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1 March, 2025 [Nkwo] Saturday of Week 7 in Ordinary Time (Green)

Our Lady of Saturday

Entry Antiphon

Hail, Holy Mother, who gave birth to the King who rules heaven and earth forever!

Collect

Grant, Lord God, that we, your servants, may rejoice in unfailing health of mind and body, and through the glorious intercession of Blessed Mary ever-Virgin, may we be set free from present sorrow and come to enjoy eternal happiness. Through our Lord.

First Reading

A Reading from the book of Ecclesiasticus (17: 1-15)

The Lord fashioned man from the earth, to consign him back to it. He gave them so many days' determined time; he gave them authority over everything on earth. He clothed them with strength like his own, and made them in his own image. He filled all living things with dread of man, making him master over beasts and birds. He shaped for them a mouth and tongue, eyes and ears, and gave them a heart to think with. He filled them with knowledge and understanding, and revealed to them good and evil. He put his own light in their hearts to show them the magnificence of his works. They will praise his holy name, as they tell of his magnificent works. He set knowledge before them; he endowed them with the law of life. He established an eternal covenant with them, and revealed his judgments to them. Their eyes saw his glorious majesty, and their ears heard the glory of his voice. He said to them, 'Beware of all wrong-doings'; he gave each a commandment concerning his neighbor. Their ways are always under his eye, they cannot be hidden from his sight.

The word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm: Ps. 102: 13-18. (Rv. 17)

Response: The love of the Lord is everlasting upon those who hold him in fear.

1. As a father has compassion on his sons, the Lord has pity on those who fear him; for he knows of what we are made, he remembers that we are dust. (R.)

2. As for man, his days are like grass; he

Ukwe Mbata

Ekele, Nne di aso, onye muru Eze na-achi eluigwe na uwa ebighiebi!

Ekpere Mmeghe

Mee, Onyenweanyi Chineke, ka anyi bu umu odibo gi nuri n'iweta ike nke ahu na nke mmuo, site n'aririo di ebube nke Maria di Ngozi Vejin Okpu, ka anyi nwere onwe anyi n'ihe mmekpa ahu nke ndu a, ma bia nweta anuri di ebighiebi. Site na Dinwenụ anyi.

Ihe Ogugu Nke Mbu

Ihe ogugu e wetara n'akwukwo Sirak (17:1-15)

Oseburwa si n'aja kee mmadu, na ya bu aja ka O kpochighakwara ya. O nyere ndi mmadu nwankenke oge ha ga-adu ndu, mana O nyere ha ike n'ebe ihe niile di n'elu uwa di. O nyere ha ike dika nke ya, kee ha n'oyiyi nke ya. O mere ka ihe ndiozo niile e kere na-aturu mmadu egwu. O mere ka ha na-achi ma anuohia ma nnuu na-eke efe. O nyere ha uzo nghota ise, ka o si nye anu ndiozo, bia nyekwa ha nke isi bu akonuuche na nke asaa bu ililo, nke na-enyere ha aka ikowaputa nghota ise ndi a. O nyere ha ire, anya, nti na uche ha ji eche echiche. O nyere ha omuma na nghota n'uju gosi ha omuma na nghota n'uju gosi ha ihe di ichiche n'etiti iheoma na ihe ojoo. O tinyere ihe nke ya n'ime obi ha ka ha na-ahu ka oruka ya si buo ibu, maa mma. O hapuru ha ka ha na-ekwuputa otito ya ebebe, jiri ya na-anya isi ebighiebi. Ha ga na-eto aha ya di nso, na-ekwuputakwa aka oru ya buruibu. O nyere ha onyinye nke omuma were kenye ha oke n'iwu nke ndu. Ya na ha gbara ndu ga-adu ebighiebi, O bia gosikwa ha ikpe nkwmoto ya. Anya ha huru ike ya di ebube, nti ha nukwara olu ya di otito. O si ha, "Kpacharanu anya maka ihe niile ezighi ezi." O nyere onye obula n'ime a iwu gbasara ikwu na ibe. Uzo ha niile putara ihe n'ihu ya, o nweghi nke zoro ezo n'anya ya.

Okwu nke Oseburuwa.

Abuoma na Aziza: Abu. 103: 13-18. (Az.17)

Aziza: Ihunaanya nke Onyenweanyi na-adi ebighiebi n'ebe ndi na-aturu ya egwu no.

1. Dika nna si emere umu ya ebere, otu ahu ka Onyenweanyi si emeso ndi na aturu ya egwu. O mara ihe e ji wee kee anyi, o na-echeta na anyi bu ntu. (Az.)

2. Ogologo ndu mmadu akarighi nke ahilia, o naghị anokari ifuru osisi di n'ohia, Otu nnukwu

flowers like the flower of the field; the wind blows and he is gone and his place never sees him again. (R.)

3. But the love of the Lord is everlasting upon those who hold him in fear; his justice reaches out to children's children when they keep his covenant in truth, when they keep his will in their mind. (R.)

Alleluia, alleluia! Mt. 11:25

Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, for revealing the mysteries of the kingdom to mere children. Alleluia!

Gospel

A Reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark (10: 13-16)

People were bringing little children to Jesus, for him to touch them. The disciples turned them away, but when Jesus saw this he was indignant and said to them, 'Let the little children come to me; do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. I tell you solemnly, anyone who does not welcome the kingdom of God like a little child will never enter it'. Then he put his arms around them, laid his hands on them and gave them his blessing.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Prayer Over the Offerings

May the humanity of your Only Begotten Son come, O Lord, to our aid, and may he, who at his birth from the Blessed Virgin did not diminish but consecrated her integrity, by taking from us now our wicked deeds, make our oblation acceptable to you. Through Christ our Lord.

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Communion Antiphon

Blessed is the womb of the Virgin Mary, which bore the Son of the eternal Father.

Post-Communion

As we received this heavenly Sacrament, we beseech, O Lord, your mercy, that we who rejoice in commemorating the Blessed Virgin Mary, may, by imitating her, serve worthily the mystery of our redemption. Through Christ our Lord.

ikuku kuo; a gaghi ahukwa ya ebe a ozo. (Az.)
3. Ma n'agbanyeghi, ihunaanya nke Onyenweanyi n'ebe ndi na-aturu ya egwu no, na-adi okpu, o na-adi ebebe, dika obioma ya di n'ebe umuumu ya no, O na-adigide oge obula ha na-edobe ogbugbandu ya, ma na-echeta ina edebe iwu ya niile. (Az.)

Aleluya, aleluya! Mat. 11:25

Ana m ekele gi Nna, Dinwenu nke eluigwe na uwa, n'ihina i kpugheere umuntakiri ihe ndi a i zonahuru ndi amamihe na ndi okemmuta. Aleluya!

Ozioma

Ihe ogugu nke a si n'Ozioma di aso nke Mak dere (10:13-16)

Ndi mmadu kpotaara Jesu umuntakiri ka o metu ha aka; ma ndi na-eso uzo ya baara ha mba. Ma mgbe Jesu huru ihe ha name, iwe were ya nke ukwu. O wee si ha, "Hapunu umuntakiri ka ha biakwute m, unu egbochila ha n'ihina Alaeze Chineke bu nke ndi di otu a. N'ezie agwa m unu onye obula nke na-agaghi anabata Alaeze Chineke dika nwatakiri, agaghi aba n'ime ya." Ma o kuuru ha n'aka ya gozie ha, bikwasa ha aka n'isi.

Ozioma nke Oseburuwa.

Ekpere Nhunye

Ka ekerechi mmadu nke Nwa gi i muru naani ya, O Onyenweanyi, gbataara anyi oso enyemaka, ka onye ahụ sitere n'omumu ya na Vejin di Ngozi, doo ozuzuoke onodu ya nso, na-ewetughi ya, sitekwa n'ikpochapu ajo omume anyi ugbo a, mee ka onyinye anyi masi gi inara. Site na Kristi Onyenweanyi.

Ukwe Oriri Nso

Ngozi diiri akpa nwa Vejin Maria, nke buuru Nwa nke Nna di ebighiebi.

Ekpere Anatachaa Oriri Nso

Ka anyi natarala Sakramenti nke eluigwe, anyi na-ario ebere gi, O Onyenweanyi, ka anyi bu ndi na-egori n'icheta Vejin Maria di Ngozi, site n'ifomi ya, gbaara iheomimi nke mgbaputa anyi odibo ofuma. Site na Kristi Onyenweanyi.

8TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (C)

2 March 2025 [Eke] (Green)

**Office:
Week 4**

The First Reading discloses how a man's thought and character are revealed in his speech. Linking a man's words with the interior desires of the heart, Jesus in the Gospel invites his disciples to vigilance, humble and patient self-examination, and renewal that goes with habitual and firm disposition for Truth and to do the good. The Responsorial Psalm while affirming the Truth and love

of God, highlights the blessings that follow upright living. St Paul in the Second Reading exhorts Christians to persevere in battle against carnal and vain desire, in the hope of ultimate transformation and victory through Christ.

Entry Antiphon

The Lord became my protector. He brought me out to a place of freedom; he saved me because he delighted in me.

Collect

Grant us, O Lord, we pray, that the course of our world may be directed by your peaceful rule and that your Church may rejoice, untroubled in her devotion. Through our Lord.

