu na onye m hooro agbaala ndu, ahuorola m Devid nwodibo m iyi. Aga m eme ka ochichi gi di ebeebe, aga m emekwa ka ocheeze gi digide ruo na ndudugandu niile. (Az.)

3. O ga-ebeku m si, “I bu nna m, Chineke m na onye enyemaka m. Aga m ahu ya n’anya ebeebe, ogbugbandu mu na ya ga-adi okpu. (Az.)

### **Ihe Ogugu Nke Abu**

Ihe ogugu e wetara n’akwukwo ozi Pol di aso degaara ndi Rom (4:13.16-18.22))

**N**kwa Chineke kwere Abraham na agburu ya na ha ga-eketa uwa abughi site n’idebe iwu, kama o bu site n’okwukwe. N’ihi nke a, Chineke mere ka nkwa ahu dabere n’okwukwe, ka o wee buru ihe mmadu ga-enweta site n’amara, ka o rutechaa agburu Abraham niile; O bughi so ndi na-edebe iwu, kama ndi niile nwere udi okwukwe Abraham, onye bu nna anyi n’okwukwe. Dika Akwukwo Nso si kwuo; “Emeela m gi nna nke otutu mba,” n’ihu Chineke, Abraham bu nna anyi n’okwukwe, onye o tinyere okwukwe ya na ya, onye na-enye ndi nwuru anwu ndu, na-emekwa ka ihe adighi adi diri.

Abraham nogidere n’okwukwe na olile anya, o buladi mgbe olileanya adighi, o wee site na nke a gho “Nna nke otutu mba.” N’ihina otu a k’ekwere ya na nkwa, si, “Umu si n’agburu gi ga-adi otutu dika kpakpando. N’ihi nke a ka Chineke ji site n’okwukwe “guo Abraham n’onye eziumume.”

Okwu nke Oseburuwa.



### Acclamation! Ps. 83:5

**T**hey are happy who dwell in your house,  
O Lord, for ever singing your praise.

### Gospel

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew (1:16.18-21.24)

**J**acob was the father of Joseph the husband of Mary; of her was born Jesus who is called Christ.

This 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, '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.' When Joseph woke up he did what the angel of the Lord had told him to do. The Gospel of the Lord.

### Prayer Over The Offerings

**W**e pray, O Lord, that, just as Saint Joseph served with loving care your Only Begotten Son, born of the Virgin Mary, so we may be worthy to minister with a pure heart at your altar. Through Christ our Lord.

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### Communion Antiphon

**W**ell done, good and faithful servant.  
Come, share your master's joy.

### Prayer After Communion

**D**efend with unfailing protection, O Lord, we pray, the family you have nourished with food from this altar, as they rejoice at the Solemnity of Saint Joseph, and graciously keep safe your gifts among them. Through Christ our Lord.

### Prayer Over the People

**L**ook upon your servants, O Lord, and in your goodness protect with heavenly assistance those who trust in your mercy. Through Christ our Lord.

### Mbeku! Abu. 84:4

**H**a bu ndi a goziri agozi, ndi bi n'ulo gi  
na-ekwere gi ukwe otito oge niile.

### Ozioma

Ihe ogugu nke a si n'Ozioma di aso nke  
Matiu dere (1:16.18-21.24)

**J**ekob mutara Josef di Maria bu nne Jesu,  
onye a na-akpo Kristi.

Otu a ka e siri muo Jesu Kristi: mgbe ndi ikwunibe kwekoritara na Josef ga-alu 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 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. Ya mere, mgbe Josef tetara n'ura o mere dika mmuooma nke Onyenweanyi gwara ya, were kporo Maria nwunye ya. Ozioma nke Oseburuwa.

### Ekpere Nhunye

**A**nyi na-ari, O Onyenweanyi, dika Josef di aso jiri nledoanya di ihunaanya gbaara Otu Nwa I-Muru-Naani-Ya odibo, nke Vegin Maria muru, ka anyi kwesi iji obi di ocha nye ofufe n'ekwuaja gi. Site na Kristi Onyenweanyi.

### Ukwe Oriri Nso

**I**mere nke oma, ezigbo odibo kwesiri ntukwasi-obi. Bia, banye n'onu nke nna gi ukwu.

### Ekpere A Natachaa Oriri Nso

**W**ere nchedo di okpu lutara ha ogu, O Onyenweanyi, anyi na-ari, bu ezinaulo i jirila nri si n'ekwuaja nke a zuo, ka ha na-egori na Nnukwu Mmemme nke Josef di aso, were obioma echekwaba onyinye giga n'etiti ha. Site na Kristi Onyenweanyi.

### Ekpere Maka Oha Mmadu

**L**ekwasa umuodibo gi anya, O Onyenweanyi, ma si n'afooma gi were enyemaka nke eluigwe chekwaba ndi chekwubere n'ebere gi. Site na Kristi Onyenweanyi.

## 21 March [Orie] Tuesday of Lent - Week 4 (Violet)

### Entry Antiphon

All who are thirsty, come to the waters, says the Lord. Though you have no money, come and drink with joy.

### Collect

May the venerable exercises of holy devotion shape the hearts of your faithful, O Lord, to welcome worthily the Paschal Mystery and proclaim the praises of your salvation. Through our Lord.

### First Reading

A reading from the prophet Ezekiel (47:1-9.12)

The angel brought me back to the entrance of the Temple, where a stream came out from under the Temple threshold and flowed eastwards, since the Temple faced east. The water flowed from under the right side of the Temple, south of the altar. He took me out by the north gate and led me right round outside as far as the outer east gate where the water flowed out on the right-hand side. The man went to the east holding his measuring line and measured off a thousand cubits; he then made me wade across the stream; the water reached my ankles. He measured off another thousand and made me wade across the stream again; the water reached my knees. He measured off another thousand and made me wade across again; the water reached my waist. He measured off another thousand; it was now a river which I could not cross; the stream had swollen and was now deep water, a river impossible to cross. He then said, 'Do you see, son of man?' He took me further, then brought me back to the bank of the river. When I got back, there were many trees on each bank of the river. He said, 'This water flows east down to the Arabah and to the sea; and flowing into the sea it makes its waters wholesome. Wherever the river flows, all living creatures teeming in it will live. Fish will be very plentiful, for wherever the water goes it brings health, and life teems wherever the river flows. Along the river, on either bank, will grow every kind of fruit tree with leaves that never wither and fruit that never fails. They will bear new fruit every month, because this water comes from the sanctuary. And their fruit will be good to eat and the leaves medicinal.'

The word of the Lord.

### Ukwe Mbata

Unu niile ndi akpiri kporo nku, bianu nio mimiri, Onyenweanyi na-ekwu. Obunaadi na unu enweghi ego, werenu onu bia ka unu nio.

### Ekpere Mmeghe

Ka ozuzu di ebube nke ofufe nsopuru di Kaso duzie obi ndi nke gi werenu, O Onyenweanyi, ka ha were nabata Iheomimi Paska n'uzo kwesiri ekwesi were kwusaa otito nke nzoputa gi. Site na Dinwenu anyi.

### Ihe Ogugu Nke Mbu

Ihe ogugu e wetara n'akwukwo onye amuma Izikel (47:1-9.12)

Nwoke ahu wee kpoghachikwa m azu n'onuuzo ulonso; ma lee, mmiri si n'okpuru ulonso ahu agbaputa na-asoda uzo owuwa anyanwu ulo ahu maka na ulonso ahu chere owuwa anyanwu ihu. Mmiri si okpuru aka nri ulonso ahu asoda na ndida ebe nchuaja. O sikwa n'onuuzoama nke di na mgbagu ukwu duputa m, dugharia m okirikiri n'ezi ruo n'onuuzoama nke mputa nke chere ihu n'owuwa anyanwu ebe mmiri ahu si na ndida ugwu na-asoputa.

Nwoke ahu ji osisi ntu ya tuputa nari mita ise n'akuku owuwa anyanwu mee ka m gafee ya. Mmiri ahu ruo n'ikere ukwu m. Ozokwa, o kewaputara nari mita ise duru m gafee ya, o rute m n'ikpere ukwu, o kewaputakwa mita ise sikwa na mmiri ahu duputa m, mmiri ahu wee rue m n'ukwu. Ozokwa, o kewaputa nari mita ise, o buzi nnukwu mmiri nke m enweghikwa ike igafe n'ime ya n'ihina o ruola mmiri a ga-egwu egwu, e nweghikwa ike igafe na ya. O bia juo m si: "Nwa nke mmadu, i hula ihe ndi a?" O sikwa n'ikpere mmiri ahu dughachi m azu. Mgbe m na-alaghachi azu, ahuru m otutu osisi n'akuku abuo mmiri ahu. O gwa m si, "Mmiri a si n'owuwa anyanwu asoda na-agbada na Araba; mana mgbe o banyere na mmiri ahu anaghi aso aso mmiri ahu ga-agbanwe di mma onu. Ebe obula mmiri ahu gara, ihe obula e kere eke na-egwu mmiri di na ya ga-adi ndu, a ga-enwe otutu azu maka na mmiri a na-abanye ebe ahu ka mmiri osimiri dikwa ohuru, ya bu na ihe obula di na ya ga-adi ndu ebe obula mmiri ahu sogara. N'akuku abuo nke ikpere mmiri ahu, otutu osisi di ichiche a na-eri eri ga-eto. Akwukwo ha agaghi akponwu akponwu, nke mkpuru ga-ako ha n'efu; ma ha ga na-aimi mkpuru ohuru onwa obula maka na mmiri ha ji eto si n'ebe di nso agbaputa. A ga-eji mkpuru ha eme ihe oriri werekwa akwukwo ha agwo oria.

Okwu nke Oseburuwa.

**Responsorial Psalm: Ps. 45:2-3,5-6,8-9.(R.v.8)**

**Response: The Lord of hosts is with us: the God of Jacob is our stronghold.**

1. God is for us a refuge and strength, a helper close at hand, in time of distress: so we shall not fear though the earth should rock, though the mountains fall into the depths of the sea. (R.)

2. The waters of a river give joy to God's city, the holy place where the Most High dwells. God is within, it cannot be shaken; God will help it at the dawning of the day. (R.)

3. The Lord of hosts is with us: the God of Jacob is our stronghold. Come, consider the works of the Lord, the redoubtable deeds he has done on the earth. (R.)

**Acclamation! Ps. 50:12,14**

**A** pure heart create for me, O God, and give me again the joy of your help.

**Gospel**

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John (5:1-3,5-16)

**S**ome time after this there was a Jewish festival, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. Now at the Sheep Pool in Jerusalem there is a building, called Bethzatha in Hebrew, consisting of five porticos; and under these were crowds of sick people - blind, lame, paralysed. One man there had an illness which had lasted thirty-eight years, and when Jesus saw him lying there and knew he had been in this condition for a long time, he said, 'Do you want to be well again?' 'Sir,' replied the sick man 'I have no one to put me into the pool when the water is disturbed; and while I am still on the way, someone else gets there before me.' Jesus said, 'Get up, pick up your sleeping-mat and walk.' The man was cured at once, and he picked up his mat and walked away.

Now that day happened to be the sabbath, so the Jews said to the man who had been cured, 'It is the sabbath; you are not allowed to carry your sleeping-mat.' He replied, 'But the man who cured me told me, "Pick up your mat and walk."' They asked, 'Who is the man who said to you, "pick up your mat and walk"?' The man had no idea who it was, since Jesus had disappeared into the crowd that filled the place. After a while Jesus met him in the Temple and said, 'now you are well again, be sure not to sin any more, or something worse may happen to you.' The man went back and told the Jews that it was Jesus who

**Abuoma na Aziza: Abu.46:1-2,4-5,7-8.(Az.7)**

**Aziza: Oseburuwa nke igwe ndiagha nonyeere anyi, Chineke nke Jekob bu ebe mgbaba anyi!**

1. Chineke bu ebe mgbaba anyi na ike anyi, onye di nkwa dabe oge niile inyere anyi aka n'oge nsogbu. Ya mere na anyi agaghi atu egwu, o buladi na uwa anodu n'ogbaaghara mobu elu ugwu niile atugharia daba n'ime ala osimiri. (Az.)

2. E nwere otu iyi nke mmiri ya na-eweta anuri n'obodo nke Chineke, o na-emekwa ka ebe obibi onye kacha elu di nso. Chineke bi n'ime ya, o gaghi ada, Chineke ga-enyere ya aka na chi obubo. (Az.)

3. Oseburuwa nke igwe ndiagha nonyeere anyi, Chineke nke Jekob bu ebe mgbaba anyi! Bia, tugharia uche n'oru ebube nke Oseburuwa, oru itunaanya nke O rugoro n'uwa. (Az.)

**Mbeku! Abu. 51:12,14**

**C**hineke, kenye obi di ocha n'ime m, ma nyeghachikwa m anuri nke nzoputa gi.

**Ozioma**

Ihe ogugu nke a si n'Ozioma di aso nke Jon dere (5:1-3,5-16)

**M**gbe ihe ndi a gachara, otu emume ndi Juu ruru, Jesu wee gaa Jerusalem. Otu odommiri nta nke nwere uloiba ise di na Jerusalem. Odommiri ahu di n'akuku onuizo e si achibata aturu. A na-akpo odommiri ahu Betzata, n'asusu Hibru. N'ime uloiba ndi a ka igwe ndi oria na-edina ndiisi, ndi ngwuro, na ndi akuku ahu ha kponwuru akponwu. Otu nwoke no n'ebe ahu, onye no n'oria kamigbe iri afo ato na asato. Mgbe Jesu huru ya ka o dina n'akwa o matara na o noola n'oria ogologo oge. O siri ya, "I choro ka m gwoo gi?" Onye oria ahu zara si, "Nnamukwu, enweghi m onye ga-atuba m n'odommiri mgbe a gbaruru ya. N'ihina tupu m abiaruo oge obula onyeozo na-ebu m uzo aba na mmiri. Jesu gwara ya si, "bilie, were akwaute gi gaba ije." Ngwa ngwa ahu diri nwoke ahu mma. O biliri chiru akwaute ya gaba ije.

Ubochi ahu bu ubochi izuikwe. Ndi Juu gwara nwoke ahu a gworo oria si, "Taa bu ubochi izuikwe, o megidere iwu gi iburu akwaute gi." O zara ha si, "onye ahu gworo m gwara m si, "Were akwaute gi gaba." Ha juru ya si, "Onye bu onye ahu siri gi "Were akwaute gi gaba?" Nwoke ahu a gworo oria amataghi onye o bu, n'ihina Jesu esila n'ebe ahu puo maka na oke igwe mmadu no n'ebe ahu. Mgbe ihe ndi a gachara, Jesu huru nwoke ahu n'unonso wee gwa ya si, "Lee, ahu adila gi mma. Emehiekwala ozo, ka ihe jokari njo ghara idakwasa gi." Mgbe ahu nwoke ahu puru gwa ndi Juu na o bu Jesu

had cured him. It was because he did things like this on the sabbath that the Jews began to persecute Jesus. The Gospel of the Lord.

### Prayer Over The Offerings

**W**e offer to you, O Lord, these gifts which you yourself have bestowed; may they attest to your care as Creator for this our mortal life, and effect in us the healing that brings us immortality. Through Christ our Lord.

### Communion Antiphon

**T**he Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want. Fresh and green are the pastures where he gives me repose, near restful waters he leads me.

### Prayer After Communion

**P**urify our minds, O Lord, we pray, and renew them with this heavenly Sacrament, that we may find help for our bodies now and likewise in times to come. Through Christ our Lord.

### Prayer Over The People

**G**rant, O merciful God, that your people may remain always devoted to you and may constantly receive from your kindness whatever is for their good. Through Christ our Lord.

## 22 March [Orie] Wednesday of Lent - Week 4 (Violet)

### Entry Antiphon

**I** pray to you, O Lord, for a time of your favour. In your great mercy, answer me, O God, with your salvation that never fails.