First reading

A reading from the Book of Ecclesiasticus (27:5-8)
In a shaken sieve the rubbish is left behind, so too the defects of a man appear in his talk. The kiln tests the work of the potter, the test of a man is in his conversation. The orchard where a tree grows is judged on the quality of its fruit, similarly a man's words betray what he feels. Do not praise a man before he has spoken, since this is the test of men.

The word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm: Ps. 91(92):2-3,13-16

Response: **It is good to give you thanks, O Lord.**

1. It is good to give thanks to the Lord, to make music to your name, O Most High, to proclaim your love in the morning and your truth in the watches of the night. (R.)
2. The just will flourish like the palm tree and grow like a Lebanon cedar. (R.)
3. Planted in the house of the Lord they will flourish in the courts of our God, still bearing fruit when they are old, still full of sap, still green, to proclaim that the Lord is just. In him, my rock, there is no wrong. (R.)

Second Reading

A reading from the First Letter of St Paul to the Corinthians (15:54-58).

When this perishable nature has put on imperishability, and when this mortal nature has put on immortality, then the words of scripture will come true: Death is swallowed up in victory. Death, where is your victory? Death, where is your sting? Now the sting of death is sin, and sin gets its power from the Law. So let us thank God for giving us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Never give in then, my dear brothers,

Ukwe Mbata

O nyenweanyi bu onye nchekwaba m. O duputala m ka m nwere onwe m. O zoputala m maka ihi na O huru m n'anya.

Ekpere Mmeghe

O nyenweanyi, anyi na-ario Gi, ka I na-eduziri anyi ihe na-aga n'uwa n'usoro nke udo Gi. Nye Nzuko gi udo ka o wee na-anuri onu n'ife Gi. Site na Dinwenu anyi.

Ihe Ogugu nke Mbu

Ihe ogugu e wetara n'akwukwo Sirak (27:5-8)

Obo oku ka e ji elele aka oru onye okpu ite; mana site n'okwu mmadu ka e si amata udi mmadu o bu. Site na mkpuru osisi ka e si amata osisi nke a kpachapuru anya, n'otu aka ahụ, site n'okwu onu mmadu ka e si amata mmuo ya.

Okwu nke Oseburuwa.

Abuoma na Aziza: Abu 92: 1-2, 12-15. (Az.1)

Aziza: **O bu ihe kwesiri ekwesị inye gi ekele, O Onyenweanyi.**

1. O bu ihe kwesiri ekwesị inye gi ekele, O Onyenweanyi; ikwere aha gi ukwe otito Onye kacha elu; Ikwuputa ihunanya gi di okpu n'utu obula, na ikwudosi ke gi n'abali obula. (Az.)
2. Ndi eziumume ga na-eto dika osisi nkwa, ha ga-ebukwa ibu dika osisi Sida nke Lebanon. (Az.)
3. Osisi ndi a kuru n'ime ulo nke Onyenweanyi, ha ga na-eto ofuma n'obi nke Chineke anyi. Ha ga na -ami mkpuru, obuladi mgbe ha di agadi, ha ga-ajuputa na ndu di ike, iji kwuputa ikwuba aka oto nke Oseburuwa. Ya bu onye nchedo m, nke anaghi eme ihe ojoo. (Az.)

Ihe Ogugu Nke Abu

Ihe ogugu e wetara n'akwukwozi abu Pol di aso degaara ndi Korint (15:54-58).

Mgbe ahụ a nke puru ire ure yikwasiri mereghi ure, ahụ a nke puru inwu anwu yikwasiri anwughi anwu, mgbe ahụ okwu ahụ e dere n'Akwukwo nso ga-emezu si, "E loola onwu na mmeri". Onwu! Olee ebe mmeri gi di? Ihe ogbugba nke onwu bu mmehie. Ihe na-enye mmehie ike bu iwu. Ma ekele diri Chineke onye na-enye anyi mmeri site n'Onyenweanyi Jesu Kristi. Ya bu umunna m, m huru n'anya, kwusienu ike, burunu akwaakwuru n'okwukwe unu.

never admit defeat; keep on working at the Lord's work always, knowing that, in the Lord, you cannot be labouring in vain. The Word of the Lord.

Alleluia, Alleluia! (cf. Acts 16:14)

Open our heart, O Lord, to accept the words of your Son. Alleluia!

Gospel

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke (6:39-45)

Jesus told a parable to his disciples: 'Can one blind man guide another? Surely both will fall into a pit? The disciple is not superior to his teacher; the fully trained disciple will always be like his teacher. Why do you observe the splinter in your brother's eye and never notice the plank in your own? How can you say to your brother, "Brother, let me take out the splinter that is in your eye," when you cannot see the plank in your own? Hypocrite! Take the plank out of your own eye first, and then you will see clearly enough to take out the splinter that is in your brother's eye.'

'There is no sound tree that produces rotten fruit, nor again a rotten tree that produces sound fruit. For every tree can be told by its own fruit: people do not pick figs from thorns, nor gather grapes from brambles. A good man draws what is good from the store of goodness in his heart; a bad man draws what is bad from the store of badness. For a man's words flow out of what fills his heart.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Prayer Over The Offerings

O God, who provide gifts to be offered to your name and count our oblations as signs of our desire to serve you with devotion, we ask of your mercy, that what you grant as the source of merit, may also help us to attain merit's reward. Through Christ our Lord.

Communion Antiphon

Behold, I am with you all days, until the end of the ages, says the Lord.

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.

HOLY HOUR: Theme: The Eucharist
- Source of Truth and Truthfulness 4

Nogidenụ n'orụ Onyenweanyi mgbe niile, ebe unu maara na oru unu na-arụ n'ime Dinwenụ abughi ihe efu. Okwu nke Oseburuwa.

Alaluya, Alaluya! (cf. Oru Ndi Ozi 16:14)

Meghee obi anyi, Onyenweanyi, ka anyi were nara okwu nke Nwa gi. Alaluya!

Ozioma

Ihe ogugu nke a si n'Ozioma di aso nke Luk dere (6:39-45).

Jesu tukwaara ha ilu si, "Onyeisi o nwere ike idu onye isi? O bu na ha mmadu abuo agaghi adaba n'olulu? Nwaazu anaghi aka onyenkuzi ya, ma onye obula a kuziiri ihe nke oma, ga-adi ka onye nkuzi ya. "Ma gini mere I ji hu irighiri ahia di n'anya nwanne gi, ma i huputaghi ibe osisi di n'anya nke gi? Mobu, olee otu I si nwee onu isi nwanne gi, 'nwanne m, ka m tuchapu gi irighiri ahia di gi n'anya,' mgbe gi onwe gi na-achoputaghi ibe osisi di n'anya gi? Gi onye ihu abuo, buru uzo tuchapu ibe osisi di n'anya gi, mgbe ahụ i ga-ahucha uzo nke oma ituchapu irighiri di n'anya nwanne gi.

"N'hina osisi oma anaghi ami mkpuru ojoo. Ozokwa, osisi ojoo anaghi ami mkpuru oma. Maka na a na-amata osisi obula site na mkpuru ya. N'hina a naghi aghota udara n'osisi ogwu; a naghikwa aghota utu n'osisi uke. Ezigbo mmadu na-esite n'iheoma juputara ya obi na-eme iheoma, ma ajo mmadu, site n'he ojoo juru ya ahụ, na-eme ihe ojoo n'hina site n'onu ka e ji ekwuputa ihe juru n'obi.

Ozioma nke Oseburuwa.

Ekpere Nhunye

Chineke, Gi nyere anyi onyinye ndi a anyi na-ebute n'aha Gi. I na-agunyekwa ha n'ihe anyi bu umuodibo Gi ji efe Gi. Biko, anyi n'arịo ka I were ebere Gi mee ka ihe I ji akwu ugwo ezigbo omume, wetara anyi ugwo nke anuri di ebighi ebi. Site na Kristi Onyenweanyi.

Ukwe Oriri Nso

Onyenweanyi kwuru si: "Mu onwe M, bu Dinwenụ, nonyere unu oge niile ruo na ngwucha nke uwa."

Ekpere A Natachaa Oriri Nso

Onyenweanyi, anyi ewerela onyinye nke nzoputa Gi rijuo afo. Biko site n'ebere Gi, mee ka ihe ogbugba ndu nke a, na-agba anyi ume n'elu uwa a, biakwa wetara anyi anuri nke iketa oke na ndu ebighi ebi n'alaeze eluigwe. Site na Kristi Onyenweanyi.

3 March [Orie] Monday of Week 8 (Green)

(For Entry Antiphon and Collect, see pages 3)

First Reading

Reading from the book of Sirach (17:24-29)
To those who repent God permits return, and he encourages those who were losing hope. Return to the Lord and leave sin behind, plead before his face and lessen your offence. Come back to the Most High and turn away from iniquity, and hold in abhorrence all that is foul. Who will praise the Most High in Sheol, if the living do not do so by giving glory to him? To the dead, as to those who do not exist, praise is unknown, only those with life and health can praise the Lord. How great is the mercy of the Lord, his pardon on all those who turn towards him! The word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm: Ps. 31:1-2.5-7. (R.v.11)

Response: **Rejoice, rejoice in the Lord, exult, you just!**

1. Happy the man whose offence is forgiven, whose sin is remitted. O happy the man to whom the Lord imputes no guilt, in whose spirit is no guile. (R.)
2. But now I have acknowledged my sins; my guilt I did not hide. I said: 'I will confess my offence to the Lord.' And you, Lord, have forgiven the guilt of my sin. (R.)
3. So let every good man pray to you in the time of need. The floods of water may reach high but him they shall not reach. You are my hiding place, O Lord; you save me from distress. You surround me with cries of deliverance. (R.)

Alleluia, alleluia! 2 Cor. 8:9

Christ was rich, but he became poor for your sake, to make you rich out of his poverty. Alleluia!

Gospel

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark (10:17-27)

Jesus was setting out on a journey when a man ran up, knelt before him and put this question to him, 'Good master, what must I do to inherit eternal life?' Jesus said to him, 'Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone. You know the commandments: You must not kill; You must not commit adultery; You must not steal; You must not bring false witness; You must not steal; You must not bring false witness; You

The Ogugu Nke Mbu

The ogugu wetaran' akwukwo Sirak (17:24-29)

Mana ndi mere ebere chegharia, O ga-anabata ha. Ma O na-agba ndi ike na-agwu, obi na-ekolopu ume. Tugharia, laghachi azu n'ebe Dinwenu no, hapu njo gi, rio aririo n'ihu ya, ma belata mmehie gi ga. Laghachikwuru Onye kachaelu. Wepu anya n'ebe ihe aru di, jiri ike obi gi niile kpo njo asi. Onye puru ikwere Onye kachaelu ukwe otito n'ala mmuo dika ndi di ndu si ekele ya? Inye ekele adighi n'ebe ndi nwuru anwu no, ha dika ndi ekeghi eke, sooso onye di ndu, nwee ahụ ike na-ekwe ukwe otito. Lee ka o si buo ibu bu ebere Onyenweanyi na mgbaghara O na-egosi ndi laghachiri azu n'ebe O no. Okwu nke Oseburuwa.

Abuoma na Aziza: Abu.32:1-2.5-7(Az.11)

Aziza: **Nuriwanu, Nuriwanu onu n'Onyenweanyi, Goriwenu unu ndi eziumume!**

1. Ngozi na-adiri onye nke a gbaghaara njo ya; onye nke e kpochapuru mmehie ya. Ngozi diri onye ahụ Onyenweanyi amaghi ikpe, onye aghugho adighi n'ime obi ya. (Az.)
2. N'ikpeazu, ekwere m na m mere njo anakwaghi m ezo njo m ezo. Asiri m, "Aga m ekwuputara Onyenweanyi njo m," I wee gbaghara m njo m niile. (Az.)
3. Ya mere ndi nke gi niile ji ebeku gi, mgbe obula ha no na nsogbu, o burugodu na nsogbu ekworo ka idee mmiri bia, o gaghi eru ha ahu. Gi bu ebe mgbaba m, I na-echebe m n'oge nsogbu, I ji ukwe nzoputa agba m gburugburu. (Az.)

Alaluya, alaluya! 2 Kor. 8:9

Kristi bu ogaranya nke mmuo, ma o dara ogbenye n'ihu unu, ka unu wee site n'ibu ogbenye ya, buru ogaranya n'ihe nke mmuo. Alaluya!

Ozioma

The ogugu nke a si n'Ozioma di aso nke Mak dere (10:17-27)

Ka Jesu na-ebili njem, otu nwoke gbaara oso bia gbuo ikpere n'ala n'ihu ya, juo ya si, "Ezigbo onyenkuzi, gini ka m ga-eme ka m wee keta ndu ebighiebi?" Jesu juru ya si, "Gini mere i ji akpo m ezigbo onye? O nweghi onye bu ezigbo onye beluso Chineke. I marala ihe ndi e nyere n'iwu: 'Egbula ochu, Akwala iko, Ezula ohi, Agbala ama asi, Arugbula mmadu, sopuru nna gi na nne gi.' Nwoke ahụ zara ya

must not defraud; Honour your father and mother.' And he said to him, 'Master, I have kept all these from my earliest days.' Jesus looked steadily at him and loved him, and he said, 'there is one thing you lack. Go and sell everything you own and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me.' But his face fell at these words and he went away sad, for he was a man of great wealth.

Jesus looked round and said to his disciples, 'How hard it is for those who have riches to enter the kingdom of God!' The disciples were astounded by these words, but Jesus insisted, 'My children,' he said to them 'how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God! It is easier for a camel to pass through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God.' They were more astonished than ever. 'In that case' they said to one another 'who can be saved?' Jesus gazed at them. 'For men' he said 'it is impossible, but not for God: because everything is possible for God.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

si, "Onyenkuzi, ihe niile ndi a ka m debere site n'okorobia m." Jesu lere ya anya nwee ihunaanya n'ebe o no, gwa ya si, "Otu ihe foduuru gi ime. Laa, ree ihe niile i nwere were nye ndi ogbenye, i ga-enwe aku n'eluigwe, bia sobe m." Mgbe o nuru okwu a ihu gbaruru ya, o wee laa na mwute, n'ihina o bu onye bara uba nke ukwu.

Jesu elegharia anya si ndi na-eso uzo ya, "lee ka o si sie ike ndi ogaranya iba n'Alaeze Chineke!" Okwu ya a turu ndi na-eso uzo ya n'anya. Jesu gwakwara ha ozo si, "Umuntakiri m, lee ka o si siere ndi tukwasara obi n'akunuba ike iba n'Alaeze Chineke! O dikariri inyinyabu mfe igafe n'anya aga karia ogaranya iba n'Alaeze Chineke!" Okwu a turu ha n'anya nke ukwu, ha wee juo ya si, "Onye kwanu ka a puru izoputa?" Jesu lere ha anya si, "N'ebe mmadu no nke a bu ihe na-agaghi ekwe onume, ma o bughi n'ebe Chineke no. N'ihina n'ebe Chineke no o puru ime ihe niile."

Ozioma nke Oseburuwa.

(For Prayer Over The Offerings, Communion Antiphon, and Prayer After Communion, see page 4)

4 March [Afor] Tuesday of Week 8 (Green)

St. Casimir (Opt. Mem.)

(For Entry Antiphon and Collect, see pages 3)

First Reading

A reading from the book of Sirach (35:1-12)

A man multiplies offerings by keeping the Law; he offers communion sacrifices by following the commandments. By showing gratitude he makes an offering of fine flour, by giving alms he offers a sacrifice of praise. Withdraw from wickedness and the Lord will be pleased, withdraw from injustice and you make atonement. Do not appear empty-handed in the Lord's presence; for all these things are due under the commandment. A virtuous man's offering graces the altar, and its savour rises before the Most High. A virtuous man's sacrifice is acceptable, its memorial will not be forgotten. Honour the Lord with generosity, do not stint the first-fruits you bring. Add a smiling face to all your gifts, and be cheerful as your gifts, and be cheerful as you dedicate your tithes. Give to the Most High as he has given to you, generously as your means can afford; for the Lord is a good rewarder, he will reward you seven times over. Offer him no bribe, he will not

The Ogugu Nke Mbu

Ihe ogugu e wetara n' akwukwo Sirak (35:1-12)

Idobe iwu bu inye otutu onyinye; ige nti n' ihe iwu kwuru bu ichuaja nke udo. Onye jiri ekele kwughachi ugwo afooma e meere ya, nyere onyinye ntuoka. Ma onye nwere onyinye ebere, churu aja nke inye ekele. Iwepu aka n' ajo ihe na-atọ Onyenweanyi uto. Ihapu uzo ezighi ezi bu ime opipia maka njo. Agbakwala aka abia n'ihu nke Onyenweanyi. Maka na iwu choro ka a na-eme ihe ndi a. Onyinye onye eziumume na-acho ekwunchuaja mma. Isi oma ya narigoro n'ihu nke Onyekachaelu. A na-anabata aja onye eziumume, ncheta ya ga-adi okpu. Too Onyenweanyi site n'iji obi gi niile nye onyinye. Emekwala aka chichiri n'inye onyinye nke mkpuru mbu gi. Jiri ihu ochi na-enye onyinye obula. Were anuri hunye otu uzo n'ime uzo iri nke ihe i nwere. Nye Onye kachaelu dika O si enye gi. Nye onyinye mara mma, buo ibu dika aka gi ha. Maka na Onyenweanyi bu ezigbo onye okwu ugwo. O ga-akwu gi ugwo mmaji asaa. Enyekwala ya bu Onyenweanyi ngari

accept it, do not put your faith in an unvirtuous sacrifice; since the Lord is a judge who is no respecter of personages. The word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm: Ps. 49:5-8,14,23. (R.v.23)

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

1. 'Summon before me my people who made covenant with me by sacrifice.' The heavens proclaim his justice, for he, God, is the judge. (R.)

2. 'Listen, my people, I will speak; Israel, I will testify against you, for I am God your God. I find no fault with your sacrifices, your offerings are always before me. (R.)

3. 'Pay your sacrifice of thanksgiving to God and render him your votive offerings. A sacrifice of thanksgiving honours me and I will show God's salvation to the upright.' (R.)

Alleluia, alleluia! Mt. 11:25

Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, for revealing the mysteries of the kingdom to mere children. Alleluia!