### Collect

**O** God, who reward the merits of the just and offer pardon to sinners who do penance, have mercy, we pray, on those who call upon you, that the admission of our guilt may serve to obtain your pardon for our sins. Through our Lord.

### First Reading

A reading from the prophet Isaiah (49:8-15)

**T**hus says the Lord: At the favourable time I will answer you, on the day of salvation I will help you. I have formed you and have appointed you as covenant of the people. I will restore the land and assign you the estates that lie waste. I will say to the prisoners, 'Come out', to those who are in darkness, 'Show yourselves'. On every roadway they will graze, and each bare height shall be their pasture. They will never hunger or thirst,

gworo ya. N'ih nke a, ndi Juu malitere isogbu Jesu, maka na o gworo oria n'ubochi izuike. Ozioma nke Oseburuwa.

### Ekpere Nhunye

**A**nyi ehunyere gi, O Onyenweanyi, onyinye ndi a, nke gi onwe gi nyegara; mee ka ha gosiputa nledoanya gi ka Onyeokike maka ndu anyi a puru inwuanwu, ma weta n'ime anyi ogwugwo nke ga-ewetara anyi anwuanwu. Site na Kristi Onyenweanyi.

### Ukwe Oriri Nso

**D**inwenu bu Onye nche m; o dighi ihe koro m. Ebe ahiaha ndu di ka o na-eme ka m zuru ike, n'akuku mimiri doro edo ka o na-edute m.

### Ekpere A Natachaa Oriri Nso

**S**achaa mmuo anyi, O Onyenweanyi, anyi Sna-ario, ma were Sakramenti nke eluigwe a gbanwoo ha, ka anyi were nweta enyemaka maka ahia anyiga ugbo a na kwa n'oge na-abia abia. Site na Kristi Onyenweanyi.

### Ekpere Maka Oha Mmadu

**M**ee, Chineke di ebere, ka ndi nke gi kwudide mgbe dum na nsopuru maka gi, were si n'afoma gi natachaa ihe obula ga-adi ha mma. Site na Kristi Onyenweanyi.

### Ukwe Mbata

**A**na m ario, Onyenweanyi, make oge amara gi. N'oke ebere gi, zaa m, O Chineke, wetara m enyemaka gi adighi agha agha.

### Ekpere Mmeghe

**O** Chineke, onye na-akwu mbo ndi ezionume ugwo, na-agbagharakwa ndi njo mere opipia. Anyi na-ario ka I mere ndi na-ebeku gi ebere, ka akwamuta anyi na-ekwuputa wetara anyi mgbaghara maka njo anyi ga. Site na Dinwenu anyi.

### Ihe Ogugu Nke Mbu

Ihe ogugu e wetara n'onye amuma Aizaya (49:8-15)

**N**ke a ka Chineke kwuru; mgbe unu kpokuru m, azara m unu; n'oge nzoputa enyeere m unu aka. Echekwara m unu, were unu mee ogbugbandu mu na ndi mmadu, enyeghachiri m unu ala ahia, kesaara unu akunuba a gbahapuru agbahapu. O na-agwa ndi no na mkporo. "Putanu" ndi no n'ochichiri "Gosinu onwe unu." Ha ga-eri nri n'okporo uzo. Aga m azu ha nri n'ugwu ebe ahiaha na-



scorching wind and sun shall never plague them; for he who pities them will lead them and guide them to springs of water. I will make a highway of all the mountains, and the high roads shall be banked up. Some are on their way from afar, others from the north and the west, others from the land of Sinim. Shout for joy, you heavens; exult, you earth! You mountains, break into happy cries! For the Lord consoles his people and takes pity on those who are afflicted. For Zion was saying, 'The Lord has abandoned me, the Lord has forgotten me. Does a woman forget her baby at the breast, or fail to cherish the son of her womb? Yet even if these forget, I will never forget you.

The word of the Lord.

**Responsorial Psalm: Ps. 144:8-9.13-14.17-18 (R.v.8)**

**Response: The Lord is kind and full of compassion.**

1. The Lord is kind and full of compassion, slow to anger, abounding in love. How good is the Lord to all, compassionate to all his creature. (R.)
2. The Lord is faithful in all his words and loving in all his deeds. The Lord supports all who fall and raises all who are bowed down. (R.)
3. The Lord is just in all his ways and loving in all his deeds. He is close to all who call him, who call on him from their hearts. (R.)

**Acclamation! Jn. 11:25.26**

**I** am the resurrection and the life, says the Lord, whoever believes in me will never die.

**Gospel**

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John (5:17-30)

Jesus said to the Jews: 'My Father goes on working, and so do I.' But that only made the Jews even more intent on killing him, because, not content with breaking the sabbath, he spoke of God as his own Father, and so made himself God's equal.

To this accusation Jesus replied: 'I tell you most solemnly, the Son can do nothing by himself; he can do only what he sees the Father doing; and whatever the Father does the Son does too. For the Father loves the Son and shows him everything he does

adighi. Aguu mmiri mobu nri agaghi agu ha. Ikuku kporo nku mobu oke anwu agaghi achagbu ha, maka onye ahụ nwere ebere n'ebe ha nọ na-edu ha; O ga-eduga ha n'akuku mmiri. Aga m eme ugwu m niile ha aburu okporo uzo, mee okporo uzo m niile ka ha kwuru chim. Lee, ha si 'ebe di anya na-abia, ufodu si ebe mgbago na ebe odida anyanwu, ndiozo si n'ala Sinim. Eluigwe na ihe niile di n'ime ya nriany; ugwu niile kweenu ukwe anuri maka na Dinwenu aguguola ndi nke ya. O ga-emere ndi nke ya no na nsogbu ebere. Mana Zayon siri, "Oseburuwa agbahapula m, Chineke echefuola m." Nne o nwere ike ichefu nwa ya na-anu ara, nke na o gaghi enwe obi ebere n'ebe nwa o muru amu no? o burugodi na ha nwere ike ichezo, agaghi m echezo unu.

Okwu nke Oseburuwa.

**Abuoma na Aziza: Abu. 145:8-9.13-14.17-18 (Az.8)**

**Aziza: Onyenweanyi bu onye amara na obi ebere.**

1. Onyenweanyi bu onye amara na onye obi ebere, o naghị ewe iwe osooso, o juputara n'ihunaanya. Onyenweanyi na-egosi mmadu niile obioma ya, ebere nke Onyenweanyi na-erute ihe niile o kere. (Az.)
2. Onyenweanyi di ntukwasio bi n'okwu ya niile, omume ya niile juputara n'obi ebere. Onyenweanyi na-azo ndi na-ada ada, O na-ekulite ndi a kudara n'ala. (Az.)
3. Onyenweanyi di mma n'uzo ya niile, oruaka ya niile na-egosi ihunaanya. Onyenweanyi no ndi niile na-akpokwu ya nso, ndi ji ezi obi na-akpokwu ya. (Az.)

**Mbeku! Jon. 11:25.26**

**A**bu m mbilite n'onwu na ndu, Onyenweanyi kwuru nke a, onye obula kwere na m o buladi na o nwuru anwu, o ga-adi ndu.

**Ozioma**

Ihe ogugu nke a si n'Ozioma di aso nke Jon dere (5:17-30)

Jesus gwara ndi Juu si, "Nna m na-arụ oru n'ewepughị aka ruo ugwu a. Mụ onwe m na-arukwa n'ewepughị aka." Nke a mere ndi Juu ji chosibe ike uzo ha ga-esi gbuo Jesu. N'ihina o bughị naani na o na-emebi iwu ubochi izuika, kama o na-ekwukwa na Chineke bu Nna ya, na-emekwa ka ya na Chineke hara.

Jesu gwara ha si: "N'ezie agwa m unu, Nwa apughị ime ihe obula n'onwe ya na-abughị sooso ihe o huru Nna ya na-eme. N'ihina ihe obula Nna na-eme ka Nwa ya na-emekwa. Nna huru Nwa ya n'anya, na-egosikwa ya ihe

himself, and he will show him even greater things than these, works that will astonish you. Thus, as the Father raises the dead and gives them life, so the Son gives life to anyone he chooses; for the Father judges no one; he has entrusted all judgement to the Son, so that all may honour the Son as they honour the Father. Whoever refuses honour to the Son refuses honour to the Father who sent him. I tell you most solemnly, whoever listens to my words, and believes in the one who sent me, has eternal life; without being brought to judgement he has passed from death to life. I tell you most solemnly, the hour will come - in fact it is here already - when the dead will hear the voice of the Son of God, and all who hear it will live. For the Father, who is the source of life, has made the Son the sources of life; and, because he is the Son of man has appointed him supreme judge. Do not be surprised at this, for the hour is coming when the dead will leave their graves at the sound of his voice: those who did good will rise again to life; and those who did evil, to condemnation. I can do nothing by myself; I can only judge as I am told to judge, and my judging is just, because my aim is to do not my own will, but the will of him who sent me.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

### Prayer Over The Offerings

**M**ay the power of this sacrifice, O Lord, we pray, mercifully wipe away what is old in us, and increase in us grace of salvation and newness of life. Through Christ our Lord.

### Communion Antiphon

**G**od did not send his Son into the world to judge the world, but that the world might be saved through him.

### Prayer After Communion

**M**ay your heavenly gifts, O Lord, we pray, which you bestow as a heavenly remedy on your people, not bring judgement to those who receive them. Through Christ our Lord.

obula o na-eme. O ga-egosikwa ya oruebube kariri ndi a ka o wee ju unu anya. Dika Nna si akpolite ndi nwuruanwu ma nye ha ndu, otu ahụ ka Nwa ya si enye ndi masiri ya ndu. Nna anaghi ekpe onye obula ikpe, kama o werela ike ikpe ikpe niile nye nwa ya. O mere otu a ka mmadu niile na-asopuru Nwa ahụ dika ha si asopuru Nna ya. N'ihina onye obula na-adighi asopuru Nwa ahụ adighi asopuru Nna ahụ zitere ya. Ka m gwa unu eziokwu, onye obula nke nuru okwu m, ma kwenye na onye nke zitere m nwere ndu ebebe, a gaghi ama ya ikpe, kama o siela n'onwu banye na ndu. N'ezikwu, oge na-abia, ma oge ahụ abiala ugbo a, mgbe ndi nwuru anwu ga-anu olu Nwa Chineke; ndi nuru ya ga-adikwa ndu. Dika Nna n'onwe ya si buru isiya nke ndu, otu ahụ ka Nwa ya si burukwa isiya nke ndu. O nyekwara Nwa ya ike ikpe ikpe n'ihina o bu Nwa nke mmadu ahụ. Nke a atula unu n'anya n'ihina oge na-abia mgbe ndi niile no n'ili ga-anu olu ya, wee si n'ili ha puta. Ndi mere iheoma ga-esi n'onwu bilie di ndu; ndi mere ihe ojobo ga-esikwa n'onwu bilie nata amamikpe. "Apughi m ime ihe obula n'ike aka m, otu m si nu, ka m si ekpe ikpe. N'ihina nke a ikpe m ziri ezi, maka na o bughị uche m ka m na-eme, kama o bu uche onye zitere m. Ozioma nke Oseburuwa.

### Ekpere Nhunye

**K**a ike aja nke a, O Onyenweanyi, anyi na-ario, were ebere kpochapu ihe di ochie n'ime anyi, ka o bawanye n'ime anyi amara nzoputa na ndu oheru. Site na Kristi Onyenweanyi.

### Ukwe Oriri Nso

**C**hineke eziteghi Nwa ya n'awa ka o maa awa ikpe, kama o bu ka awa site n'aka ya nweta nzoputa.

### Ekpere A Natachaa Oriri Nso

**K**a onyinye nke eluigwe gi ga, O Onyenweanyi, anyi na-ario, nke i na-ehukwasa ndi nke gi ka enyemaka nke eluigwe, ghara iwetara ndi na-anata ha amamikpe. Site na Kristi Onyenweanyi.

## 23 March [Afor] Thursday of Lent - Week 4 (Violet)

### St. Turibius of Mongrovejo, Bishop (Opt. Comm.)

### Entry Antiphon

**L**et the hearts that seek the Lord rejoice; turn to the Lord and be strengthened; constantly seek his face.

### Ukwe Mbata

**K**a obi na-achọ Onyenweanyi n'urịa; chọba Onyenweanyi ka i were di ike; chọba ihu ya mgbe niile.

## Collect

**W**e invoke your mercy in humble prayer, O Lord, that you may cause us, your servants, corrected by penance and schooled by good works, to persevere sincerely in your commands and come safely to the paschal festivities. Through our Lord.

## First Reading

Reading from the book of Exodus (32:7-14)

**T**hen the Lord spoke to Moses, ‘Go down now, because your people whom you brought out of Egypt have apostatised. They have been quick to leave the way I marked out for them; they have made themselves a calf of molten metal and have worshipped it and offered it sacrifice. “Here is your God, Israel,” they have cried “who brought you up from the land of Egypt!”’ The Lord said to Moses, ‘I can see how headstrong these people are! Leave me, a now, my wrath shall blaze out against them and devour them; of you, however, I will make a great nation.’

But Moses pleaded with the Lord his God. ‘Lord,’ he said ‘Why should your wrath blaze out against this people of yours whom you brought out of the land of Egypt with arm outstretched and mighty hand? Why let the Egyptians say, “Ah, it was in treachery that he brought them out, to do them to death in the mountains and wipe them off the face of the earth”? Leave your burning wrath; relent and do not bring this disaster on your people. Remember Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, your servants to whom by your own self you swore and made this promise: I will make your offspring as many as the stars of heaven, and all this land which I promised I will give to your descendants, and it shall be their heritage for ever.’ So the Lord relented and did not bring on his people the disaster he had threatened.

The word of the Lord.

## Responsorial Ps. 105:19-23.(R.v.4)

Response: **O Lord, remember me out of the love you have for your people.**

1. They fashioned a calf at Herob and worshipped an image of metal, exchanging the God who was their glory for the image of a bull that eats grass. (R.)
2. They forgot the God who was their saviour, who had done such great things in Egypt, such portents in the land of Ham, such marvels at the Red Sea. (R.)
3. For this he said he would destroy them, but Moses, the man he had chosen, stood in the breach before him, to turn back his anger from destruction. (R.)

## Ekpere Mmeghe

**A**nyị ji aririọ umeala ebeku ebere gi, O Onyenweanyi, ka I mee ka anyị bu umuodibo gi, o buru na anyị enwetachaa mgbaziri site na penansi na ozuzu site n'ezị oru ga, anyị akwudosi eke enweghi obi abua n'iwu gi ga, were rute n'udo n'oriri nke Paska. Site na Dinwenụ anyị.

## Ihe Ogugu Nke Mbu

Ihe ogugu e wetara n'akwukwo Ezodus (32:7-14)

**D**inwenụ wee si Mosis, “Gbadaba n'ihina ndi ahụ i si n'ala Ijpt duputa emeruola onwe ha. Ha ejehiela uzo na-egbughi oge obula wee hapu uzo ahụ mu tuziiri ha aka, ha akpuolari onwe ha nwa ehi, na-akporo ya isiala ma na-achukwara ya aja na-asi, “Izrel leenu chi unu, bu nke siri n'ala Ijpt kpoputa unu.” Dinwenụ sikwara Mosis, “Ahula m umu Izrel, marakwanu na ha bu ndi isiike. Ugbu a, hapuzie m ka iwe m di oku rechapu ha; ma aga m eme ka gi onwe gi buru nnukwu mba.

Ma Mosis rioro Dinwenụ Chineke si, “O Chineke, gini mere iwe gi na-eji adi oku n'ebe ndi nke gi i jiri ike nke aka gi di egwu kpoputa n'ala Ijpt no? Maka gini ka ndi Ijpt ga-eji kwuo si, ‘Ahaa, o bu maka ihe ojoo o buuru ha n'obi ka o ji rapua ha n'elu ugwu iji gbuo ha werekwa oku rechapu ha n'elu uwa?’ Biko ka iwe gi di oku dajuo, ka i ghara ime ndi nke gi ihe ojoo nke a. Chetakwa umuodibo gi Abrahami, Aizik na Izrel bu ndi i jiri onwe gi nuoro iyi si, ‘Aga m amuba umuomu unu ka ha dika kpakpando nke igwe ma nyekwa ha ala niile a m kwere na nwa ka o buru nke ha ebebe.’ Nke a mere ka Onyenweanyi tugharia uche ya, chefuio ihe nke a o choro ime ndi nke ya.