Gospel

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark (10:28-31)

What about us?' Peter asked Jesus. 'We have left everything and followed you.' Jesus said, 'I tell you solemnly, there is no one who has left house, brothers, sisters, father, children or land for my sake and for the sake of the gospel who will not be repaid a hundred times over, houses, brothers, sisters, mother, children and land-not without persecutions-now in this present time and, in the world to come, eternal life.

'Many who are first will be last, and the last first.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

maka na O gaghi anara ya. Atukwasila nchekwube gi n'aja ezighi ezi, maka na Onyenweanyi bu onye okaikpe, O naghi aso mmadu anya.

Okwu nke Oseburuwa.

Abuoma na Aziza: Abu.50:5-8,14,23. (Az.23)

Aziza: A ga m egosi nzoputa nke Chineke n'ebe ndi eziumume no.

1. 'Kpokotaranu m ndi nke m kwere ekwe, ndi mu na ha gbara ndu site n'aja ha churu! Ka eluigwe niile kwuputa eziumume ya; Mgbe Chineke n'onwe ya bu onye okaikpe. (Az.)

2. Geenụ nti ndi nke m, ana m ekwu okwu, Izrel, ana m agba akaebe megide unu, ana m ekpe unu ikpe n'ihu unu, mu Oseburuwa, Chineke unu. O bughi n'ihu aja unu ka m ji wee na-abara unu mba, aja nsureoku unu no n'ihu m oge niile. (Az.)

3. Onye obula na-achunyere m aja ekele na asopuru m, ma aga m egosi nzoputa nke Chineke n'ebe ndi eziumume no. (Az.)

Aleluya, aleluya! Mat.11:25

Ekelee m gi, Nna, Onye nwe eluigwe na uwa, n'ihu na i kpugherela ndi di nta ihe omimi nke alaeze. Aleluya!

Ozioma

Ihe ogugu nke a si n'Ozioma di aso nke Mak dere (10:28-31)

Pita ebido gwaba Jesu si, "Lee anyi ahapula ihe niile soro gi." Jesu siri ha, "N'ezie agwa m unu, o dighi onye obula nke hapuru ulo, mobu umunne ndi nwoke mobu umunne ndi nwaanyi mobu nne mobu nna, mobu umu, mobu ala, n'ihu m na n'ihu ozioma, na-agaghi eniweta ihe ndia a ugbo a, na n'oge a. O ga-eniweta nari kwuru nari; ulo, na umunne nwoke na umunne nwaanyi, na nne, na umu, na ubi, ha na otutu nsogbu o ga-anatakwa ndu ebighiebi n'uwa nke na-abia n'ihu.

Ma otutu ndi bu uzo ga-abu ndi ikpeazu, ndi ikpeazu aburu ndi bu uzo.

Ozioma nke Oseburuwa.

(For Prayer Over The Offerings, Communion Antiphon, and Prayer After Communion, see page 4)



5 March [Nkwo] Wednesday (Violet) Office: Ash Wednesday (Fast and Abstinence) Week 4

Lent is the Church's preparation for Easter. Lenten exercises take after the example of our Lord Jesus Christ who fasted forty days and forty nights in the desert and prescribed prayer and fasting as means of self-mastery over sin and evil, and growth to perfection.

Ash Wednesday begins this sacred time consecrated to prayer, penance, and almsgiving. We retire from earthly comforts and pursuits into the 'desert', with Jesus the Redeemer, so as to gain interior freedom, strength and virtues to share in his victory. We learn from him how to subject the three enemies of the soul: the world, the flesh, and the devil, and obey God the Father.

Public penitents were in the past separated from the assembly of the faithful today, so that they might use the forty days of Lent to repent and be reconciled to the Church on Maundy Thursday. From the early Church also, new catechumens to be baptised on Holy Saturday are today specially received and closely accompanied by the entire Christian community.

Lent is a time of salvation for everyone, given that we have all fallen short of the glory of God. This common need of forgiveness and reconciliation invites all to public expression in form of blessing and imposition of ashes on the foreheads of both catechumens and baptized. The ash is also symbol of solidarity in human fragility and mortality, pining for mercy of God and redemption.

Entry Antiphon

You are merciful to all, O Lord, and despise nothing that you have made. You overlook people's sins, to bring them to repentance, and you spare them, for you are the Lord our God.

Collect

Grant, O Lord, that we may begin with holy fasting this campaign of Christian service, so that, as we take up battle against spiritual evils, we may be armed with weapons of self-restraint. Through our Lord Jesus Christ.

First Reading

Reading from the prophet Joel (2:12-18)

But now, now - it is the Lord who speaks - come back to me with all your heart, fasting, weeping, mourning.' Let your hearts be broken, not your garments torn, turn to the Lord your God again, for he is all tenderness and compassion, slow to anger, rich in graciousness, and ready to relent. Who knows if he will not turn again, will not relent, will not leave a blessing as he passes, oblation and libation for the Lord your God? Sound the trumpet in Zion! Order a fast, proclaim a solemn assembly, call the people together, summon the community, assemble the elders, gather the children, even the infants at the breast. Let the bridegroom leave his bedroom and the bride her alcove. Between vestibule and altar let the priests, the ministers of the Lord, lament. Let them say, 'Spare your people, Lord! Do not make your heritage a thing of shame, a byword for the nations. Why should it be said among the nations, "Where is their God?" Then the Lord, jealous on behalf of his land, took pity on his people. The word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm: Ps. 50:3-6.12-14.17.(R.v.3)

Response: Have mercy on us, O Lord, for we have sinned

1. Have mercy on me, God, in your kindness. In your compassion blot out my

Ukwe Mbata

Onyenweanyi, I na-emere ihe niile ebere. Onweghi ihe o bula I kere eke I kporo asi. I na-elefu anyi na njo mmadu ma o buru na o chegharia. I na-agbaghara anyi n'ihu na I bu Dinweni Chineke anyi.

Ekpere Mmeghe

Onyenweanyi, biko chekwaba ndi otu Kristi n'agha ha na-ebuso mmuo nke ihe ojoo. Site n'ebumonu di aso nke a anyi na-ebido, biko, mee ka enyemaka Gi gbaa anyi gburugburu na mbo anyi na-agba ka anyi were jide onwe anyi aka. Site na Dinweni anyi.

Ihe Ogugu Nke Mbu

Ihe ogugu e wetara n'onye amuma Joel (2:12-18)

Ma obuladi ugwu a, Oseburuwa na-ekwu, "Laghachikwutenu m n'ibu onu, ibe akwa na kwa iru uju. Dokaanu obi unu, o bughi uwe unu." Biaghachinu azu n'ebe Oseburuwa Chineke unu no, n'ihina o di ebere nweekwa obioma. O naghị ewe iwe ososo kama O juputara n'ihunaanya di okpu na-atugharikwa obi ya wee hapu ahuhu o choro ita ndi nke ya. Onye maara ma o gaghi aloghachite azu bia tugharia obi were hapuru anyi ngozi ya, kwe ka e wetara onyinye mkpuru akuku na mmunya maka Dinweni Chineke unu? Gbuonu opiike na Zayon. Maanu iwu ibu onu, nweenu ogbako di nsọ. Kpokotanu ndi mmadu niile, doonu ogbako ahu aso, kpokotanu ndi okenye na umuaka, obuladi ndi ka na-anu ara. Ka nwoke luru nwannyi ohuru hapu ulo ya, ka nwaanyi ya hapukwa ulondina ya. Ka ndi nchuaa ndi na-agba odibo n'ihu Chineke nora n'etiti ulonso bee akwa si: "Zoo ndi nke gi O Oseburuwa, ekwela ka ihe nrite gi buru ihe ochi na ihe asiri nye mba niile. Kedu ihe mba ndiozo ga-eji juo si: "Olee ebe chi ha no?" Mgbe ahu Chineke kwobere ekworo maka ala ya, meekwara ndi nke ya ebere.

Okwu nke Oseburuwa.

Abuoma na Aziza: Abu. 51:1-4.10-12.15.(Az.3)

Aziza: Meere anyi ebere, Onyenweanyi, n'ihu n'anyị emehiela gi.

1. Meere m ebere O Chineke site n'ihunaanya gi, site na nnuoku obi ebere gi

offence. O wash me more and more from my guilt and cleanse me from my sin. (R.)

2. My offences truly I know them; my sin is always before me. Against you, you alone, have I sinned; what is evil in your sight I have done. (R.)

3. A pure heart create for me, O God, put a steadfast spirit within me. Do not cast me away from your presence, nor deprive me of your holy spirit. (R.)

4. Give me again the joy of your help; with a spirit of favour sustain me, O Lord, open my lips and my mouth shall declare your praise. (R.)

Second Reading

A reading from the second letter of St. Paul to the Corinthians (5:20-6:2)

We are ambassadors for Christ; it is as though God were appealing through us, and the appeal that we make in Christ's name is: be reconciled to God. For our sake God made the sinless one into sin, so that in him we might become the goodness of God. As his fellow workers, we beg you once again not to neglect the grace of God that you have received. For he says: At the favourable time, I have listened to you; on the day of salvation I came to your help. Well, now is the favourable time; this is the day of salvation.

The word of the Lord.

Acclamation! Ps. 94:8

Harden not your hearts today, but listen to the voice of the Lord.

Gospel

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew (6:1-6.16-18)

Jesus said to his disciples: 'Be careful not to parade your good deeds before men to attract their notice; by doing this you will lose all reward from your Father in heaven. So when you give alms, do not have it trumpeted before you; this is what the hypocrites do in the synagogues and in the streets to win men's admiration. I tell you solemnly, they have had their reward. But when you give alms, your left hand must not know what your right is doing; your almsgiving must be secret, and your Father who sees all that is done in secret will reward you.

'And when you pray, do not imitate the hypocrites: they love to say their prayers standing up in the synagogues and at the street corners for people to see them. I tell you

hichapu njo m niile; sachapu mmehie m niile, wuchapu m na njo m. (Az.)

2. N'ihina amarala m mmehie m niile, njo m no na mmuo m oge niile, O bu so gi, naani gi ka m mere njo megide, ihe di njo n'ihu gi ka m mere. (Az.)

3. Chineke, kenye obi di ocha n'ime m, tinye n'ime m mmuo ohuuru na nke siri ike. Achupukwala m n'ihu gi, anapukwala m mmuo nsog gi. (Az.)

4. Nyeghachikwa m añuri nke nzoputa gi, were ezi mmuo gi chedo m, Onyenweanyi meghee egbugbere onu m ka onu m wee kwuputa otito gi. (Az.)

The Ogugu Nke Abuo

Ihe ogugu e wetara n'akwukwozi nke abuo Pol di aso degaara ndi Korint (5:20-6:2)

Anyị bu ndi nnochite anya nke Kristi. Chineke sitere n'ime anyi na-akpo unu oku. Anyi na-ario unu n'aha Kristi ka unu na Chineke dikwa na nma ozo. O bu n'ihina anyi ka Chineke jiri mee ka Kristi were onodu na ahuhu diiri ndi mmehie ebe o meghi njo obula, Chineke mere nke a ka anyi wee buru ndi eziumume nke ya n'ime Kristi. Ebe anyi na Chineke na-aruko oru, anyi na-ario unu ka unu ghara inabata amara Chineke dika ihe efu. N'ihina o kwuru si, "N'oge nnabata anuru m olu unu, n'ubochi nzoputa enyekwaara m unu aka" Lee, ugbu a bu oge nnabata, ugbu a bukwa oge nzoputa ahụ.

Okwu nke Oseburuwa.

Mbeku! Abu. 95:8

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

Ozioma

Ihe ogugu nke a si n'Ozioma di aso nke Matiu dere (6:1-6.16-18)

Jesu gwara ndi na-eso uzo ya: kpacharanu anya ime eziumume naani ka ndi mmadu wee hu unu, n'ihina unu mee otu a, Nna unu nke bi n'eluigwe agaghị akwu unu ugwo oru. Ya mere mgbe obula unu na-enye onyinye, unu afula opi dika ndi ihuabuo si eme n'ulo nzuko ha, na n'okporo uzo niile, ka ndi mmadu wee too ha. N'ezie, agwa m unu, ha anatala ugwo oru ha. Mgbe obula i na-enye onyinye ebere, ekwela ka akaekpe gi mata ihe akanri gi na-eme; ka o wee buru ihe i nyere na nzuzo, Nna unu nke na-ahu na nzuzo ga-akwughachi unu ugwo.

"Mgbe obula unu na-ekpe ekpere, unu emekwala ka ndi ihuabuo, n'ihina o na-amasi ha ikwuru ma na-ekpekwa ekpere n'ime ulo nzuko na n'akuku okporo uzo niile, ka ndi

solemnly, they have had their reward. But when you pray, go to your private room and, when you have shut your door, pray to your Father who is in that secret place, and your Father who sees all that is done in secret will reward you.

‘When you fast do not put on a gloomy look as the hypocrites do: they pull long faces to let men know they are fasting. I tell you solemnly, they have had their reward. But when you fast, put oil on your head and wash your face, so that no one will know you are fasting except your Father who sees all that is done in secret; and your Father who sees all that is done in secret will reward you.’

The Gospel of the Lord.

Blessing and Distribution of Ashes

After the homily the priest stands with joined hands and says:

Dear brethren (brothers and sisters), let us humbly ask God our Father that he pleased to bless with the abundance of his grace these ashes, which we will put on our heads in penitence.

All pray for a while in silence,

O God, who are moved by acts of humility and respond with forgiveness to works of penance, lend your merciful ear to our prayers and in your kindness pour out the grace of your + blessing on your servants who are marked with these ashes, that, as they follow the Lenten observances, they may be worthy to come with minds made pure to celebrate the Paschal Mystery of your Son. Through Christ our Lord.

The ashes are distributed. The Mass continues.

Prayer Over The Offerings

As we solemnly offer the annual sacrifice for the beginning of Lent, we entreat you, O Lord, that through works of penance and charity, we may turn away from harmful pleasures and, cleansed from our sins, may become worthy to celebrate devoutly the Passion of your Son. Who lives and reigns...

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Communion Antiphon

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

Prayer After Communion

May the sacrament we have received sustain us, O Lord, that our Lenten

mmadu wee hu ha. N’ezie agwa m unu, ha anatala ugwo oru ha. Ma mgbe obula unu na-ekpe ekpere, banyenu n’ime ulo unu, mechie uzo, kpeere Nna unu nke no na ebe nzuzo ahu. Nna unu nke na-ahu na nzuzo ga-akwughachi unu ugwo.

“Ozokwa mgbe obula unu na-ebu onu, unu agbarula ihu unu dika ndi ihuabuo si eme, ha na agbaru ihu ha ka ndi mmadu wee hu na ha na-ebu onu. N’ezie agwa m unu, ha anatala ugwo oru ha. Ma mgbe obula i na-ebu onu, tee ude n’isi, sakwaa ihu gi, ka a ghara inwe onye gamata na i na-ebu onu kara so Nna gi nke na-ahu ihe niile e mere na nzuzo. Nna gi nke na-ahu ihe niile e mere na nzuzo ga-akwu gi ugwo.

Ozioma nke Oseburuwa.

Umunna m huru n’anya, ka anyi jirinu umeala rio Chineke Nna anyi, ka O hukwasa ngozi ya n’uju na ntu a anyi na-aga ite iji gosi nchehari anyi na-echehari na njo anyi.

and then the priest continues:

Chineke anyi, o bu site n’igburu gi ikpere Cala na ime opipia maka njo ka e ji emeda gi obi. Biko were ihunaanya gi chee nti n’ekpere anyi. Hukwasa anyi bu umu gi ngozi + nke amara gi oge a ga-ete anyi ntu a. Site n’isoro mee opipia mkpuru ubochi iri ano, biko mee ka anyi kwesi iji obi di ocha rute n’ime emume nke ihe omimi mbilite n’onwu nke Nwa gi. Site na Kristi Dinwenụ anyi.

The Mass continues.

Ekpere Nhunye

Onyenweanyi, anyi ji nnukwu nsopuru na-achunyere gi aja nke a na mbido emume nso nke nicheta ahuhu Kristi. Anyi na-ario gi ka I mee ka anyi were opipia na oru ihunaanya wunyuo oke agu nke njo. Biko, wuchapu njo anyi, ka anyi were obi di ocha tozue ime emume ahuhu nke Nwa gi. Onye gi na Ya...

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Ukwe Oriri Nso

Onye na-atughari uche n’iwu nke Onyenweanyi ehie na abali gamita mkpuru ya mgbe oge ya ruo.

Ekpere A Natachaa Oriri Nso

Ka sakramenti anyi natarala gbodo anyi Ume, O Onyenweanyi, ka ebumonu nke

fast may be pleasing to you and be for us a healing remedy. Through Christ our Lord.

Prayer Over The People

Pour out a spirit of compunction, O God, on those who bow before your majesty, and by your mercy may they merit the rewards you promise to those who do penance. Through Christ our Lord.

Lentị anyị masị gị were buurụ anyị enyemaka ogwugwo. Site na Kristi, Onyenweanyị.

Ekpere Maka Oha Mmadu

Hukwasa mmuo mwute maka njo, O Chineke, n'ime ndi hulatarara n'ihu ukpoeze gi, ka ha site n'ebere gi kwesi inweta ugwo I kwere na nkwa maka ndi na-eme opipia. Site na Kristi Onyenweanyị.

6 March [Eke] Thursday after Ash Wednesday (Violet)

Entry Antiphon

When I cried to the Lord, he heard my voice; he rescued me from those who attack me. Entrust your cares to the Lord, and he will support you.

Collect

Prompt our actions with your inspiration, we pray, O Lord, and further them with your constant help, that all we do may always begin from you and by you be brought to completion. Through our Lord Jesus Christ.

First Reading

A reading from the book of Deuteronomy (30:15-20)

Moses said to the people: 'See, today I set before you life and prosperity, death and disaster. If you obey the commandments of the Lord your God that I enjoin on you today, if you love the Lord your God and follow his ways, if you keep his commandments, his laws, his customs, you will live and increase, and the Lord your God will bless you in the land which you are entering to make your own. But if your heart strays, if you refuse to listen, if you let yourself be drawn into worshipping other gods and serving them, I tell you today, you will most certainly perish; you will not live long in the land you are crossing the Jordan to enter and possess. I call heaven and earth to witness against you today: I set before you life or death, blessing or curse. Choose life, then, so that you and your descendants may live, in the love of the Lord your God, obeying his voice, clinging to him; for in this your life consists, and on this depends your long stay in the land which the Lord swore to your fathers Abraham, Isaac and Jacob he would give them.'