Okwu nke Oseburuwa.

## Abuoma na Aziza: Abu. 106:19-23.(Az.4)

Aziza: **Cheta m O' Oseburuwa! N'ihia ihunaanya i nwere n'ebe ndi nke gi no.**

1. Ha kpuru nwa ehi na Horeb. Ha kporo isi ala nye arusi a piri api, si otu a were ebube na otio diiri Chineke, nye onyinyo ehi na-ata ahihia. (Az.)
2. Ha chefuru Chineke nke zoputara ha, onye nke ruru oru di egwu n'ala Ijpt. Onye nke ruru oru itunaanya n'ala Ijpt, na ihe na-atuga egwu n'osimiri uhie. (Az.)
3. Ya mere o jiri chee echike ikpochapu ha, O gaara eme nke a, ma a si na Mosis, onye nke o hotara anochighi n'etiti ha wee medaa iwe ya di oku. (Az.)

### Acclamation Jn. 3:16

**G**od loved the world so much that he gave his only Son; everyone who believes in him has eternal life.

### Gospel

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John (5:31-47)

**J**esus said to the Jews: 'Were I to testify on my own behalf, my testimony would not be valid; but there is another witness who can speak on my behalf, and I know that his testimony is valid. You sent messengers to John, and he gave his testimony to the truth: not that I depend on human testimony; no, it is for your salvation that I speak of this. John was a lamp alight and shining and for a time you were content to enjoy the light that he gave. But my testimony is greater than John's: the work my Father has given me to carry out, these same works of mine testify that the Father has sent me. Besides, the Father who sent me bears witness to me himself. You have never heard his voice, you have never seen his shape, and his word finds no home in you because you do not believe in the one he has sent. 'You study the scriptures, believing that in them you have eternal life; now these same scriptures testify to me, and yet you refuse to come to me for life! As for human approval, this means nothing to me. Besides, I know you too well: you have no love of God in you. I have come in the name of my Father and you refuse to accept me; if someone else comes in his own name you will accept him. 'How can you believe, since you look to one another for approval and are not concerned with the approval that comes from the one God? Do not imagine that I am going to accuse you before the Father: you place your hopes on Moses, and Moses will be your accuser. If you really believed him you would believe me too, since it was I that he was writing about; but if you refuse to believe what he wrote, how can you believe what I say?'  
The Gospel of the Lord.

### Prayer Over The Offerings

**A**lmighty God, grant that the sacrifice we offer may strengthen us in our frailty, and free us from all sinfulness. Through Christ our Lord.

### Mbeku Jn. 3:16

**C**hineke hụrụ uwa n'anya nke ukwu, nke na O nyere so otu Nwa ya, ka onye obula kweere na ya ghara ila n'iyi, kama ka onweendụ ebeebe.

### Ozioma

Ihe ogugu nke a si n'Ozioma di aso nke Jon dere (5:31-47)

**J**esu gwara ndi Juu si, O buru na m na-agbara onwe m akaebe, ihe m na-ekwu abughi eziokwu. O di onye ozo nke na-agbara m akaebe, amakwa m na akaebe o na-agba banyere m bu eziokwu. Unu zigaara Jon ndiozi, o wee gbaara eziokwu ahu akaebe. O bughị na akaebe ahu, a na-agbaara m sitere n'aka mmadu, kama ana m agwa unu ihe ndi a, ka e wee gbaputa unu. Jon dika mpanaka nke a mnyere na-enwu, na-amukekwa. Unu chokwara inuri onu n'ihe ya nwantakiri ogc. Ma akaebe nke m nwere kariri nke Jon gbaara m, n'ihina oru niile m na-arụ bu oru Nna m nyere m ka m ruo, bu ihe na-agbara m akaebe, na-egosikwa na Nna m zitere m. Nna n'onwe ya, onye nke zitere m na-agbakwara m akaebe. Unu anubeghi olu ya, nke unu na-ahu oyiyi ya. Unu anaghikwa edobe okwu ya n'ime unu, n'ihina unu ekwenyeghi n'onye ahu nke o zitere. Unu na-enyocha ihe e dere n'Akwukwo Nso n'ihina unu na-eche na unu ga-esite na ha nweta ndu ebeebe, ma o bu ha na-agbara m akaebe. N'agbanyeghi nke a, unu achoghi ibiakwute m ka unu wee nwee ndu. Anaghi m anata otito nke mmadu. Amaara m na unu enweghi ihunaanya nke Chineke n'ime unu. Abiara m n'aha nke Nna m, unu anabataghi m, ma o buru na onyeozo abia n'aha nke aka ya, unu ga-anabata ya. Olee otu unu ga-esi kwere, unu ndi o na-atu uto inara otito nke mmadu ibe unu, ma unu anaghi agba mbo inata otito nke si sooso n'aka Chineke abia? Unu echela na m ga-ebo unu ebubo n'ihu Nna m. O bu Mosis, onye unu tukwasara obi, ga-ebo unu ebubo. O buru na unu kwenyere na Mosis, unu gara ekwenye na m, n'ihina Mosis dere banyere m n'Akwukwo Nso. O buru na unu ekwenyeghi n'ihe ndi o dere, olee otu unu ga-esi kwenye n'okwu m?"  
Ozioma nke Oseburuwa.

### Ekpere Nhunye

**C**hineke ji ike niile, mee ka aja anyi na-achụ doo anyi ike n'adighiike anyi, ma zoputa anyi n'agwa mmehie niile. Site na Kristi Onyenweanyi.



### Communion Antiphon

**I** will place my law within them, and I will write it upon their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people, says the Lord.

### Prayer After Communion

**M**ay this Sacrament we have received purify us, we pray, O Lord, and grant your servants freedom from all blame, that those bound by a guilty conscience may glory in the fullness of heavenly remedy. Through Christ our Lord.

### Prayer Over The People

**O** God, protector of all who hope in you, bless your people, keep them safe, defend them, prepare them, that, free from sin and safe from the enemy, they may persevere always in your love. Through Christ our Lord.

### Ukwe Oriri Nso

**A** ga m ehibe iwu m n'ime ha, a ga m edee ya n'obi ha; a ga m abụ Chineke ha, ha aburū ndi nke m, Onyenweanyi nakewu.

### Ekpere A Natachaa Oriri Nso

**K**a Sakramenti a anyi natarala sachaa anyi, anyi na-arịo, O Onyenweanyi, ka I mee ka umuodibo gi ghara inwe ebubo obula, ka ndi akwamuta akonauche na anyigbu gorie n'uju enyemaka nke eluigwe. Site na Kristi Onyenweanyi.

### Ekpere Maka Oha Mmadu

**O** Chineke, nchedo nke ndi niile chekwubere na gi, gozie ndi nke gi, chekwaba ha, lutara ha ogu, kwadobe ha, ka o ga-abu ha nwere onwe ha n'ebe njo di na n'aka ndi ro, ha ewere kwadosie ike mgbe dum n'ihunaanya gi. Site na Kristi Onyenweanyi.

## 24 March [Nkwo] Friday of Lent - Week 4 (Violet)

### Entry Antiphon

**O** God, save me by your name; by your power, defend my cause. O God, hear my prayer; give ear to the words of my mouth.

### Collect

**O** God, who have prepared fitting helps for us in our weakness, grant, we pray, that we may receive their healing effects with joy and reflect them in a holy way of life. Through our Lord.

### First Reading

A reading from the book of Wisdom (2:1-12-22)

**T**he godless say to themselves, with their misguided reasoning: 'Let us lie in wait for the virtuous man, since he annoys us and opposes our way of life, reproaches us for our breaches of the law and accuses us of playing false to our upbringing. He claims to have knowledge of God, and calls himself a son of the Lord. Before us he stands, a reproof to our way of thinking, the very sight of him weighs our spirit down; his way of life is not like other men's, the paths he treads are unfamiliar. In his opinion we are counterfeit; he holds aloof from our doings as though from filth; and he proclaims the final end of the virtuous as happy and boasts of having God for his father. Let us see if what he says is true, let us observe what kind of end he himself will have. If the virtuous

### Ukwe Mbata

**O** Chineke, zoputa m site n'aha gi; were ike gi lutara m ogu. O Chineke, nuru ariri m; chee nti n'okwu m na-agwa gi.

### Ekpere Mmeghe

**O** Chineke, onye kwadobere maka anyi enyemaka ziri ezi n'adighi ike anyi, mee, anyi na-arịo, ka anyi were onu na-anata ike ogwugwo ha ga were na-egosiputa ha na ndu idi aso. Site na Dinwenyi anyi.

### Ihe Ogugu Nke Mbu

Ihe ogugu e wetara n'akwukwo Amamihe (2:1-12-22)

**N**di na-amaghi Chineke na-atuhieko nechiche n'etiti onwe ha na-asi: Ngwanu ka anyi chere nu ezigbo mmadu n'ihina o nakpasu anyi iwe, na-emegide usoro anyi si ebi ndu, n'ihina anyi na-emebi iwu, na-ata anyi uta na anyi anaghi eso usoro ndu e jiri zuputa anyi. O na-egosi na ya maara Chineke, bia na-akpo onwe ya nwa nke Onyenweanyi. O kwuchiiri anyi uzo, buru ihe uta n'ebe usoro echiche anyi di. Naani ihu ya anya na-eme ka obi juo anyi oyi. Usoro ndu ya adighi ka nke ndiozo. O na-eleda anyi anya dika ihe ruruaru na-asokwa uzo anyi si ebi ndu. O na-akowaputa na njedebe ndu onye eziumume na-abu so anuri; na-etu onu na Chineke bu nna ya. Ka anyi nwakelenu ya mara ma ihe o na-ekwu o bu eziokwu. Ka anyi hu ka njedebe ndu ya ga-adi. O buru na onye eziumume bu nwa nke Chineke n'ezie,

man is God's son, God will take his part and rescue him from the clutches of his enemies. Let us test him with cruelty and with torture, and thus explore this gentleness of his and put his endurance to the proof. Let us condemn him to a shameful death since he will be looked after - we have his word for it.' This is the way they reason, but they are misled, their malice makes them blind. They do not know the hidden things of God, they have no hope that holiness will be rewarded, they can see no reward for blameless souls. The word of the Lord.

**Responsorial Psalm: Ps. 33:16.18.19-20.23. (R.v.19)**

**Response: The Lord is close to the broken-hearted.**

1. The Lord turns his face against the wicked to destroy their remembrance from the earth. The just calls and the Lord hears and rescues them in all their distress. (R.)
2. The Lord is close to the broken-hearted; those whose spirit is crushed he will save. Many are the trials of the just man but from them all the Lord will rescue him. (R.)
3. He will keep guard over all his bones, not one of his bones shall be broken. The Lord ransoms the souls of his servants. Those who hide in him shall not be condemned. (R.)

**Acclamation! Mt.4:4**

**M**an does not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.

**Gospel**

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John (7:1-2.10.25-30)

**A**fter this Jesus stayed in Galilee; he could not stay in Judaea, because the Jews were out to kill him.

As the Jewish feast of Tabernacles drew near, after his brothers had left for the festival, Jesus went up as well, but quite privately, without drawing attention to himself.

Meanwhile some of the people of Jerusalem were saying, 'Isn't this the man they want to kill? And here he is, speaking freely, and they have nothing to say to him! Can it be true the authorities have made up their minds that he is the Christ? Yet we all

Chineke n'onwe ya ga-enyere ya aka, ma zoputa ya n'onya niile nke ndjiro ya. Ka anyi werenu imesi ike na ahuhu nwalee ya, ka anyi choputa nke oma udi umeala ya nke a, ka anyi tinyenu ndidi ya n'ime onwunwa. Ka anyi manu ya ikpe onwu ihere, ebe o bu na o kwuru na a ga-echekwaba ya." Otu a ka ha si eche echiche, kama echiche ha ezighi ezi. Omume ojoo ha mechiri ha anya. Ha enwekwaghi ike imata ihe nzuzo niile nke Chineke mobu hu ugwo diiri ibi ndu di aso. Mobu kwenye na-ugwo mmuo na-enweghi ntupo na-erite. Okwu nke Oseburuwa.

**Abuomana Aziza: Abu.34.16.18.19-20.23. (Az.19)**

**Aziza: Onyenweanyi na-anọ ndi obi loghara elogha nsọ.**

1. Mana Onyenweanyi na-agbaru ihu n'ebe ndi ajoomume no, O na-eme ka a ghara ichetakwa ha n'uwa. Ndi eziumume kpokuru Onyenweanyi, O za ha, wee zoputa ha na nsogbu ha niile. (Az.)
2. Onyenweanyi na-anọ ndi obi loghara elogha nsọ, na-enyere ndi dara mba na mmuo aka. O bu eziokwu na nsogbu onye eziumume kariri akari, mana Onyenweanyi na-esi na ha niile zoputa ya. (Az.)
3. O na-echekwaba okpukpu ya niile; O nweghi nke obula n'ime ha ga-agbaji agbaji. Onyenweanyi na-azoputa ndu ndiodibo ya, ndi niile ghabara na ya agaghi akwu ugwo obula. (Az.)

**Mbeku! Mat. 4:4**

**O**bughi nani site na nri ka mmadu si adi ndu, kama site n'okwu obula nke si n'onu Chineke puta.

**Ozioma**

Ihe ogugu nke a si n'Ozioma di aso nke Jon dere (7:1-2.10.25-30)

**M**gbe nke a gachara Jesu gaghariri na Galili. O choghi igaghari na judia n'ihina ndiisi ndi Juu na-achọ ụzọ igbu ya. Emume Tabanakul ndi Juu adila nsọ.

Mgbe umunne ya jebechara Jerusalem maka Emume ahụ, Jesu n'onwe ya jebekwara. O meghi ka ndi mmadu mara, kama o jebere na nzuzo.

Ufodu n'ime ndi obodo Jerusalem na-aju si, "O bughi nwoke a bu onye ha na-achọ igbu? Leenu ebe o no na-ekwu okwu n'ihu oha ma o dighi ihe obula ha siriri ya. O ga-abu na ndiisi amarala n'ezie na onye a bu Kristi ahụ? Ma

know where he comes from, but when the Christ appears no one will know where he comes from.’

Then, as Jesus taught in the Temple, he cried out: ‘Yes, you know me and you know where I came from. Yet I have not come of myself: no, there is one who sent me and I really come from him, and you do not know him, but I know him because I have come from him and it was he who sent me.’ They would have arrested him then, but because his time had not yet come no one laid a hand on him.

The Gospel of the Lord.

### Prayer Over The Offerings

**M**ay this sacrifice, Almighty God, cleanse us by its mighty power and lead us to approach its source with ever greater purity. Through Christ our Lord.

### Communion Antiphon

**I**n Christ, we have redemption by his Blood, and forgiveness of our sins, in accord with the riches of his grace.

### Prayer After Communion

**G**rant, we pray, O Lord, that, as we pass from old to new, so, with former ways left behind, we may be renewed in holiness of mind. Through Christ our Lord

### Prayer Over The People

**L**ook upon your servants, O Lord, and in your goodness protect with heavenly assistance those who trust in your mercy. Through Christ our Lord.

otu o di, anyi ma ebe nwoke a si puta, ma mgbe Kristi ga-abia o dighi onye ga-ama ebe o si puta. Jesu wee kwuwaputa, mgbe o na-akuzi nkuzi n’ulonso si: “Unu ma m, marakwa ebe m si puta? Abiaghi m n’ike aka m, onye nke zitere m bu onye eziokwu ahụ, unu amaghi onye o bu, Mu onwe m ma ya, n’ihina esi m na ya bia, O bu ya onwe ya zitere m.” Ha chorọ ijide ya, ma o dighi onye obula meturu ya aka n’ihina oge ya erubeghi.