The word of the Lord.

Ukwe Mbata

Mgbe m kpokuru Onyenweanyị, o nñurụ olu m; o zoputara m n'aka ndi na-aluso m ogu. Hanye mkpa gi n'aka Onyenweanyị, o ga-akwado gi.

Ekpere Mmeghe

Kpalite omume anyi ga site n'alo gi, O Onyenweanyị, ma were enyemaka gi di okpu jigidekwa ha, ka ihe niile anyi na-eme na-ebido na gi mgbe niile were sitekwa na gi ruo na mmeju. Site na Dinwenụ anyi.

Ihe Ogugu Nke Mbụ

Ihe ogugu e wetara n'akwukwo Diuteronomi (30:15-20)

Mosis gwara ndi mmadu: "Taa, ana m eche n'ihu unu onwu na ndu, ihe oma na ihe ojoo ka unu horo nke ka unu mma. O buru na unu edobe iwu niile nke Chineke bu Chineke unu, nke m na-enye unu taa, o burukwa na unu ahu ya n'anya, rubere ya isi, dobekwa iwu ya niile, unu ga-aga n'ihu, burukwa mba bara uba mmadu. Chineke bu Chineke unu ga-agozi unu, mee ka unu biri n'ala ahu nke unu na-aba inweta. Ma o buru na unu enupuisi n'iwu ya jukwa ige ya nti, o buru na unu agahie uzo febe ma sekpuwere chi ndiozo, a ga-ekpochapuriri unu. Unu agaghikwa ebi ogologo ndu n'ala ahu, n'ofe Jodan, ebe unu na-aga, ka unu biri n'ime ya. Ugbo a, ana m eche n'ihu unu onwu na ndu, ngozi na abumonu Chineke, ka unu horo nke ka unu mma. Ana m akpokwa eluigwe na uwa ka ha gbaa akaebe banyere nke obula unu ga-ahoro. Ya mere, horonu ndu, ka unu na umuunumu unu wee di ndu. Hunu Chineke bu Chineke unu n'anya. Ruberenu ya isi. Werekwanu ikwudosike fee ya, ka unu na ndi umu unu di ogologo ndu n'ala ahu nke O kwere nkwa inye nnanna unu ha bu Abraham, na Aizik na Jekob." Okwu nke Oseburuwa.

Responsorial Psalm: Ps. 1:1-4.6.(R.Ps.39:5)

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.)

Acclamation Mt. 4:17

Repent, says the Lord, for the kingdom of heaven is close at hand.

Gospel

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke (9:22-25)

Jesus said to his disciples: 'The Son of Man is destined to suffer grievously, to be rejected by the elders and chief priests and scribes and to be put to death, and to be raised up on the third day.'

Then to all he said, 'If anyone wants to be a follower of mine, let him renounce himself and take up his cross every day and follow me. For anyone who wants to save his life will lose it; but anyone who loses his life for my sake, that man will save it. What gain, then, is it for a man to have won the whole world and to have lost or ruined his very self?'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Prayer Over The Offerings

Regard with favour, O Lord, we pray, the offerings we set upon this sacred altar, that, bestowing on us your pardon, our oblation may give honour to your name. Through Christ our Lord.

Communion Antiphon

Create a pure heart for me, O God; renew a steadfast spirit within me.

Prayer After Communion

Having received the blessing of your heavenly gifts, we humbly beseech you, almighty God, that they may always be

Abuoma na Aziza: Abu. 1:1-4.6 (Az.40:4)

Aziza: Ha nwere isioma bu ndi ahụ tũkwasiiri nchekwube ha n'Onyenweanyi.

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

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

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

Mbeku Mt. 4:17

Chegharianu, n'ihina alaeze eluigwe adila nso.

Ozioma

Ihe ogugu nke a si n'Ozioma di aso nke Luk dere (9:22-25)

Jesu gwara ndi umuazu ya si; "Nwa nke Mmadu ahụ ga-ata otutu ahuhu. Ndi okenye ndi Juu, na ndiisi nchuaaja, na ndi odeakwukwo ga-aju ya. A ga-egbukwa ya, ma n'ubochi nke ato, a ga-eme ka o si n'onwu bilie." O wee gwa ndi niile no ebe ahụ si, "O buru na onye obula achoo iso m, ya ju onwe ya, buru obe ya ubochi niile sobe m. N'ihina onye obula nke na-achio izoputa ndu ya ga-atufu ya. Ma onye obula nke ga-atufu ndu ya n'ihim, ga-azoputa ya. Keduru o ga-abara mmadu ma o ritechaa uwa niile n'uru ma tufuo mkpuruobi ya mobu onwe ya efulahu ya?"

Ozioma nke Oseburuwa.

Ekpere Nhunye

Were ihunaanya lekwasia, O Onyenweanyi, anyi na-ario, onyinye ndi a anyi dosara n'ebe nchuaaja gi di aso, ka, a na-ehukwasia anyi mgbaghara gi, onyinye anyi a na-enyekwa aha gi otito. Site na Kristi Onyenweanyi.

Ukwe Oriri Nso

Kenye obi di ocha n'ime m, O Chineke; gbanwoo n'ime m mmuo kwudosiriike.

Ekpere A Natachaa Oriri Nso

Ka anyi natachara ngozi nke onyinye eluigwe gi ga, anyi ji umeala ario gi, Chineke ji ike niile, ka ha buuru anyi

for us a source both of your pardon and of salvation. Through Christ our Lord.

Prayer Over The People

Almighty God who have made known to your people the ways of eternal life, lead them by that path, we pray, to you, the unfading light. Through Christ our Lord.

mgbe dum odo maka ka mgbaghara ka nzoputa gi. Site na Kristi Onyenweanyi.

Ekpere Maka Oha Mmadu

Chineke ji ike niile onye mere ka ndi nke gi mata uzo nke ndu ebighiebi, duga ha site n'uzo ahụ, anyi na-ario, gi bu ihe na-enweghi mgbanwo. Site na Kristi Onyenweanyi.

7 March [Orie] Friday after Ash Wednesday (Violet) Sts. Perpetua & Felicity Martyrs (Opt. Comm)

Entry Antiphon

The Lord heard and had mercy on me; the Lord became my helper.

Collect

Show gracious favour, O Lord, we pray, to the works of penance we have begun, that we may have strength to accomplish with sincerity the bodily observances we undertake. Through our Lord.

First Reading

Reading from the prophet Isaiah (58:1-9)

Thus says the Lord: Shout for all you are worth, raise your voice like a trumpet. Proclaim their faults to my people, their sins to the House of Jacob. They seek me day after day, they long to know my ways, like a nation that wants to act with integrity and not ignore the law of its God. They ask me for laws that are just, they long for God to draw near: 'Why should we fast if you never see it, why do penance if you never notice?' Look, you do business on your fastdays, 'you oppress all your workmen; look, you quarrel and squabble when you fast and strike the poor man with your fist. Fasting like yours today will never make your voice heard on high. Is that the sort of fast that pleases me, a truly penitential day for men? Hanging your head like a reed, lying down on sackcloth and ashes? Is that what you call fasting, a day acceptable to the Lord? Is not this the sort of fast that pleases me - it is the Lord who speaks - to break unjust fetters and undo the thongs of the yoke, to let the oppressed go free and break every yoke, to share your bread with the hungry, and shelter the homeless poor, to clothe the man you see to be naked and not turn

Ukwe Mbata

Onyenweanyi anugo olu m meere m ebere; Onyenweanyi aburula onye enyemaka m.

Ekpere Mmeghe

Were obioma nara, O Onyenweanyi, anyi na-ario, oru nke ime opipia anyi maliterela, ka anyi were nweta ike iji ezi obi meruo ha n'isi bu ebumonu nke anahụ anyi na-eme. Site na Dinwenu anyi.

Ihe Ogugu Nke Mbu

Ihe ogugu e wetara n'onye amuma Aizaya (58:1-9)

Besie akwa ike, ahapukwala ihe obula, welie olu gi elu dika opiike gwa ndi nke m mmehie ha, gwakwa ulo nke Jekob njo ha. N'agbanyeghi, ha na-acho m kwa ubochi na-enwe mmasi n'imata uzo m, ka a ga-asị na ha bu mba ndi na-eme iheoma, mobu ndi na-anaghi agbahapu iwu nke Chineke ha; ha na-asị m nye ha ikpe nkwmoto, o na-amasi ha ibiakete Chineke nso. "Gini kpatara anyi jiri bu onu ma i hughi ya? Kedu ihe mere anyi jiri butuo onwe anyi ala, ma i mara uma dika i maghi maka nke a?" Ma lee, n'ubochi ibu onu unu, o bu ihe uo nke unu na-acho, na-emegbu ndi niile na-aruru unu oru. Lee, unu na-ebu onu ma na-aga n'ihu n'esemokwu na ilu ogu na iji obi ojoo na-etigbusi onwe unu. Udi ibuonu unu n'ubochi taa agaghi eme ka a nu olu unu n'ebe di elu. O bu udi ibuonu di otu a na-amasi m; nke bu onu unu buru ubochi mmadu na-emeru onwe ya ahu? O bu ibudata isi ala dika ahijia puru n'akuku mimiri mobu i jiri akwa iru uju na iwere ntu wuo n'ahu? Unu ga-akpo nke a ibuonu n'ubochi nke Oseburuwa hoo? O bu na nke a abughi ibu onu nke na-amasi m: I toghapu agbu nke obi ojoo, ibutu ndi mmadu ibu aro, were hapu ndi a-na-akpagbu akpagbu ka ha nwere onwe ha wee kujisie inyagba niile? O bughi ime ka unu na ndi agu na-agu kee nri unu, ikpobata ndi ogbenye na-enweghi ulo n'ime ulo unu; were kpuchie onye gbaoto akwa mgbe unu huru ya ka o ghara ibu na unu na-ezo onwe unu n'ebe umunne unu no. Mgbe ahu ka ihe unu ga-achawaputa dika

from your own kin? Then will your light shine like the dawn and your wound be quickly healed over. Your integrity will go before you and glory of the Lord behind you. Cry, and the Lord will answer; call, and he will say, 'I am here.'

The word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm: Ps. 50:3-6, 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. My offences truly I know them; my sin is always before me. Against you, you alone, have I sinned; what is evil in your sight I have done. (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 Amos 5:14

Seek good and not evil so that you may live, and that the Lord God of hosts may really be with you.

Gospel

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew (9:14-15)

John's disciples came to Jesus and said, 'Why is it that we and the Pharisees fast, but your disciples do not?' Jesus replied, 'Surely the bridegroom's attendants would never think of mourning as long as the bridegroom is still with them? But the time will come for the bridegroom to be taken away from them, and then they will fast.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Prayer Over The Offerings

We offer, O Lord, the sacrifice of our Lenten observance, praying that it may make our intentions acceptable to you and add to our powers of self-restraint. Through Christ our Lord.

Communion Antiphon

O Lord, make me know your ways, teach me your paths.

Prayer After Communion

We pray, Almighty God, that, through partaking of this mystery, we may be cleansed of all our misdeeds, and so be suited for the remedies of your compassion. Through Christ our Lord.

ututu, otu aka ahụ ka ogwugwo oria unu ga-esi abia ngwa ngwa. Eziomume unu ga-eburu unu uzo. Ebube nke Chineke ga-abu nche azu unu. Mgbe ahụ ka unu ga-akpo Dinwenu oku, o wee za unu, mgbe ahụ ka unu ga-ebeku ya akwa, o wee za unu si, ebe a ka m no.'

Okwu nke Oseburuwa.

Abuoma na Aziza: Abu.51:1-4,16-17. (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. N'ihina amarala m mmehie m niile, njo m na mmuo m oge niile, O bu so gi, naani gi ka m mere njo megide, ihe di njo n'ihu gi ka m mere. (Az.)

3. I naghị enwe mmasi 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 Amos 5:14

Choba ezi ihe kama ajo ihe, ka unu wee di ndu, ka Dinwenu nke igwe ndiagha wee nonyere unu.

Ozioma

Ihe ogugu nke a si n'Ozioma di aso nke Matiu dere (9:14-15)

Umuazu Jon biakwutere Jesu juo ya si, "Gini mere anyi na ndi Farisii ji ebu onu ma umuazu gi anaghi ebu onu?" Jesu zara ha si, "Ndi biara oriri agbaniakwukwo ha ga-anu n'uru mgbe ha na nwoke na-agba akwukwo ka no? Oge na-abia mgbe a ga-anapu ha nwoke na-agba akwukwo, mgbe ahụ ha ga-ebube onu.

Ozioma nke Oseburuwa.

Ekpere Nhunye

Anyi ehunye, O Onyenweanyi, aja Ammemme Lenti anyi, were aro ka o mee ka ebunmobi anyiga masi gi, were nyekwue anyi ike ijideta onwe anyi aka. Site na Kristi Onyenweanyi.

Ukwe Oriri Nso

Onyenweanyi, mee ka m mata uto gi ga, kuziere m uto gi ga.

Ekpere A Natachaa Oriri Nso

Anyi na-ario, Chineke ji ike niile, ka, site n'iketa oke n'iheomimi nke a, ka aghuchapu anyi mmehie anyi niile, anyi were kwesi enyemaka nke omiiko ebere gi. Site na

14Kristi Dinwenu anyi.

8 March [Afor] Saturday after Ash Wednesday (Violet)

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

Entry Antiphon

Answer us, Lord, for your mercy is kind;
in the abundance of your mercies, look
upon us.

Collect

Almighty ever-living God, look with
compassion on our weakness and ensure us
your protection by stretching forth the right hand
of your majesty. Through our Lord.

First Reading

Reading from the prophet Isaiah (58:9-14)

The Lord says this: If you do away with
the yoke, the clenched fist, the wicked
word, if you give your bread to the hungry,
and relief to the oppressed, your light will
rise in the darkness, and your shadows
become like noon. The Lord will always
guide you, giving you relief in desert places.
He will give strength to your bones and you
shall be like a watered garden, like a spring
of water whose waters never run dry. You
will rebuild the ancient ruins, build up on the
old foundations. You will be called 'Breach-
mender', 'Restorer of ruined houses'. If you
refrain from trampling the sabbath, and
doing business on the holy day, if you call
the sabbath 'Delightful', and the day sacred
to the Lord 'Honourable', if you honour it by
abstaining from travel, from doing business
and from gossip, then you shall find
happiness in the Lord and I will lead you
triumphantly over the heights of the land. I
will feed you on the heritage of Jacob your
father. For the mouth of the Lord has spoken.
The word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm: Ps. 85:1-6.(R.v.11)

Response: **Show me, Lord, your way so
that I may walk in your truth**

1. Turn your ear, O Lord, and give answer
for I am poor and needy. Preserve my life,
for I am faithful: save the servant who trusts
in you. (R.)

2. You are my God, have mercy on me,
Lord, for I cry to you all the day long. Give
joy to your servant, O Lord, for to you I lift
up my soul. (R.)

3. O Lord, you are good and forgiving, full
of love to all who call. Give heed, O Lord,

Ukwe Mbata

Zaa anyi, Onyenweanyi, n'ihu na ebere gi
di afooma; n'uju ebere gi ga, lekwasala
anyi anya.

Ekpere Mmeghe

Chineke ji ike niile di ebighiebi, were
Comiiko leruo anya n'adighi ike anyi, ma
kwado nchedo anyi site na isetipu aka nri
ukpo eze gi. Site na Dinwenụ anyi.

Ihe Ogugu Nke Mbu

Ihe ogugu e wetara n'onye amuma Aizaya. (58:9-14)

Onyenweanyi kwuru si: Oburukwa na unu
ewepu n'etiti unu mmebu, itu aka mabu ikwu
okwu na-agbawa obi; O burukwa na unu enye ndi
agwu na-agu ihe oriri, mee ka ndi no na mkpagbu
nweta afo ojuru, mgbe ahu ka ihe unu ga-achaputa
n'ochichiri, abali unu ewee dika ehie. Chineke
ga-edu unu oge niile. O ga-eji iheoma nyejuo unu
afo, o ga-emekwa ka okpukpu unu sie ike, unu ga-
adi ka ala ubi a na-agba mmiri, dika isiyyi nke mmiri
ya na-adighi ata ata. A ga-arughari obodo unu a
kuturu akutu na mbu; unu ga-ewulite ntoala nke
otutu agburu; a ga-akpo unu "Ndi mmezi ihe nke
gbajiri agbaji," "Ndi odozi uzo ebe obibi." O bu
na unu akwusi imeto ubochi Sabat m, kwusikwa
icho ihe utu nke unu n'ubochi m di nso, o burukwa
na unu ewere ubochi Sabat kporo ihe, doo ubochi
nso Chineke dika ubochi kwesiri nsopuru; o bu
na unu asopuru ya na-eneghi uche nke unu, mabu
icho ochicho nke unu, mabu ikwu okwu na-abaghi
uru, mgbe ahu, unu ga-enwe mmasi n'ebe Chineke
no; aga m eme unu adi elu n'ime uwa; aga mazu
unu site n'ihe nketa nnanna unu bu Jekob, n'ihina
onu nke Oseburuwa ekwuola ya.
Okwu nke Oseburuwa.

Abuoma na Aziza: Abu. 86:1-6. (Az.11)

Aziza: **Gosi m uzo gi O Onyenweanyi, ka m
were eziokwu na-eso uzo gi**

1. Gee m nti Onyenweanyi, zaa m, n'ihina abu m
ogbenye na-enweghi enyemaka. Chekwaba ndu
m, n'ihina enwere m okwukwe na gi: zoputa
nwodibo gi onye tukwasara obi na gi. (Az.)

2. I bu Chineke m, meere m ebere O
Onyenweanyi, o bu gi ka m na-akpoku kwa
ubochi niile. Mee ka mkpuruobi nwodibo gi
juputa n'onu. (Az.)

3. Onyenweanyi, I di ebere di mgbaghara, i nwere
nnukwu ihunaanya n'ebe ndi niile na-akpoku gi

to my prayer and attend to the sound of my voice. (R.)

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 Luke (5:27-32)

Jesus noticed a tax collector, Levi by name, sitting by the customs house, and said to him, 'Follow me.' And leaving everything he got up and followed him.