Ozioma nke Oseburuwa

### Ekpere Nhunye

**K**a aja nke a, Chineke ji ike niile, sachaa anyi site na ike di ebube ya, were duga anyi ijiwanye obi ochia n’enweghi uta zute isimiri ya. Site na Kristi Onyenweanyi.

### Ukwe Oriri Nso

**N**’ime Kristi, anyi enweela mgbaputa site n’obara ya, na mgbaghara mmehie anyi, dika uba amara ya siri dika.

### Ekpere A Natachaa Oriri Nso

**M**ee, anyi na-ario, O Onyenweanyi, ka o ga-abu, anyi na-esi na mmadu ochie aburu mmadu ohuru, ka uzo ochie na-agafe n’azu, anyi ewere gbanwoo n’idiaso nke mmuo. Site na Kristi Onyenweanyi.

### Ekpere Maka Oha Mmadu

**L**ekwasa umuodibo gi anya, O Onyenweanyi, lka i site na afooma gi were enyemaka nke eluigwe chedo ndi tukwasara nchekwube n’ebere gi. Site na Kristi Onyenweanyi.



**25 March [Eke] Friday (White)**

## The Annunciation of the Lord (Solemnity)

**T**oday is a double feast: the annunciation of the maternity of Mary and the Incarnation of the Son of God. The Archangel Gabriel appeared to Mary, requesting for her consent to become the Mother of the God-man, Jesus Christ - the Word to take flesh in her womb through the power of the Holy Spirit. The feast of the Annunciation probably originated shortly before or after the council of Ephesus (c. 431). Tradition assigned the date to be 25th of March, nine months before the feast of Nativity of Christ.

The Incarnation shows the self-emptying of Jesus, the Second Person in the Trinity, making an act of obedience to the Father on coming into the world, and Mary’s faith and obedience. The mystery contains in germ the entire divinization of humankind. A traditional Eastern Orthodox hymn this day refers to Mary as Theotokos (God-bearer). With the Trinity, we cry to Theotokos: Rejoice, O Full of Grace, The Lord is indeed with You!

### Entry Antiphon

**T**he Lord said, as he entered the world: Behold, I come to do your will, O God.

### Ukwe Mbata

**O**nyenweanyi kwuru, ka o na-abia n’ime uwa: Lee, Ana mabia imee uche gi.

## Collect

**O** God, who willed that your Word should take on the reality of human flesh in the womb of the Virgin Mary, grant, we pray, that we, who confess our Redeemer to be God and man, may merit to become partakers even in his divine nature. Who lives and reigns with you.

## First Reading

A reading from the prophet Isaiah (7:10-14:8:10)

**T**he 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 a 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.39:7-11.(R.v8.9)

Response: **Here I am, O Lord, to do your will.**

1. You do not ask for sacrifice and offering, but an open ear. You do not ask for holocaust and victim. Instead, here am I. (R.)
2. In the scroll of the book it stands written that I should do your will. My God, I delight in your law in the depth of my heart. (R.)
3. Your justice I have proclaimed in the great assembly. My lips I have not sealed; you know it, O Lord. (R.)
4. I have not hidden your justice in my heart but declared your faithful help. I have not hidden your love and your truth from the great assembly. (R.)

## Second Reading

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews (10:4-10)

**B**ulls' blood and goats' blood are useless for taking away sins, and this is what Christ said, on coming into the world: You who wanted no sacrifice or oblation, prepared a body for me. You took no pleasure in holocausts or sacrifices

## Ekpere Mmeghe

**O** Chineke, onye o soro ka Okwu ya were anyi ahu ezie n'afọ Vejiri Maria, mee, anyi na-ariọ, ka, anyi bu ndi na-ekwuputa na Onye Nzoputa anyi bu Chineke na mmadu, na-etosi etosi iketa oke udi ya ka Chukwu. Onye di ndu na-achi...

## Ihe Ogugu Nke Mbụ

Ihe ogugu e wetara n'onye amuma Aizaya (7:10-14:8:10)

**D**inwenụ gwakwara Ahaz ozo si ya, "Riọ Dinwenụ 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 Dinwenụ." O wee si, "Nurunu nke a, unu ulo nke Devid niile! O buuru unu obere ihe na unu na-eme ndi mmadu ka ike gwu ha, unu ji bia ime Chineke m otu aka ahu? N'ih i nke a, Dinwenụ n'onwe ya ga-enye gi akara. Lee, otu nwaagboghọ na-amaghi nwoke ga-aturu ime muta nwa nwoke; aha o ga-akpo ya bu Imanuel, nke putara "Chineke nonyeere anyi".

Okwu nke Oseburuwa.

## Abuoma na Aziza: Abu.40:6-10.(Az.7)

Aziza: **Ano m ebe a, O Onyenweanyi, abjara m ka m mee uche gi.**

1. I nagh i acho ichu aja mobu ihe nrune kama nti ghe oghe. I nagh i acho aja nsureoku mobu aja maka njo. Kama ekwuru m si, "Ano mebe a, ana mabia. (Az.)
2. N'ime akwukwo iwu e dere na m tosiri ime uche gi. Chineke m, ahuru iwu gi n'anya, eji m obi m niile hu ya n'anya. (Az.)
3. Ekwuputala m eziumume nke Onyenweanyi na nnukwu ogbako. Lee, emechighi m onu m, i maara nke a O Onyenweanyi. (Az.)
4. O nwebeghi mgbe m juru ikwuputa eziumume gi, kama ekwuputala m nkwdosiike na enyemaka nzoputa gi. Ahapubeghi m ikwuputa ihunaanya na nkwdosiike gi n'ihu nnukwu ogbako. (Az.)

## Ihe Ogugu Nke Abu

Ihe ogugu e wetara n' akwukwo ozi e degaara ndi Hibru (10:4-10)

**O** bu ihe agaghi ekwe omume na obara oke ehi na ewu ga-asachapu njo. N'ih i nke a, mgbe Kristi biara n'uwa o kwuru si, "O bugh i aja na onyine ka i choro kama o bu ahu ka i kwadobeere m." Aja nsureoku



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.

### Acclamation Jn 8:12

**I** am the light of the world, says the Lord, anyone who follows me will have the light of life.

### 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 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

**B**e pleased, almighty God, to accept your Church's offering, so that she,

na aja mgbaghara njo anaghi enye gi obi uto. Mgbe ahu ka m kwuru si, "Lee, abiara m ime uche gi O Chukwu, dika e dere banyere m n'akwukho nso. O kwuru na mbu si, "Aja onyinye, aja nsureoku 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, abiara m ime uche gi." Chineke emebiela aja mbu jji malite nke abuo. Site n'ime ya bu uche Chineke, e mere ka anyi di ocha site n'aja ahu Jesu ji onwe ya wee chuo naani otu ugboro.

Okwu nke Oseburuwa.

### Mbeku Jon. 8:12

**A**bu m ihe nke uwa, O bu Dinwenụ na-ekwu, onye obula na-eso m ga-enwe ihe nke ndu.

### Ozioma

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

**C**hineke 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 lora ya mmiri nke ukwu n'udi ekele a, nke mere na o malitere itule n'uche ya ihe udi 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 Jakob ebeebe; 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-abiakwa 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." Mmuooma ahu wee si n'ebe o no puo.

Ozioma nke Oseburuwa.

### Ekpere Nhunye

**K**a o masi gi, Chineke ji ike niile, inara onyinye Nzuko gi, ka onye ahu o doro

who is aware that her beginnings lie in the Incarnation of your Only Begotten Son, may rejoice to celebrate his mysteries on this Solemnity. Who lives and reigns.

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### Communion Antiphon

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

### Prayer After Communion

**C**onfirm in our minds the mysteries of the true faith, we pray, O Lord, so that, confessing that he who was conceived of the Virgin Mary is true God and true man, we may, through the saving power of his Resurrection, merit to attain eternal joy. Through Christ our Lord.

### Prayer Over The People

Look graciously, O Lord, upon the faithful who implore your mercy, that, trusting in your kindness, they may spread far and wide the gifts your charity has bestowed. Through Christ our Lord.

anyana isi mmalite ya dabeere n'iwereahu nke Otu Nwa gi i hurunaanya, n'urina ime mmemme iheomimi ya n'ime Nnukwu Oriri a. Gi onye di ndu na-achi.

### Ukwe Oriri Nso

**L**ee, otu nwanyi amaghi nwoke ga-aturu ime m'uta nwa nwoke; a ga-akpo ya Imanuel.

### Ekpere A Natachaa Oriri Nso

**G**uzosie ike n'ime mmuo anyi iheomimi nke ezi okwukwe, anyi na-ario, O Onyenweanyi, ka o ga-abu anyi na-ekwuputa na onye ahụ aturu ime ya na Vejin Maria bu Chukwu na mmadu ezie, anyi esite n'ike nzoputa nke mbilite n'onwu ya kwesi inweta anuri ebighiebi. Site na Kristi Onyenweanyi.

### Ekpere Maka Oha Mmadu

**W**ere mmasiri lekwasanya, O Onyenweanyi, ndi nke gi na-ario ebere gi, ka, ha na-echekwube n'afooma gi, ha ewere kesasia ebe niile onyinye ndi ihunaanya gi nyegara. Site na Kristi Onyenweanyi.

## 5TH SUNDAY OF LENT (A) 26 March 2023 [Orie] (Violet)

## Office: Week 1

The three readings centre on the new life that God provides for His people. The First Reading presents God's promise of life beyond the grave, marked by restoration of Israel and enlightenment. In the Gospel, Jesus uses the raising of Lazarus from the dead to declare that he is the resurrection and life-giving Lord to transform death. Reminding Christians of the Spirit of God and author of life dwelling in them, St Paul charges them to be spiritual and life-giving. The Responsorial Psalm ascribes the privilege of new life to the mercy God who forgives and does not mark men's guilt.

### Entry Antiphon

**G**ive me justice, O God, and plead my cause against a nation that is faithless. From the deceitful and cunning rescue me, for you, O God, are my strength.

### Collect

**B**y your help, we beseech you, Lord our God, may we walk eagerly in that same charity with which, out of love for the world, your Son handed himself over to death. Through our Lord.

### First Reading

Reading from the prophet Ezekiel (37:12-14)

**T**he Lord says this: I am now going to open your graves; I mean to raise you from your graves, my people, and lead you back to the soil of Israel. And you will know that I am the Lord, when I open your graves and raise you from your graves, my people. And I shall put my spirit in you, and you will live, and I shall resettle you on your own soil; and you

### Ukwe Mbata

**C**hineke m, kpeziere m ikpe; gbata m oso ogu n'ebe ndi ojojo no. Zoputa m n'aka onye aruru ala na onye aghughu n'ihu na Gi bu Chukwu m na ike m.

### Ekpere Mmeghe

**D**inwenụ Chineke anyi, Nwa Gi huru uwa n'anya nke ukwu nke na O weere onwe Ya nye n'onwu iji gbaputa uwa. Biko, nyere anyi aka ka anyi were udi ihunaanya ahụ na-aga njem anyi n'ụwa a. Site na Dinwenụ anyi.

### Ihe Ogugu Nke Mbu

Ihe ogugu e wetara n'onye amuma Izikel (37:12-14)

**O**seburuwa Chineke kwuru: Lee ana m aga imepe ili unu ma site n'ime ya kpoputa unu, unu ndi nke m, aga m edula unu n'ala nke Izrel. Unu ga-amatakwa na m bu Dinwenụ mgbe m mepere ili unu ma kpoputa unu site n'ime ya, unu ndi nke m. Aga m etinye mmuo m n'ime unu, unu ga-adikwa

will know that I, the Lord, have said and done this - it is the Lord God who speaks. The word of the Lord.

### **Responsorial Psalm. Ps. 129. (R.v.7)**

Response: **With the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption.**

1. Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord, Lord, hear my voice! O let your ears be attentive to the voice of my pleading. (R.)
2. If you, O Lord, should mark our guilt, Lord, who would survive? But with you is found forgiveness: for this we revere you. (R.)
3. My soul is waiting for the Lord, I count on his word. My soul is longing for the Lord more than watchman for daybreak. (Let the watchman count on daybreak and Israel on the Lord.) (R.)
4. Because with the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption, Israel indeed he will redeem from all its iniquity. (R.)

### **Second Reading**

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans (8:8-11)

**P**eople who are interested only in unspiritual things can never be pleasing to God. Your interests, however, are not in the unspiritual, but in the spiritual, since the Spirit of God has made his home in you. In fact, unless you possessed the Spirit of Christ you would not belong to him. Though your body may be dead it is because of sin, but if Christ is in you then your spirit is life itself because you have been justified; and if the spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, then he who raised Jesus from the dead will give life to your own mortal bodies through his Spirit living in you. The word of the Lord.

### **Acclamation! Jn 11:25,26**

**I** am the resurrection and the life, says the Lord; whoever believes in me will never die.

### **Gospel**

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John (11:1-45)

**T**here was a man named Lazarus who lived in the village of Bethany with the two sisters, Mary and Martha, and he was ill. It was the same Mary, the sister of the sick man Lazarus, who anointed the Lord with ointment and wiped his feet with her hair. The sisters sent this message to Jesus, "Lord, the man you love is ill". On receiving the message, Jesus said,

ndu, a ga edote unu n'ala nke aka unu, mgbe ahụ unu ga-amata na m bu Dinwenu ekwuola ma meekwa nke a, o bu Dinwenu na-ekwu.

Okwu nke Oseburuwa.

### **Abuoma na Aziza: Abu. 130 (Az.7)**

Aziza: **N'ihina ihunaanya Onyenweanyi di okpu, n'ime ya ka nnukwu nzoputa di.**

1. N'ogbu mmiri ka m na-akpokụ gi, O Onyenweanyi, Onyenweanyi, nuri akwa enyemaka m na-ebe, che nti n'ariri m na-ario. (Az.)
2. O buru na gi, O Onyenweanyi, na-agu ajoomume anyi onu, Onyenweanyi, onye ga-eguzo. Mana i na-agbaghara anyi, n'ihina nke a, anyi nasopuru gi. (Az.)
3. Ana m eche Onyenweanyi, mkpuru obi m na-eche ya, na nkwa ya ka m nwere nchekwube. Mkpuruobi m na-eche Onyenweanyi, karia otu ndi nche si eche ututu. (Az.)
4. N'ihina ihunaanya Onyenweanyi di okpu, n'ime ya ka nnukwu nzoputa di! O ga-zoputa Izrel na njo ya niile. (Az.)

### **The Ogugu Nke Abu**

The ogugu e wetara n'akwukwozi Pol di aso degaara ndi Rom (8:8-11)

**N**di na-erubere anuahụ ha isi apughi ime ihe na-amasi Chineke. Ma otu o di, unu onwe unu anaghi ebizi ndu n'usoro nke anuahụ, kama unu na-ebi n'usoro nke Mmuo Nso n'ihina Mmuo Nso nke Chineke bi n'ime unu. Onye obula na-enweghi mmuo nke Chineke abughi nke ya. O buru na Kristi bi n'ime unu, o bu eziokwu na anuahụ nwuru anwu n'ihina njo, mana mmuo unu di ndu n'ihina a guola unu na ndi eziumume. O buru na mmuo nke Chineke onye mere ka Kristi si n'onwu bilie biri n'ime unu, onye ahụ mere ka Kristi si n'onwu bilie ga-enye ahụ unu ndu site na Mmuo Nso nke bi n'ime unu.

Okwu nke Oseburuwa.

### **Mbeku! Jn. 11:25,26**

**A**bu m mbilite n'onwu na ndu, onye obula kwere na Magaghi anwu anwu.

### **Ozioma**

The ogugu nke a si n'Ozioma di aso nke Jon dere (11:1-45)

**M**gbe ahụ, ahụ adighi otu nwoke a na-akpo Lazaros, onye Betani nke bu obodo Meri na Mata nwanne ya. O bu Meri bu onye ahụ tere Onyenweanyi mmanu, werekwa ntutuisi ya hichaa ukwu ya, ka nwanne ya Lazaros dara n'oria. Nke a mere umunne ya nwaanyi ndi a jiri zigara Jesu ozi, si ya, "Onyenweanyi, onye ahụ nke i huru n'anya no n'oria." Mgbe Jesu

"This sickness will end, not in death but in God's glory, and through it the Son of God will be glorified".

Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus; yet when he heard that Lazarus was ill he stayed where he was for two more days before saying to the disciples, "Let us go to Judea." The disciples said, "Rabbi, it is not long since the Jews wanted to stone you; are you going back again?" Jesus replied: "Are there not twelve hours in the day? A man can walk in the daytime without stumbling because he has the light of this world to see by; but if he walks at night he stumbles, because there is no light to guide him."

He said that and then added, "Our friend Lazarus is resting, I am going to wake him". The disciples said to him, "Lord, if he is able to rest he is sure to get better". The phrase Jesus used referred to the death of Lazarus, but they thought that by "rest" he meant "sleep", so Jesus put it plainly, "Lazarus is dead; and for your sake I am glad I was not there because now you will believe. But let us go to him." Then Thomas - known as the Twin - said to the other disciples, "Let us go too, and die with him".

On arriving, Jesus found that Lazarus had been in the tomb for four days already. Bethany is only about two miles from Jerusalem, and many Jews had come to Martha and Mary to sympathise with them over their brother. When Martha heard that Jesus had come she went to meet him. Mary remained sitting in the house. Martha said to Jesus, "If you had been here, my brother would not have died, but I know that, even now, whatever you ask of God, he will grant you". "Your brother" said Jesus to her "will rise again". Martha said, "I know he will rise again at the resurrection on the last day". Jesus said: "I am the resurrection. If anyone believes in me, even though he dies he will live, and whoever lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?" "Yes, Lord," she said "I believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, the one who was to come into this world."

When she had said this, she went and called her sister Mary, saying in a low voice, "The Master is here and wants to see you". Hearing this, Mary got up quickly and went to him. Jesus had not yet come into the village; he was still at the place where Martha had met him. When the Jews who were in the house sympathising with Mary saw her get up so quickly and go out, they followed her, thinking

nuru ya, o si, "Oria nke a, abughi nke onwu, kama o bu maka otito nke Chineke, ka e wee nwewe ike too Nwa nke Chineke, site na ya."

Jesu huru Mata na nwanne ya nwaanyi na Lazuros n'anya. Mgbe o nuru na Lazuros no n'oria, o nokwuru mkpuru ubochi abuo n'ebe o no. Ka nke a gachara, o siri nidi na-eso uzo ya, "Ka anyi gaanu Judia ozo. Ha gwara ya si, "Rabai (onyenkuzi) o tebeghi aka ndi Juu jiri choo itu gi okwute, i na-ejekwa ebe ahụ ozo?" Jesu azaa si, "O bu na o bughị elekere iri na abuo di n'oge chi ka di?" Onye obula na-agaghari n'ehihie anaghi akpobi ukwu n'ihina o ji ihe nke uwa a ahụ uzo. Ma onye obula na-agaghari n'abali na-akpobi ukwu n'ihina ihe adighi n'ime ya." Mgbe Jesu kwuchara ihe ndi a, O siri ndi na-eso uzo ya, "Enyi anyi Lazuros na-arahu ura. Ana m eje ikpote ya n'ura." Ndi na-eso uzo ya zara ya si, "Onyenweanyi o buru na o di n'ura, o ga-eteta." Mgbe Jesu kwuru banyere onwu Lazuros, ndi na-eso uzo ya chere na o na-ekwu banyere izu ike nke ura. Jesu agwa ha hoojaa si, "Lazuros anwuola."

Ma n'ih ihe unu ana m anuri onu na anoghi m n'ebe ahụ mgbe o nwuru, ka unu wee kwere. Ngwa, ka anyi jekwurunu ya." Tomos onye a na-akpo ejima gwara ndi na-eso uzo ibe ya si, "Ngwanu ka anyi sorokwa gaa, ka anyi nwewe ike iso ya nwuo."

Mgbe Jesu biarutere, O choputara na ozu Lazuros anoola mkpuru ubochi ano n'ime ili. Betani di Jerusalem nso, ihe dika mail abuo. Otutu ndi Juu biara ka ha kasie Mata na Meri obi maka onwu nwanne ha nwoke. Mgbe Mata nuru na Jesu na-abia, o gara zute ya, ma Meri noduru n'ulo. Mata gwara Jesu si, Onyenweanyi, o buru na i no n'ebe a, nwanne m nwoke akaraghi inwu. O buladi ugbu a, ama m na Chineke ga-enye gi ihe obula i rioro site n'aka ya. Jesu gwara ya si, "Nwanne gi nwoke ga-ebili ozo." Mata aza si ya, "A ma m na o ga-ebili ozo na mbilite n'onwu n'ubochi ikpeazu." Jesu wee si ya, "Abu m mbilite n'onwu na ndu, onye obula kwere na m o buladi na o nwuru anwu, o ga-adi ndu. Ma onye obula nke di ndu, kwerekwa na m, agaghi anwu ma oli. I kwere nke a?" O zara Jesu si, "Ee, Onyenweanyi, ekwere m na i bu Kristi ahụ, Nwa Chineke, onye nke ga-abia n'ime uwa."

Mgbe Mata kwuchara nke a, o gara kpoo nwanne ya nwaanyi bu Meri jiri nwayo si ya, "Onyenkuzi no ebe a, O na-akpo gi." Mgbe Meri nuru ya, o biliri osiso gakwuru Jesu. Jesu abiarubeghi n'onumara ahụ, kama o ka no n'ebe



that she was going to the tomb to weep there.

Mary went to Jesus, and as soon as she saw him she threw herself at his feet, saying, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died." At the sight of her tears, and those of the Jews who followed her, Jesus said in great distress, with a sigh that came straight from the heart, "Where have you put him?" They said, "Lord, come and see". Jesus wept; and the Jews said, "See how much he loved him!" But there were some who remarked, "He opened the eyes of the blind man, could he not have prevented this man's death?" Still sighing, Jesus reached the tomb: it was a cave with a stone to close the opening. Jesus said, "Take the stone away". Martha said to him, "Lord, by now he will smell; this is the fourth day". Jesus replied, "Have I not told you that if you believe you will see the glory of God?" So they took away the stone. Then Jesus lifted up his eyes and said: "Father, I thank you for hearing my prayer. I knew indeed that you always hear me, but I speak for the sake of all these who stand round me, so that they may believe it was you who sent me."

When he had said this, he cried in a loud voice, "Lazarus, here! Come out!" The dead man came out, his feet and hands bound with bands of stuff and a cloth round his face. Jesus said to them, "Unbind him, let him go free".

Many of the Jews who had come to visit Mary and had seen what he did, believed in him.

The Gospel of the Lord.

### Prayer Over The Offerings

**H**ear us, almighty God, and, having instilled in your servants the teachings of the Christian faith, graciously purify them by the working of this sacrifice. Through Christ our Lord.

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### Communion Antiphon

**H**as no one condemned you, woman? No one, Lord. Neither shall I condemn you. From now on, sin no more.

### Prayer After Communion

**W**e pray, almighty God, that we may always be counted among the members of Christ, in whose Body and Blood we have communion. Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

Mata zutere ya. Mgbe ndi Juu ndi ha na Meri no n'ulo, ndi na-akasikwa ya obi huru ka Meri biliri ngwa ngwa puo, ha sochiri ya n'azu, n'ihina ha chere na o na-aga n'ili ibe akwa n'ebe ahụ. Mgbe Meri biaruru n'ebe Jesu no, wee hu ya, O dara n'ukwu Jesu, si ya; "Onyenwe m, O buru na i no n'ebe a, nwanne m nwoke akaraghi inwu." Mgbe Jesu huru Meri ka o na-ebe akwa, na mgbe o hukwara ndi Juu so ya ka ha na-ebe akwa, o meturu ya n'obi, wutekwa ya nke ukwu. O juru ha si, "Olee ebe unu liri ya?" Ha asi ya, "Onyenwe m bia ka i hu." Jesu ebee akwa. Nke a mere ndi Juu ji kwuo si, "Leenu otu o si hu ya n'anya." Ufodu n'ime ha kwuru si, "O bu na onye a megheere anya ndi kpuru isi, apughị ime ka nwoke a ghara inwu?"

Ka o meturu Jesu ozo n'obi, O biaruru n'ili ahụ. O bu ogba nke e ji nkume mechie onu ya. Jesu asi, "Bupuru nkume ahụ." Ma Mata nwanne nwaanyi onye ahụ nwuru anwu asi, "Onyenwe m o ga n-esi isi ugbo a, n'ihina o nwuru kamgbe mkpuru ubochi ano." Jesu asi ya, "O bu na agwaghi m gi na o buru na i kwere i ga-ahụ ebube nke Chineke?" Ha bupuru nkume ahụ. Jesu wee welie anya elu si, "Nna, ana m ekele gi n'ihina i nuru olu m. Ama m na i na-anu olu m mgbe niile, ma n'ih i gwe mmadu ndi kwu n'ebe a ka m ji ekwu nke a, ka ha mara na o bu gi zitere m."

Mgbe o kwuchara nke a, o were oke olu tie mkpu si, "Lazuros, puta! Onye ahụ nwuru anwu putara." E jiri akwaozu kee ya ukwu na aka werekwa akwa ichafu kechie ya ihu. Jesu asi ha, "topunu ya ka o laa."

Mgbe otutu ndi Juu so Meri bia n'ili ebe ahụ huru ihe Jesu mere, ha kwenyere na ya.

Ozioma nke Oseburuwa.

### Ekpere Nhunye

**O**nyenweanyi, Nna ji ike niile, I nyela anyi amamihe ndi otu Kristi. Biko, chee nti, nuru ekpere anyi bu ndi ezi na ulo Gi ji akpoku Gi. Mee ka aja nke a anyi na-achunyere Gi wetara anyi idi mman'ihu Gi. Site na Kristi Dinwenụ anyi.

**Ukwe Oriri Nso**

**O**bu na o nweghi onye mara gi ikpe, nwaanyi? O'dighi onye obula, Onyenweanyi. Mu onwe m amaghikwa gi ikpe. Bido ugbo a gaba, emekwala njo ozo.

### Ekpere ANatachaa Oriri Nso

**C**hineke Nna ji ike niile, I nyela anyi ahụ na obara Nwa Gi n'oriri nso. Biko, anyi na-ario, meekwa ka a gunye anyi n'akuku ahụ Kristi ahụ mgbe niile, site na Kristi Onyenweanyi.

## Prayer Over The People

**B**less, O Lord, your people, who long for the gift of your mercy, and grant that what, at your prompting, they desire, they may receive by your generous gift. Through Christ our Lord.



## 27 March [Afor] Monday of Lent - Week 5 (Violet)

### Entry Antiphon

**H**ave mercy on me, O God, for people Hassail me; they fight me all day long and oppress me.

### Collect

**O** God, by whose wondrous grace we are enriched with every blessing, grant us so to pass from former ways to newness of life, that we may be made ready for the glory of the heavenly Kingdom. Through our Lord.

### First Reading

A reading from the prophet Daniel (13:41-62)

**S**usanna was condemned to death. She cried out as loud as she could, 'Eternal God, you know all secrets and everything before it happens; you know that they have given false evidence against me. And now have I to die, innocent as I am of everything their malice has invented against me?'

The Lord heard her cry and, as she was being led away to die, he roused the holy spirit residing in a young boy named Daniel who began to shout, 'I am innocent of this woman's death!' At which all the people turned to him and asked, 'What do you mean by these words?' Standing in the middle of the crowd he replied, 'Are you so stupid, sons of Israel, as to condemn a daughter of Israel unheard, and without troubling to find out the truth? Go back to the scene of the trial: these men have given false evidence against her.'

All the people hurried back, and the elders said to Daniel, 'Come and sit with us and tell us what you mean, since God has given you the gifts that elders have.' Daniel said, 'Keep the men well apart from each other for I want to question them.' When the men had been separated, Daniel had one of them brought to him. 'You have grown old in wickedness,' he said, 'and now the sins of your earlier days have overtaken you, you with your unjust

### Ekpere Maka Oha Mmadu

**G**ozie ndi nke gi, O Onyenweanyi, ndi na-achọ onyinye ebere gi, mee ka ihe ndi ha na-achoga site na ntuziaka gi, ka ha nweta ha site n'onyinye ihunaanya gi. Site na Kristi Onyenweanyi.

### Film Show on THE ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD Maranatha DVD Production

### Ukwe Mbata

**M**eere m ebere, Chineke, mgbe ndi mmadu na-ebuso m agha, ubochi niile ha na-ebu agha megide m.

### Ekpere Mbido

**O** Chineke, onye anyi sitere n'amara ya di itunaanya were baa uba ngozi niile, mee ka anyi site n' uzo ochiega gafete na ndu ohuru, ka e were mee anyi idi njikere maka otito nke Alaeye eluigwe. Site na Dinwenụ anyi.

### Ihe Ogugu Nke Mbu

Ihe ogugu e wetara n'akwukwo onye amuma Daniel (13:41-62)

**A**mara Suzana ikpe onwu. Suzana tiri mkpu, atisie ike, si, "O Chineke di ebееbe, o nweghi ihe zoro ezo n'ebe i no. Gi onwe gi maara ihe niile tupu ha emee. I maara na ndi nwoke a gbara ama ugha gbagide m. Lee, ugbu a, ana m eje inwu, mana aka m di ocha. O nweghi nke m mere n' ihe ojoo niile a ndi a kwuru kwugide m."

Chineke nuru olu ya. Ka a na-edupu ya ka e gbuo, Chineke kpalitere mmuo nso di n'ime otu nwokorobia a na-akpo Daniel. O wee tie oke mkpu si, "Aka m adighikwa n'obara nwaanyi a."

Ka o kwuru nke a, mmadu niile tughariri n'ebe o no si, "Kedu ihe okwu ndi a i na-ekwu putara?" O kwuru n'etiti ha si, "Unu o buzi ndi nzuzu nke otu a, umu Izrel? Kedukwanu ka unu si maa nwaada Izrel ikpe onwu 'enyochaghị enyocha choputa ihe mere eme? Laghachinu azu ebe a noro kpee ikpe. Maka na ndi nwoke a agbaala ama asi gbagide nwaanyi a."

Igwe mmadu laghachiri azu osooso. Ndi okenye wee gwa Daniel si, "Bia nodu ala n'etiti anyi kowaara anyi isi okwu gi, ebe o bu na Chineke enyela gi onyinye ndi okenye." Daniel wee kwuo si, "Kewaanu ndi okenye abuo a, dobe ha ebe di ichieiche di anya, ka m nyocha ha n'otu n'otu."

Mgbe e kewara ha, Daniel kporo otu n'ime ha, si ya, "Ginwa, i noola na njo mee okenye,

judgements, your condemnation of the innocent, your acquittal of guilty men, when the Lord has said, "You must not put the innocent and the just to death." Now then, since you saw her so clearly, tell me what tree you saw them lying under?" He replied, 'Under a mastic tree.' Daniel said, 'True enough! Your lie recoils on your own head: the angel of God has already received your sentence from him and will slash you in half.' He dismissed the man, ordered the other to be brought and said to him, 'Spawn of Canaan, not of Judah, beauty has seduced you, lust has led your heart astray! This is how you have been behaving with the daughters of Israel and they were too frightened to resist; but here is a daughter of Judah who could not stomach your wickedness! Now then, tell me what tree you surprised them under?' He replied, 'Under a holm oak.' Daniel said, 'True enough! Your lie recoils on your own head: the angel of God is waiting, with a sword to drive home and split you, and destroy the pair of you.'

Then the whole assembly shouted, blessing God, the saviour of those who trust in him. And they turned on the two elders whom Daniel had convicted of false evidence out of their own mouths. As prescribed in the Law of Moses, they sentenced them to the same punishment as they had intended to inflict on their neighbour. They put them to death; the life of an innocent woman was spared that day.

The word of the Lord

#### **Responsorial Psalm: Ps. 22. (R.v.4)**

**Response: If I should walk in the valley of darkness no evil would I fear, for you are there.**

1. The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want. Fresh and green are the pastures where he gives me repose. Near restful waters he leads me, to revive my drooping spirit. (R.)
2. He guides me along the right path; he is true to his name. If I should walk in the valley of darkness no evil would I fear. You are there with you crook and your staff; with these you give me comfort. (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.)

mana ugbu a, ajo ndu gi gara aga eribidola gi: ikpe ezighi ezi i na-ekpe, ndi eziumume i na-ama ikpe, ndi ikpe mara i na-ahapu ka ha laba n'udo, n'agbanyeghi na Onyenweanyi kwuru si, 'Egbukwala onye aka ya di ocha na onye eziumume'. Ngwa, o buru ezie na i huru nwaanyi a, gwa m: kedụ ụdị osisi ha dinara n'okpuru ya wee na-amakụ onwe ha oge i huru ha?' O zara ya si, 'N'okpuru osisi mastik'. Daniel wee si ya, o di mma, i siala asi sigide onwe gi. Lee mmuoozi nke Chineke anatala ozi ikpe omuma gi n'aka Chineke, ya bu mmuoozi ga-egbuwa gi abuo."

O kpopuru ya n'akuku, wee gwa ha ka a kpobata onye nke ozo ngwangwa. Daniel gwara onye okaikpe nke a si, "Nwa Kanan ka i bu, i bughi nwa Juda; mma ahụ eduhiegi gi ụzọ; oke agụụ nke anụahụ eriegi gi obi. Otu a ka unu abuo si eme umunwaanyi Izrel, ma ujo ekweghi ha si unu mba, ma lee nwaanyi Juda a anabataghi ajoomume unu. Ngwa; gwa m: olee ụdị osisi ha no n'okpuru ya na-amakụ onwe ha mgbe i jidere ha?" O wee zaa, "n'okpuru osisi ook." Daniel gwara ya si, "o di mma! Gi onwe gi asiala asi sigide onwe gi. Lee mmuoozi nke Chineke ka o na-eche, jiri mmagha o ga-ji kwobie gi abuo, laa unu abuo n'iyi." Ndi nzuko ahụ niile weere oke olu tie mkpu tobe Chineke onye na-azoputa ndi tukwasara obi ha na ya. Ha wee bilie jide ndi okenye abuo ahụ n'ihina Daniel esila n'onu ha choputa na ha agbaala ama asi. Ha mere ndi okenye a ihe ojoo ahụ ha onwe ha kwadoro ime mmadu ibe ha. Dika iwu Mosis si kwu, ha gburu ha. Otu a ka e siri zoputa n'ubochi ahụ, ndu nwaanyi enweghi ajo ihe o mere.

Okwu nke Oseburuwa.

#### **Abuoma na Aziza: Abu. 23. (Az.4)**

**Aziza: Oburugodu na m na-aga na ndagwurugwu nke onwu, egwu obula agaghi atu m n'ihina Chineke nonyeere mu.**

1. Chineke bu onyenche m o nweghi ihe m ga-acho. O na-eme ka m zuru ike ebe ahiaha ndu di. O na-eduga m na mmiri, ebe ahụ ka O na-enye m ike. (Az.)
2. O na-edu m n'uzo eziumume; n'ihia aha ya. Oburugodu na m na-aga na ndagwurugwu nke onwu, egwu obula agaghi atu 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 niile. Aga m ebi n'ulo nke Chineke ebebe ebebe. (Az.)

## Acclamations Ez. 33:11

**I** take pleasure, not in the death of a wicked man - it is the Lord who speaks - but in the turning back of a wicked man who changes his ways to win life.

## Gospel

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John (8:1-11)

**J**esus went to the Mount of Olives. At daybreak he appeared in the Temple again; and as all the people came to him, he sat down and began to teach them.

The scribes and Pharisees brought a woman along who had been caught committing adultery; and making her stand there in full view of everybody, they said to Jesus, 'Master, this woman was caught in the very act of committing adultery, and Moses had ordered us in the Law to condemn women like this to death by stoning. What have you to say?' They asked him this as a test, looking for something to use against him. But Jesus bent down and started writing on the ground with his finger. As they persisted with their question, he looked up and said, 'If there is one of you who has not sinned, let him be the first to throw a stone at her.' Then he bent down and wrote on the ground again. When they heard this they went away one by one, beginning with the eldest, until Jesus was left alone with the woman, who remained standing there. He looked up and said, 'Woman, where are they? Has no one condemned you?' 'No one, sir,' she replied. 'Neither do I condemn you,' said Jesus 'go away and don't sin any more.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

## Prayer Over The Offerings

**G**rant, we pray, O Lord, that preparing to celebrate the holy mysteries, we may bring before you as the fruit of bodily penance, a joyful purity of heart. Through Christ our Lord.

## Communion Antiphon

**I** am the light of the world, says the Lord; whoever follows me will not walk in the darkness, but will have the light of life.

## Prayer After Communion

**S**trengthened by the blessing of your Sacraments, we pray, O Lord, that through them we may constantly be cleansed of our faults and, by following Christ, hasten our steps upward towards you. Through Christ our Lord.

## Mbeku! Izik.33:11

**D**ika mu onwe m na-adi ndu, Yahweh Chineke na-ekwu, anaghi m enwe añuri n'onwu onye ajoomume, kama ka o si na njo ya pùta ma dikwa ndu.

## Ozioma

Ihe ogugu nke a si n'Ozioma di aso nke Jon dere (8:1-11)

**J**esu gabara n'ugwu Oliv, N'isi ututu O biakwara ozo n'ulonso. Mmadu niile biakwutere ya, o nodu ala kuziere ha ihe. Ndi odeakwukwo na ndi Farisii kputara otu nwaanyi e jidere ebe o na-akwa iko, kwuba ya oto n'etiti mmadu niile. Ha siri ya, "Onyenkuzi, e jidere nwaanyi a ebe o na-akwa iko. Iwu Mosis nyere anyi ikike ka e were okwute tugbuo onye mere ihe di otu a. Kedu ihe i kwuru maka nwaanyi a?" Ha kwuru nke a iji nwalee ya, iji nweta ihe ha gaeji bo ya ebubo. Jesu hulatarala ala, were mkpisiaka ya debe ihe n'ala. Ka ha nogidere na-aju ya ajuju, Jesu kuliri gwa ha si, "Onye obula n'ime unu nke na-emehiebeghi mbu buru uzo tuo nwaanyi a okwute. O hulatakware ozo, were mkpisiaka ya debe ihe n'ala. Mgbe ha nuru nke a, ha niile malitere puba n'otu n'otu, bido na ndi kacha okenye. Ha hapuziri Jesu na nwaanyi ahụ kwu n'ihu ya. Jesu welitere anya elu juo ya si, "Nwaanyi, ole ebe ha no? O bu na o nweghi onye mara gi ikpe?" Nwaanyi ahụ zara si ya, "O dighi onye obula Onyenweanyi." Jesu wee si, "Mu onwe m amaghikwa gi ikpe, gaba, ma emekwala njo ozo. Ozioma nke Oseburuwa.

## Ekpere Nhunye

**M**ee, anyi na-ari, O Dinwenu, ka anyi na-akwado mmemme ihe omimiga, ka anyi bute n'ihu gi dika ukpuru opipia nke anuahụ, idiocha n'obi eji onu adi. Site na Kristi Onyenweanyi.

## Ukwe Oriri Nso

**A**bu m ihe nke uwa, onye obula na-eso am agaghi aga n'ochichiri, kama o gae nwe ihe nke ndu.

## Ekpere A Natachala Oriri Nso

**K**a anyi nwetarala ike site na ngozi nke Sakramenti giga, anyi na-ari, O Dinwenu, ka anyi site na ha na-enweta mgbe dum mwuchapu mmehie anyiga, ka site n'iso Kristi, ka anyi zolie ije osooso irogote n'ebe Ino. Site na Kristi Onyenweanyi.



## Prayer Over The People

Set free from their sins, O Lord, we pray, the people who call upon you, that living a holy way of life, they may be kept safe from every trial. Through Christ our Lord.

## 28 March [Nkwo] Tuesday of Lent - Week 5 (Violet)

### Entry Antiphon

Wait for the Lord; be strong; be stouthearted, and wait for the Lord!

### Collect

Grant us, we pray, O Lord, perseverance in obeying your will, that in our days the people dedicated to your service may grow in both merit and number. Through our Lord.

### First Reading

A reading from the book of Numbers (21:4-9)

The Israelites left Mount Hor by the road to the Sea of Suph, to skirt the land of Edom. On the way the people lost patience. They spoke against God and against Moses, 'Why did you bring us out of Egypt to die in this wilderness? For there is neither bread nor water here; we are sick of this unsatisfying food.'

At this God sent fiery serpents among the people; their bite brought death to many in Israel. The people came and said to Moses, 'we have sinned by speaking against the Lord and against you. Intercede for us with the Lord to save us from these serpents.' Moses interceded for the people, and the Lord answered him, 'make a fiery serpent and put it on a standard. If anyone is bitten and looks at it, he shall live.' So Moses fashioned a bronze serpent which he put on a standard, and if anyone was bitten by a serpent, he looked at the bronze serpent and lived. The word of the Lord.

### Responsorial Psalm: Ps. 101:2-3.16-21.(R.v.2)

Response: **O Lord, listen to my prayer and let my cry for help reach you.**

1. O Lord, listen to my prayer and let my cry for help reach you. Do not hide your face from me in the day of my distress. Turn your ear towards me and answer me quickly when I call. (R.)
2. The nations shall fear the name of the Lord and all the earth's kings your glory, when the Lord shall build up Zion again and appear in all his glory. Then he will turn to the prayers of the helpless; he will not despise their prayers. (R.)

## Ekpere Maka Oha Mmadu

Tohapu ha na mmehie haga, O Dinwenu, anyi na-ario, ndi nke gi na-akpoku gi, ka site n'ibi ndu di aso, ha enweta nchedo n'ebe onwunwa obula di. Site na Kristi Onyenweanyi.

### Ukwe Mbata

Cherenu Onyenweanyi; obi sie unu ike; nwekwaanu ntachi obi; chere Onyenweanyi!

### Ekpere Mmeghe

Nye anyi, anyi na-ario, O Onyenweanyi, nkwdosiike n'irubere uche gi isi, ka ndi nke gi n'oge nke anyi kwudosiri ike n'igbara gi odibo na-etowanye ma n'ikwesị ekwesị ma n'onu-ogu. Site na Dinwenu anyi.

### Ihe Ogugu Nke Mbu

Ihe ogugu e wetara n'akwukwo Onuogugu (21:4-9)

Ndi Izrel siri n'ugwu Hoo bilie ije, si n'uzo Nosimiri Mediterenia gaa Edom gburugburu. Ma mgbe ha na-aga n'uzo, ha nwere nkolopu obi. Ha tamuru megide Chineke na Mosis si, "Gini mere i ji kpoputa anyi n'Ijipt, ka anyi nwuchaa n'ikpa ebe a? Ihe oriri adighi na ya. Ihe onuonu adighikwa. Otu udi nri nke a na-atu buriburi agbula anyi!" Ya mere Onyenweanyi zitere n'etiti ha otutu agwo na-acha ka oku nke nwekwara elo ojoo. Agwo ndi a tagburu otutu n'ime ha. Ya mere, umu Izrel biakwutere Mosis si ya, "Anyi emehiela. N'ihina anyi kwutoro gi na Dinwenu. Biko rioro anyi Dinwenu, ka o wepuru anyi agwo ndi a." Mosis kpeere ndi Izrel ekpere. Dinwenu gwara Mosis ka o were ola, kpuo agwo na-acha ka oku, kokwasa ya n'okporo osisi okoloto, ka onye obula agwo ahụ tara lere anya na ya wee di ndu. Ya mere, Mosis kpuru agwo olaoku kokwasa ya n'okporo osisi okoloto. Onye obula agwo ahụ tara, legidekwara agwo olaoku ahụ anya, nwetakwara ahụ ike. Okwu nke Oseburuwa.

### Abuoma na Aziza: Abu. 102:1-2.15-20 (Az.1)

Aziza: **Onyenweanyi nuru ekpere m, ka mkpu akwa m ruo gi nti.**

1. Onyenweanyi nuru ekpere m, ka mkpu akwa m ruo gi nti. Ewepukwala ihu gi n'ebe m no mgbe m no na nsogbu. Gee m nti, mgbe m kporo gi zaa m osooso! (Az.)
2. Mba niile ga-atu aha nke Onyenweanyi egwu, ndieze uwa niile ga-asopuru otito gi; N'ihina Onyenweanyi ga-arughari Zayon mekwaa ka a hu ebube ya. O ga-aza ekpere ndi ogbenye, o gaghi aju ariri ha. (Az.)

3. Let this be written for ages to come that a people yet unborn may praise the Lord; for the Lord leaned down from his sanctuary on high. He looked down from heaven to the earth that he might hear the groans of the prisoners and free those condemned to die. (R.)

### Acclamation Jn 8:12

**I** am the light of the world, says the Lord, anyone who follows me will have the light of life.

### Gospel

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John (8:21-30)

Jesus said to the Pharisees: 'I am going away; you will look for me and you will die in your sin. Where I am going, you cannot come.'

The Jews said to one another, 'Will he kill himself? Is that what he means by saying, "Where I am going, you cannot come"?' Jesus went on: 'You are from below; I am from above. You are of this world; I am not of this world. I have told you already: You will die in your sins. Yes, if you do not believe that I am He, you will die in your sins.'

So they said to him, 'Who are you?' Jesus answered: 'What I have told you from the outset. About you I have much to say and much to condemn; but the one who sent me is truthful, and what I have learnt from him I declare to the world.'

They failed to understand that he was talking to them about the Father. So Jesus said: 'When you have lifted up the Son of Man, then you will know that I am He and that I do nothing of myself: what the Father has taught me is what I preach; He who sent me is with me, and has not left me to myself, for I always do what pleases him.' As he was saying this, many came to believe in him.

The Gospel of the Lord.

### Prayer Over The Offerings

**W**e offer you, O Lord, the sacrifice of conciliation, that, being moved to compassion, you may both pardon our offences and direct our wavering hearts. Through Christ our Lord.

### Communion Antiphon

**W**hen I am lifted up from the earth, I will draw all men to myself, says the Lord.

3. Ka e debaa ihe ndi a n'akwukwo maka agburu ndi ga-abia n'ihu, ka ndi niile amubeghi amu were nwee ike too Onyenweanyi. Onyenweanyi sitere n'ebe nke ya di aso were ledata anya, O sitere n'eluigwe na-ele uwa anya ka o were nuru ude ndi no na mkporo na-asu, ka o were tohapu ndi a mara ikpe onwu. (Az.)

### Mbeku Jon. 8:12

**A**bu m ihe nke uwa, O bu Dinwenu na-ekwu, onye obula na-eso m ga-enwe ihe nke ndu.

### Ozioma

Ihe ogugu nke a si n'Ozioma di aso nke Jon dere (8:21-30)

Jesu gwakwara ndi Farisii ozo si, "Aga m apu, unu ga-achokwa m, ma unu ga-anwu na mmehie unu; ebe m na-aga, unu enweghi ike ibia."

Ndi Juu wee kwuo si, "O ga-egbu onwe ya? Ebe o bu na o si, 'Ebe m na-aga unu enweghi ike ibia?' O gwara ha si, "Unu si n'ala, ma esi m n'elu, unu bu nke uwa a, ma abughi m nke uwa a. Agwara m unu na unu ga-anwu na mmehie unu, unu ga-anwu na mmehie unu beluso ma unu kwenyere na m bu onye ahu."

Ha juru ya si, "Onye ka i bu?" Jesu zara ha si, "Abu m ihe ahu m na-agwa unu site na mbu. Enwere m otutu ihe m ga-ekwu na otutu ihe m ga-ekpe banyere unu. Ma onye zitere m bu onye eziokwu. Ihe m nuru n'aka ya ka m na-ekwuputara uwa."

Ha aghotaghi na Jesu na-agwa ha banyere Nna ya. Jesu siri ha, "Mgbe unu ga-ewelitecha Nwa nke mmadu elu, unu ga-amata na abu m onye ahu; na adighi m eme ihe obula n'ike aka m, kama ana m ekwu dika Nna si kuziri m. Onye nke zitere m nonyeere m. O hapubeghi so m, n'ihina ana m eme ihe na-amasi ya mgbe niile." Mgbe o na-ekwu okwu ndi a, otutu mmadu kwenyere na ya.

Ozioma nke Oseburuwa.

### Ekpere Nhunye

**A**nyi ehunyere gi, O Onyenweanyi, aja mkpezi, ka o ga-abu, o na-akpalite omiiko ebere gi, I gbaghara anyi mmehie anyi ga, ma duzie obi anyi na-ama peke peke. Site na Kristi Onyenweanyi.

### Ukwe Oriri Nso

**O**ge esiri n'uwa bulie m elu, a ga m adota mmadu niile nye onwe m, Onyenweanyi na-ekwu.

### Prayer After Communion

**G**rant, we pray, Almighty God, that, ever seeking what is divine, we may always be worthy to approach these heavenly gifts. Through Christ our Lord.

### Prayer Over The People

**O** God, who choose to show mercy not anger to those who hope in you, grant that your faithful may weep, as they should, for the evil they have done, and so merit the grace of your consolation. Through Christ our Lord.

## 29 March [Eke] Wednesday of Lent - Week 5 (Violet)

### Entry Antiphon

**M**y deliverer from angry nation, you set me above my assailants; you saved me from the violent man, O Lord.

### Collect

**E**nlighten, O God of compassion, the hearts of your children, sanctified by penance, and in your kindness grant those you stir to a sense of devotion a gracious hearing when they cry out to you. Through our Lord.

### First Reading

A reading from the prophet Daniel (3:14-20, 24-25, 28)

**K**ing Nebuchadnezzar addressed them, "Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego, is it true that you do not serve my gods, and that you refuse to worship the golden statue I have erected? When you hear the sound of horn, pipe, lyre, trigon, harp, bagpipe, or any other instrument, are you prepared to prostrate yourselves and worship the statue I have made? If you refuse to worship it, you must be thrown straight away into the burning fiery furnace; and where is the god who could save you from my power?" Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego replied to King Nebuchadnezzar, 'your question hardly requires an answer: if our God, the one we serve, is able to save us from the burning fiery furnace and from your power, O king, he will save us; and even if he does not, then you must know, O king, that we will not serve your god or worship the statue you have erected.' These words infuriated King Nebuchadnezzar; his expression was very different now as he looked at Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego. He gave orders for the furnace to be made seven times hotter than usual, and commanded certain stalwarts from his army to bind Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego and throw them into burning fiery furnace.

### Ekpere A Natachaa Oriri Nso

**M**ee, anyi na-arjo, Chineke ji ike niile, ka, anyi na-acho ihe nke mmuo, ka anyi na-etosiwanye ikpudebe onyinye nke eluigwe ndia. Site na Kristi Onyenweanyi.

### Ekpere Maka Oha Mmadu

**O** Chineke, onye kpebiri igosi ebere, o bughi iwe n'ebe ndi chekwubere na gi no, mee ka ndi kwere na gi bee akwa otu o kwesiri maka ajoihe ha megara, were kwesi amara nkasiobi gi. Site na Kristi Onyenweanyi.

### Ukwe Mbata

**O**nye nnapu m na mba juputara n'onuma, I ga-ebuli m elu karia ndi na-abagido m; I na-azoputa m n'aka onye mkpagbu.

### Ekpere Mmeghe

**M**unye ihe gi, O Chineke nke ebere, n'obi umu gi ga, ndi edorola nso site na ndu opipia, ka I site n'obioma gi nye ndi I nakpalite mmuo ofufe n'ime ha agwu itoo nti n'ala oge ha na-etiku gi. Site na Dinweni anyi.

### Ihe Ogugu Nke Mbui

Ihe ogugu e wetara n'akwukwo onye amuma Daniel (3:14-20, 24-25, 28)

**N**ebukadneza wee juo ha si, "Shadrak, Mishak na Abednego, o bu eziokwu na unu anaghi efe chi ndi nke m na-efe, nakwa na unu juru isekpuru ihe ahụ e jiri olaedo kpuo nke mu onwe m kwuwara? Mgbe unu nuru uda opi, oja, une, uboakwara, mobu ihe egwu ozo, unu di nkwaadebe ikpo isiala sekpuoro mmadu a m kpuru? O buru na unuaju isekpuru ya, a gatuba unu n'atufughi oge n'ime oku na-enwu enwu, oleefi chii ga-azoputa unu n'aka m?" Shadrak, Mishak na Abednego wee zaghachi eze Nebukadneza si, "Ajuju i juru anyi etosighi osisa. O buru na Chineke anyi, onye nke anyi na-efe nwere ike izoputa anyi n'oku na-enwu enwu, na n'aka gi, o ga-azoputa anyi. O burugodu na o zoputaghi anyi, mata nke oma, o eze, na anyi agaghi efe chi nke i na-efe ma o bukwani sekpuoro ihe a kpuru akpu nke i kwubara." Okwu ndi a wutere eze Nebukadneza nke ukwu, ihu ya wee gbaruo ka o na-ele Shadrak, Mishak na Abednego, o nyere iwu ka e mee ka ulooku ahụ di oku mmaji asaa karia ka o na-adị na mbu. O nyekwara ufodu ndiagha ya iwu ka ha kee Shadrak, Mishak na Abednego agbu tubaa ha n'ime ulooku na-enwu enwu. Mgbe ahụ eze

Then King Nebuchadnezzar sprang to his feet in amazement. He said to his advisers, 'Did we not have these three men thrown bound into the fire?' They replied, 'Certainly, O king.' 'But,' he went on 'I see four men walking about freely in the heart of the fire without coming to any harm. And the fourth looks like a son of the gods.'

Nebuchadnezzar exclaimed, 'Blessed be the God of Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego: he has sent his angel to rescue his servants who, putting their trust in him, defied the order of the king, and preferred to forfeit their bodies rather than serve or worship any god but their own.' The word of the Lord.

### **Responsorial Psalm: Dan. 3:52-56 (R.v.52)**

Response: **To you glory and praise for evermore**

1. You are blest, Lord God of our fathers. To you glory and praise for evermore. Blest your glorious holy name. To you glory and praise for evermore. (R.)
2. You are blest in the temple of your glory. To you glory and praise for evermore. (R.)
3. You are blest on the throne of your kingdom. To you glory and praise for evermore. (R.)
4. You are blest who gaze into the depths. To you glory and praise for evermore. (R.)
5. You are blest in the firmament of heaven. To you glory and praise for evermore. (R.)

### **Acclamation Mt.4:4**

**M**an does not live on bread alone but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.

### **Gospel**

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John (8:31-42)

**T**o the Jews who believed in him Jesus said: 'If you make my word your home you will indeed be my disciples, you will learn the truth and the truth will make you free.'

They answered, 'We are descended from Abraham and we have never been the slaves of anyone; what do you mean, "you will be made free"?' Jesus replied: 'I tell you most solemnly, everyone who commits sin is a slave. Now the slave's place in the house is not assured, but the son's place is assured. So if the Son makes you free, you will be free indeed. I know that you are descended from Abraham; but in spite of

Nebukadneza maliri n'uche ya, ihe o huru turu ya n'anya nke ukwu. O bia juo ndi ndumodu ya si, "O bu na anyi ekeghi umuokorobia ato agbu ma tubakwa ha n'ime oku?" Ha zagbachiri ya si, "Eee onyeeze!" Nebukadneza kwukwara, "Mana, ana m ahụ umuokorobia anọ ka ha na-agaghari n'ime oku, o nweghikwa ihè obula oku na-eme ha. Nwaokorobia nke anọ dikwa ka nwa Chineke".

Nebukadneza kpudèbere wee tie mkpu si, "Ngozi diri Chineke nke Shadrak, Mishak na Abednego, O zitela mmuoozi ya ka o bia zoputa umuodibo ya, ndi tukwasara nchekwube ha na ya, wee nupuru onyeeze isi. Ha hooro inwu onwu karia ife chi obula abughi chi nke ha. Okwu nke Oseburuwa.

### **Abuoma na Aziza: Dan. 3:52-56 (Az.52)**

Aziza: **Otito na nsopuru diri Gị ebeebe.**

1. Ngozi diri gị, Onyenweanyi, Chineke nke nnanna anyi ha, otito na nsopuru diri gị ebeebe. Ngozi diri aha gị di nsọ, otito na nsopuru diri gị ebeebe. (Az.)
2. Ngozi diri gị n'ulonso gị di ebube; Ngozi kacha elu diri gị ebeebe. (Az.)
3. Ngozi diri gị n'ocheeze gị; otito kacha elu diri gị ebeebe. (Az.)
4. Ngozi diri gị onye mazuru ihe niile. Ka e nye gị otito na ngozi kacha elu ebeebe. (Az.)
5. Ngozi diri gị n'eluigwe, I di ngozi dikwa elu karichaa ihe niile ebeebe. Nyenụ ya otito na ngozi di ebeebe. (Az.)

### **Mbeku Mat. 4:4**

**O**bughi nani site na nri ka mmadu si adi ndu, kama site n'okwu obula nke si n'onu Chineke puta.

### **Ozioma**

Ihe ogugu nke a si n'Ozioma di aso nke Jon dere (8:31-42)

**J**esu gwara ndi Juu kwere na ya si, "O buru na unu anogide n'okwu m, unu bu ndi na-eso uzo m n'ezikwu. Unu ga-amatakwa eziokwu, eziokwu ahụ ga-eme ka unu nwere onwe unu." Ha zara ya si, "Anyi bu umu Abraham, anyi abubeghi ohu onye obula. Olee otu isi ekwu si, 'Unu ga-enwere onwe unu?' Jesu zara ha si, "N'ezikwu agwa m unu onye obula na-eme mmehie bu ohu nke mmehie. Ohu anaghi anogide n'ulo onye nwe ya ruo mgbe ebighiebi, ma nwa na-anogide ebighiebi. Ya bu, o buru na Nwa ahụ emee



that you want to kill me because nothing I say has penetrated into you. What I, for my part, speak of is what I have seen with my Father; but you, you put into action the lessons learnt from your father.'

They repeated, 'our father is Abraham,' Jesus said to them: 'If you were Abraham's children, you would do as Abraham did. As it is, you want to kill me when I tell you the truth as I have learnt it from God; that is not what Abraham did. What you are doing is what your father does.'

'We were not born of prostitution,' they went on 'we have one father: God.' Jesus answered: 'If God were your father, you would love me, since I have come here from God; yes, I have come from him. Not that I came because I chose, no, I was sent, and by him.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

### Prayer Over The Offerings

**R**eceive back, O Lord, the sacrificial Offerings, which you have given to be offered to the honour of your name, and grant that they may become remedies for our healing. Through Christ our Lord.

### Communion Antiphon

**G**od has brought us to the kingdom of His beloved Son, whom we have redemption through his Blood, the forgiveness of sins.

### Prayer After Communion

**M**ay the mysteries we have received, O Lord, bring us heavenly medicine, that they may purge all evil from our heart and strengthen us with eternal protection. Through Christ our Lord.

### Prayer Over The People

**A**t tend, almighty God, to the prayers of your people, and, as you endow them with confident hope in your compassion, let them feel as ever the effects of your mercy. Through Christ our Lord.

ka unu nwere onwe unu, unu ga-enwere onwe unu n'ezikwu. Ama m na unu bu umu Abraham, ma unu na-acho igbu m, n'ihina okwu m enweghi onodu n'ime unu. Ana m ekwu ihe m huru n'ebe Nna m no, ma unu onwe unu na-eme ihe nna unu gwara unu."

Ha zara ya si, "Abraham bu Nna anyi." Jesu wee si ha, "O buru na unu bu umu Abraham, unu ga-eme ihe Abraham mere. Ugbu a unu na-acho igbu m, bu onye gwara unu ezikwu nke m nuru site na Chineke. Ihe a abughi ihe Abraham mere. Unu na-arụ ihe nna unu ruru." Ha gwara ya si, "Amughi anyi site n'ikwa iko. Anyi nwere otu Nna, bu Chineke." Jesu gwara ha si, "O buru na Chineke bu Nna unu, unu ga-ahu m n'anya, n'ihina esi m na Chineke bia. Abiaghi m n'onwe m kama o bu ya zitere m. Ozioma nke Oseburuwa.

### Ekpere Nhunye

**N**arachi azu, O Onyenweanyi, onyinye Naja ga, ndi I nyerela ka ehunye maka nsopuru aha gi, ma mee ka ha buru iheenyemakaga maka ogwugwo anyi. Site na Kristi Onyenweanyi.

### Ukwe Oriri Nso

**C**hineke adotala anyi n'ime alaeze nke Nwa ya o huru n'anya, onye anyi nwetara mgbaputa site n'Obara ya, mgbaghara njo anyi ga.

### Ekpere A Natachaa Oriri Nso

**K**a iheomimi ndi anyi natarala, O Onyenweanyi, wetara anyi ogwu nke eluigwe, ndi nke ga-ekpochapu ajoihe niile di n'obi anyi were nchedo di okpu doo anyi ike. Site na Kristi Onyenweanyi.

### Ekpere Maka Oha Mmadu

**C**hee nti, Chineke ji ike niile, n'aririo ndi nke gi, dika I nyere ha nchekwube ejika n'omiiko ebere gi, mee ka ha mata mgbe niile uzuzu ebere gi. Site na Kristi Onyenweanyi.

## 30 March [Orie] Thursday of Lent - Week 5 (Violet)

### Entry Antiphon

**C**hrist is the mediator of a New Covenant, so that by means of his death, those who are called may receive the promise of an eternal inheritance.

### Ukwe Mbata

**K**risti bu onye ogbugbo nke Ogbugbandu Ohuru, nke mere na site n'onwu ya, ndi a kporo ga-enweta ihe nkwa nke aku nketa di ebighi ebi.

## Collect

**B**e near, O Lord, to those who plead before you, and look kindly on those who place their hope in your mercy, that, cleansed from the stain of their sins, they may persevere in holy living and be made full heirs of your promise. Through our Lord.

## First Reading

A reading from the book of Genesis (17:3-9)  
**A**bram bowed to the ground and God said this to him, 'Here now is my covenant with you: you shall become the father of a multitude of nations. You shall no longer be called Abram; Your name shall be Abraham, for I will make you father of a multitude of nations. I will make you most fruitful. I will make you into nations, and your issue shall be kings. I will establish my Covenant between myself and you, and your descendants after you, generation after generation, a Covenant in perpetuity, to be your God and the God of your descendants after you. I will give to you and to your descendants after you the land you are living in, the whole land of Canaan, to own in perpetuity, and I will be your God.'

God said to Abraham, 'You on your part shall maintain my Covenant, yourself and your descendants after you, generation after generation.'

The word of the Lord.

## Responsorial Psalm: Ps. 104:4-9. (Rv.8)

Response: **The Lord remembers his covenant for ever.**

1. Consider the Lord and his strength; constantly seek his face. Remember the wonders he has done, his miracles, the judgements he spoke. (R.)

2. O children of Abraham, his servant, O sons of the Jacob he chose. He, the Lord, is our God; his judgements prevail in all the earth. (R.)

3. He remembers his covenant for ever, his promise for a thousand generations, the covenant he made with Abraham, the oath he swore to Isaac. (R.)

## Acclamation! Ps. 94:8

**H**arden not your hearts today, but listen to the voice of the Lord.

## Ekpere Mmeghe

**N**odebe, O Onyenweanyi, ndi na-ekpere gi n'ihu gi, ma were afooma lekwasara anya ndi tukwasara nchekwube ha n'ebere gi, ka, awuchapuchaa ha atutu njo ha, ha akwudosie ike n'ibi ndu di aso, e were mee ha ndi ga-eketa nkwa gi n'uju. Site na Dinwenụ.

## Ihe Ogugu Nke Mbu

Ihe ogugu e wetara n'akwukwo nke Jenesis (17:3-9)

**A**bram kporo isi ala nye Chineke; Chineke wee gwa ya okwu ndi a si, i ga-abu nna nke otutu mba. A gaghi akpokwa gi Abram ozo; aha gi ga-abu Abraham n'ihina ana m eme gi ka i buru nna nke otutu mba. Aga m eme gi ka i muo umu nke ukwu. Aga m esi na gi nweta mba di ichiche, umu gi ga-abu ndjeze. Aga m eme ka ogbugbandu mu na gi rute umuumu gi ndi ga-esochi gi, site na ndudugandu ruo na ndudugandu, dika ogbugbandu di ebeebe, ibu Chineke gi na Chineke nke umuumu gi ndi ga-esochi gi. Aga m enye ka na umuumu gi ala ebe a i bi ugbu a, ala Kenaan ahu niile, ka unu gawwere ebeebe; aga m abukwa Chineke unu.

Chineke gwakwara Abraham si, "N'akuku nke gi, i ga-edoberiri ogbugbandu m, gi na umuumu gi ndi ga-esochi gi site na ndudugandu ruo na ndudugandu.

Okwu nke Oseburuwa.

## Abuoma na Aziza: Abu. 105:4-9 (Az.8)

Aziza: **Onyenweanyi na-echeta ogbugbandu ya ebeebe.**

1. Chobanu Onyenweanyi na ike ya, chobanu ihu nke Onyenweanyi mgbe niile. Chetanu oru ebube niile o ruu, oru itunaanya ya niile, na ikpe niile si n'onu ya puta. (Az.)

2. Unu umu Abraham bu nwodibo ya, umu Jakob bu onye nke o hooro! O bu ya bu Onyenweanyi na Chineke anyi, Ike ochichi ya gazuru uwa niile. (Az.)

3. O na-akpachapuru ogbugbandu ya anya ebeebe, iwu nke o tiiri puku agburu gara aga, ogbugbandu ya na Abraham gbara na iyi nke o nnuu Aizik. (Az.)

## Mbeku! Abu. 95:8

**T**aa, o buru na unu anu olu ya, unu akpochila obi unu.

## Gospel

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John (8:51-59)

Jesus said to the Jews: 'I tell you most solemnly, whoever keeps my word will never see death.'

The Jews said, 'Now we know for certain that you are possessed. Abraham is dead, and the prophets are dead, and yet you say, "Whoever keeps my word will never know the taste of death." Are you greater than our father Abraham, who is dead? The prophets are dead too. Who are you claiming to be?' Jesus answered: 'If I were to seek my own glory that would be no glory at all; my glory is conferred by the Father, by the one of whom you say, "He is our God" although you do not know him. But I know him, and if I were to say: I do not know him, I should be a liar, as you are liars yourselves. But I do know him, and I faithfully keep his word. Your father Abraham rejoiced to think that he would see my Day; he saw it and was glad.'

The Jews then said, 'You are not fifty yet, and you have seen Abraham!' Jesus replied: 'I tell you most solemnly, before Abraham ever was, I am.'

At this they picked up stones to throw at him; but Jesus hid himself and left the Temple. The Gospel of the Lord.

## Prayer Over The Offerings

Look with favour, Lord, we pray, on these sacrificial offerings, that they may profit our conversion and the salvation of all the world. Through Christ our Lord.

## Communion Antiphon

God did not spare his own Son, but handed him over for us all; with him, he has given us all things.

## Prayer After Communion

Nourished by your saving gifts, we beseech your mercy, Lord, that by this same Sacrament, with which you feed us in the present age, you may make us partakers of life eternal. Through Christ our Lord.

## Prayer Over The People

Be gracious to your people, Lord, we pray, that, as from day to day they reject what does not please you, they may be filled instead with delight at your commands. Through Christ our Lord.

## Ozioma

Ihe ogugu nke a si n'Ozioma di aso nke Jon dere (8:51-59)

Jesu gwara ndi Juu si; N'igwa unu Jeziokwu, onye obula na-edebe okwu m agaghi anwu ma oli." Ndi Juu gwara ya si, "Ugbu a o weele anyi anya na mmuo ojoo bi n'ime gi. Abraham na ndiamuma mechara nwuo, ma ugbu a i na-ekwu si, 'O buru na onye obula edebe okwu m, o gaghi edetu onwu ire ma oli. I kariri nna anyi Abraham, onye nwuru anwu. Ndiamuma nwukwara anwu. Onyedi ka i na-echi na i bu?" Jesu agwa ha si, "O buru na m enye onwe m otito, otito nke m bu ihe efu, onye na-enye m otito bu Nna m, onye unu na-asi na o bu Chineke unu. Unu amatabeghi ya; ama m ya. O buru na m si na amaghi m ya, aga m abu onye asi dika unu, kama, ama m ya, na-edebekwa okwu ya. Abraham nna unu nuri ihu ubochi m. O huru ya wee nura."

Ndi Juu wee si ya, "I rubeghi iri afo ise wee hula Abraham?" N'ezie, n'ezie, agwa m unu, "Tupu Abraham adi, ano m."

Ha weere okwute ka ha tuo ya, ma Jesu zoro onwe ya wee puo n'unonso. Ozioma nke Oseburuwa.

## Ekpere Nhunye

Were mmasi lekwasị, Onyenweanyi, anyi na-ari, n'onyinye aja ndi a, ka ha baara ncheghari anyi uru nya na nzoputa nke uwa niile. Site na Kristi Onyenweanyi.

## Ukwe Oriri Nso

Chineke ahapughi Nwa ya, ma o were Cya nyefee maka anyi niile; O soorola ya nye anyi ihe niile.

## Ekpere A Natachaa Oriri Nso

Ebe azuworola anyi site n'onyinye nzoputa gi, anyi na-ari ebere gi, Onyenweanyi, ka site n'otu Sakramenti a, nke iji azu anyi n'oge agburu a, ka I mee anyi ndi nketa oke ndu

## Ekpere Maka Oha Mmadu

Chawapu aka gi n'ebe ndi nke gi no, Onyenweanyi, anyi na-ari, ka, kwa ubochi ha na-aju ihe ndi na-emegide gi, ha ejuputa na onu site na ntuziaka gi ga. Site na Kristi Onyenweanyi.

## 31 March [Afor] Friday of Lent - Week 5 (Violet)

### Entry Antiphon

**H**ave mercy on me, O Lord, for I am in distress. Deliver me from the hands of my enemies and those who pursue me. O Lord, let me never be put to shame, for I call on you.

### Collect

**P**ardon the offences of your peoples, we pray, O Lord, and in your goodness set us free from the bonds of the sins we have committed in our weakness. Through our Lord.

### First Reading

A reading from the prophet Jeremiah (20:10-13)

**J**eremiah said: I hear so many disparaging me, "terror from every side!" Denounce him! Let us denounce him! All those who used to be my friends watched for my downfall, 'Perhaps he will be seduced into error. Then we will master him and take our revenge!' But the Lord is at my side, a mighty hero; my opponents will stumble, mastered, confounded by their failure; everlasting, unforgettable disgrace will be theirs. But you, Lord of hosts, you who probe with justice, who scrutinise the loins and heart, let me see the vengeance you will take on them, for I have committed my cause to you. Sing to the Lord, praise the Lord, for he has delivered the soul of the needy from the hands of evil men.

The word of the Lord.

### Responsorial Psalm: Ps. 17:2-7.(R.v.7)

**Response: In my anguish I called to the Lord and he heard my voice.**

1. I love you, Lord, my strength, my rock, my fortress, my saviour. My God is the rock where I take refuge; my shield, my mighty help, my stronghold. The Lord is worthy of all praise: when I call I am saved from my foes. (R.)

2. The waves of death rose about me; the torrents of destruction assailed me; the snares of the grave entangled me; the traps of death confronted me. (R.)

3. In my anguish I called to the Lord; I cried to my God for help. From his temple he heard my voice; my cry came to his ear. (R.)

### Ukwe Mbata

**M**eere m ebere, O Onyenweanyi, n'ihina ma no m na mbibi. Zoputa m n'aka ndi iro m na n'aka ndi achu m ochuchu nchugbu. O Onyenweanyi, ekwela ka ihere mee m, n'ihina a na metiku gi.

### Ekpere Mmeghe

**G**baghara mmehie ndi nke gi ga, anyi nario, O Onyenweanyi, were obioma gi mee ka anyi nwere onwe anyi n'ebe agbu nke njo anyi no ndi anyi megara n'adighiike anyi. Site na Dinwenụ anyi.

### Ihe Ogugu Nke Mbu

Ihe ogugu e wetara n'akwukwo onye amuma Jeremaya (20:10-13)

**J**eremaya kwuru si: A na m anu ntamu, nsogbu nogidere m n'akuku niile. Ka anyi junu ya, ka anyi ju ya bu ihe ndi enyi m niile na-ekwu, ndi nke na-acho nsogbu m na odida m. "E nwere ike anyi aghogbuo ya, merie ya, ma megwarakwa ya." Ma Chineke nonyeere m mgbe niile dika dike n'agha, ya mere, ndiiri m ga-adasi, ha agaghi emerikwa m ozo, ihere ga-emegbu ha, ma ha agaghi emerikwa. A gaghi echefukwa ihere ha. O Dinwenu nke igwe ndiagha, onye na-ekpe ikpe nkwmoto, onye na-ahuzu obi na echiche mmadu mee ka m hu obo i ga-abotara m n'isi ha, maka na o bu n'aka gi ka m tinyere ihe niile. Kweere Dinwenu ukwe, nye ya otito! Maka na o zoputala ndu nke onye ahu no na mkpa n'aka ndi ome njo. Okwu nke Oseburuwa.

### Abuoma na Aziza: Abu. 18:1-6 (Az.6)

**Aziza: Akpokuru m Oseburuwa mgbe no na nsogbu, o wee nu olu m.**

1. Ahuru m gi n'anya Oseburuwa, gi bu ike m. Oseburuwa bu nkume m na ebe nkwdosiike m. Onye nzoputa m bu Chineke m. N'ime Onyenweanyi, nkume m, ka m na-ezere mmiri, onye ogbugbo m, na ike nke nzoputa m, ebe nchedo m na ebe mgbaba m. Oseburuwa kwesiri inye otito. N'ihina akporo m ya, O zoputara m n'aka ndiiri m (Az.)

2. Eriri nke onwu agbaala m okirikiri, Ajoomume ndi mmadu na-akpagbu m. Eriri nke ala mmuo ekedosi ala m ike, E jila onwu kweere m onya. (Az.)

3. Akpokuru m Oseburuwa mgbe m no na nsogbu, bekuere Chineke m akwa enyemaka. O si n'ulonso ya wee nu olu m, mkpu akwa m wee ruo ya nti. (Az.)



### Acclamation Mt. 4:17

**R**epent, says the Lord, for the kingdom of heaven is close at hand.

### Gospel

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John (10:31-42)

**T**he Jews fetched stones to stone him, so Jesus said to them, 'I have done many good works for you to see, works from my Father; for which of these are you stoning me?' The Jews answered him, 'We are not stoning you for doing a good work but for blasphemy: you are only a man and you claim to be God.' Jesus answered: 'Is it not written in your Law: I said, you are gods? So the Law used the word gods of those to whom the word of God was addressed, and scripture cannot be rejected. Yet you say to someone the Father has consecrated and sent into the world, "You are blaspheming," because he says, "I am the Son of God." If I am not doing my Father's work, there is no need to believe me; but if I am doing it, then even if you refuse to believe in me, at least believe in the work I do; then you will know for sure that the Father is in me and I am in the Father.

They wanted to arrest him then, but he eluded them. He went back again to the far side of the Jordan to stay in the district where John had once been baptising. Many people who came to him there said, 'John gave no signs, but all he said about this man was true'; and many of them believed in him. The Gospel of the Lord.

### Prayer Over The Offerings

**G**rant, O merciful God, that we may be worthy to serve ever fittingly at your altars, and there to be saved by constant participation. Through Christ our Lord.

### Communion Antiphon

**J**esus bore our sins in his own body on the cross, so that dead to sin, we might live for righteousness. By his wounds we have been healed.

### Prayer After Communion

**M**ay the unfailing protection of the sacrifice we have received never leave us, O Lord, and may it always drive far from us all that would do us harm. Through Christ our Lord.

### Mbeku Mt. 4:17

**C**hegharianu, n'ihina alaeze eluigwe adila nso.

### Ozioma

Ihe ogugu nke a si n'Ozioma di aso nke Jon dere (10:31-42)

**N**di Juu tutukwaara okwute ozo ka ha tuo ya ma Jesu gwara ha si, "Ezila m unu otutu ezi oru nke sitere n'aka Nna m. Olee nke o bu n'ime ndi a ka unu ga-eji tuo m okwute?" Ndi Juu azaa si ya, "Anyi anaghi atu gi okwute n'ihia ezi oru gi kama n'ihia nkwalu nke i na-ekwulu Chukwu; I bu naani mmadu nkiti, ma i na-eme onwe gi Chineke! Jesu zara ha si, "O bu na-edeghi ya n'Iwu unu si, 'Ekwuru m, unu bu chi?' Anyi makwa na ihe e dere n'Akwukwo Nso enweghi mgbanwe. Ndi Chineke ziteere okwu ya ka o kporo ndi bu chi. Unu na-asị na onye Chineke doro nso wee zite n'ime uwa, na-ekwulu Chineke n'ihina o si, 'Abu m Nwa Chineke?' O buru na m anaghi aru oru nna m, unu ekwela na m. Ma o buru na m, na-arụ ha, o buladi na a si na unu ekweghi na m, kwerenu n'oru ndi a, ka unu wee mata ma ghotu nke oma na Nna m bi n'ime m, m biri n'ime Nna." Ha chokwara ijide ya ozo, ma o siri n'aka ha mipu.

Jesu laghachiri azu ozo, n'ofe osimiri Jodan n'ebe Jon na-eme mmirichukwu na mbu, O nogidekwara ebe ahu. Otutu mmadu biakwutere ya, na-asị, "Jon arughi oruebube ma ihe niile o kwuru banyere nwoke a bu eziokwu. Otutu ndi no ebe ahu kwenyere na ya. Ozioma nke Oseburuwa.

### Ekpere Nhunye

**M**ee O Chineke di ebere, ka anyi tosi igbara gi odibo n'uzo kwesiri ekwesị n'ekwuaja gi ga, ka anyi nweta nzoputa site na isonye n'ofufe nru ha mgbe nille. Site na Kristi Onyenweanyi.

### Ukwe Oriri Nso

**J**esu buuru mmehie anyi n'ahu ya n'elu Obe, ka o ga-abu anyi nwuo n'ebe mmehie di, anyi ebiwe ndu kwuto. Site na onya ya ka anyi jiri nweta ogwugwo.

### Ekpere A Natachaa Oriri Nso

**K**a nchedo aja nke anyi natarala enweghi mgbo ghara ihapu anyi, O Onyenweanyi, ka o chuttee aka n'ebe anyi no ihe niile puru imekpa anyi ahu. Site na Kristi Onyenweanyi.

### Prayer Over The People

**G**rant, we pray, almighty God, that your servants, who seek the grace of your protection, may be free from every evil and serve you in peace of mind. Through Christ our Lord.

### Ekpere Maka Ọha Mmadu

**M**ee, anyị na-ariọ, Chineke jị ike niile, Mka ụmụodibo gị ga, ndị na-achọ amara nchedo gị, nwere onwe ha n'ebe ajoini di ma were udo nke mmụọ gbaara gị odibo. Site na Kristi Onyenweanyi.



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