In his honour Levi held a great reception in his house, and with them at table was a large gathering of tax collectors and others. The Pharisees and their scribes complained to his disciples and said, 'Why do you eat and drink with tax collectors and sinners?' Jesus said to them in reply, 'It is not those who are well who need the doctor, but the sick. I have not come to call the virtuous, but sinners to repentance.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Prayer Over The Offerings

Acept, we pray, O Lord, the sacrifice of conciliation and praise, and grant that, cleansed by its working, we may offer minds well pleasing to you. Through Christ our Lord.

Communion Antiphon

I desire mercy, not sacrifice, says the Lord, for I did not come to call the just but sinners.

Prayer After Communion

Nourished with the gift of heavenly life we pray, O Lord, that what remains for us a mystery in this present life may be for us a help to reach eternity. Through Christ our Lord.

Prayer Over The People

Abide graciously, O Lord, with your people, who have touched the sacred mysteries, that no dangers may bring affliction to those who trust in you, their protector. Through Christ our Lord.

no. Onyenweanyi, nuru ekpere m, Gee m nti nuru ario m. (Az.)

Mboku! Izik.33:11

Dika mu onwe m na-adi ndu, Dinwenu Chineke na-ekwu, anaghi m enwe anuri n'onwu onye ajoomume, kama ka o si na njo ya puta ma dikwa ndu.

Ozioma

Ihe ogugu nke a si n'Ozioma di aso nke Luk dere (5:27-32)

Jesu puru hu otu onye onautu a na-akpo Levai ka o noduru n'uloutu; wee si ya, "Sobe m." Ma Levai biliri, hapu ihe niile sobe ya.

Levai kporo oriri ukwu n'ulo ya. Otutu ndi onautu na ndi ozo sokwa ha noro n'ochi nri. Ndi Farisii na ndi odeakwukwo ha tamuru ntamu megide ndi na-esi uzo Jesu si, "Gini mere unu na ndi onautu na ndi omenjo ji eriko nri na-anukokwa ihe onu?" Jesu zara ha si, "Mkpa dibia anaghi akpa onye ahụ siri ike, kama o na-akpa onye ahụ na-esighi ike. Abiaghi m ikpo ndi eziumume kama ikpo ndi njo ka ha chegharia."

Ozioma nke Oseburuwa.

Ekpere Nhunye

Nara, anyi na-ario, O Onyenweanyi, aja mkpezi na otito; mee ka, o na-asacha anyi site n'usoro oru ya, anyi ewere hunyere gi mmuo ga-amasi gi. Site na Kristi Onyenweanyi.

Ukwe Oriri Nso

Ihe m na-acho bu ebere, o bughi aja, Onyenweanyi na-ekwu, n'ihia na a biaghi m ikpo ndi eziumume, kama o bu ndi njo.

Ekpere A Natachaa Oriri Nso

Ebe anyi nwetara ozuzu onyinye nke ndu eluigwe, anyi na-ario, O Onyenweanyi, ka ihe ka foro anyi ka iheomimi na ndu nke a buru anyi enyemaka iji rute na ndu ebighiebi. Site na Kristi Onyenweanyi.

Ekpere Maka Oha Mmadu

Were afoma nonyere ndi nke gi, O Onyenweanyi, ndi detugoro onu ha ihe omimi nso ga, ka o ghara inwe ihe egwu ga-eweta nhusianya n'ebe ndi tukwasara gi obi no, bu nchedo ha. Site na Kristi Onyenweanyi.

**FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT (C)
9 March 2025 [Nkwo] (Violet)**

**Office:
Week 1**

Today's readings focus on God's gratuitous presence of love, and His expectations. In the first reading, Moses reminds the people of Israel of their humble origins gratuitously

endowed by God, which they must always acknowledge and express homage. The Responsorial Psalm affirms God's assuring refuge and stronghold. Strengthening the hope and trust, St Paul in the Second Reading describes how God is actively at work through His word in the hearts and lips of whosoever of His faithful, yielding faith and salvation. The Gospel temptation of Jesus, however, reveals the daily challenges of Christians from the luring of the flesh, pride and vanity - a battle to be overcome by uniting with the Holy Spirit, in order to vindicate God's present and abiding love, our faithfulness and loyalty.

Entry Antiphon

When he calls on me, I will answer him; I will deliver him and give him glory, I will grant him length of days.

Collect

Grant, almighty God, through the yearly observances of holy Lent, that we may grow in understanding of the riches hidden in Christ and by worthy conduct pursue their effects. Through our Lord.

First Reading

A reading from the book of Deuteronomy (26:4-10)

Moses said to the people: "The priest shall then take the panner from your hand and lay it before the altar of the Lord your God. Then, in the sight of the Lord your God, you must make this pronouncement:

'My father was a wandering Aramaean. He went down into Egypt to find refuge there, few in numbers; but there he became a nation, great, mighty, and strong. The Egyptians ill-treated us, they gave us no peace and inflicted harsh slavery on us. But we called on the Lord the God of our fathers. The Lord heard our voice and saw our misery, our toil and our oppression; and the Lord brought us out of Egypt with mighty hand and outstretched arm, with great terror, and with signs and wonders. He brought us here and gave us this land, a land where milk and honey flow. Here then I bring the first-fruits of the produce of the soil that you, Lord, have given me'.

You must then lay them before the Lord your God, and bow down in the sight of the Lord your God."

The word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm: Ps. 90:1-2.10-15. (R.v.15)

Response: **Be with me, O Lord, in my distress.**

1. He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High and abides in the shade of the Almighty says to the Lord: 'My refuge, my stronghold, my God in whom I trust!' (R.)

2. Upon you no evil shall fall, no plague approach where you dwell. For you has he,

Ukwe Mbata

Onye o bula kpokuru M, aga m anu olu ya. Aga M azoputa ya, biakwa tuo ya ugo. Aga M enye ya aku na uba na ogologo ndu.

Ekpere Mmeghe

Chineke Nna ji ike niile, biko mee ka emume nke oge ncheta ahuhu (Kristi) anyi na-eme kwa afo, nyere anyi aka ighotawanye ihe omimi Kristi, k'anyi site na ibi ndu di aso na-abawanye na-amara gi. Site na Dinwenụ anyi.

Ihe Ogugu Nke Mbu

Ihe ogugu e wetara n'akwukwo Diuteronomi (26:4-10)

Mosis gwara ndi mmadu si ha: "Onye ukochukwu ga-anarakwa gi abo ahụ, doba ya n'ihu ebe nchaja nke Onyenweanyi bu Chineke gi. Mgbe ahụ, n'ihu Dinwenu, i ga-ekwu okwu ndi a si, 'Nnanna m bu onye Aramea nke waghari oke mwaghari na ndu ya. Ya na ezinụlọ ya jere n'Ijpt, wee biri n'ebe ahụ dika onye obia. Ha di mmadu olemaole mgbe ha jere n'ebe ahụ. Ma ha mechara ghoọ nnukwu obodo nke di ike, nke bakwara uba mmadu. Ndi Ijpt mesiri anyi ike, jirikwa mmegbu nye anyi oru dika ohu. Anyi wee tikuo Dinwenu bu Chineke nnanna anyi ha. O wee nu olu anyi, hu nlela anya nke ha ledara anyi, na ndogbu ha na-adogbu anyi n'oru na mmegbu ha na-eme anyi. O jiri ike aka di egwu zoputa anyi n'Ijpt. O rukwara otutu ihe iribaama, na oru ebube di icheiche. O mekwara ka otutu ihe egwu mee n'Ijpt. O kpobata anyi n'ala nke a mmiri araehi na mmanuani juru eju. Ma ugbo a, ana m ewetara Chineke mkpuru mbu nke ihe ubi, nke O nyere m!' Mgbe ahụ, i ga-adobakwa abo ahụ n'ihu Chineke, wee kpoo ya isiala n'ebe ahụ. Okwu nke Oseburuwa.

Abuoma na Aziza: Abu. 91:1-2.10-15. (Az.15)

Aziza: **Bia nonyere m, O Dinwenụ m, n'oge obula m no na nsogbu.**

1. Onye bi na ndo nke onye kasi elu, onye nogidesiri ike na nchedo nke onyejiike niile, gasi Onyenweanyi, I bu onye nchedo m na ike m, Chineke m, onye m tukwasara obi!" (Az.)

2. Ma o nweghi ajo ihe obula ga-adakwasị gi, o

commanded his angels, to keep you in all your ways. (R.)

3. They shall bear you upon their hands lest you strike your foot against a stone. On the lion and the viper you will tread and trample the young lion and the dragon. (R.)

4. His love he set on me, so I will rescue him; protect him for he knows my name. When he calls I shall answer: 'I am with you.' I will save him in distress and give him glory. (R.)

Second Reading

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans (10:8-13)

Scripture says: The word, that is the faith we proclaim, is very near to you, it is on your lips and in your heart. If your lips confess that Jesus is Lord and if you believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, then you will be saved. By believing from the heart you are made righteous; by confessing with your lips you are saved. When scripture says: those who believe in him will have no cause for shame, it makes no distinction between Jew and Greek: all belong to the same Lord who is rich enough, however many ask his help, for everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.

The word of the Lord.

Acclamation! Mt. 4:4

Man 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 Luke (4:1-13)

Filled with the Holy Spirit, Jesus left the Jordan and was led by the Spirit through the wilderness, being tempted there by the devil for forty days. During that time he ate nothing and at the end he was hungry. Then the devil said to him, "If you are the Son of God, tell this stone to turn into a loaf." But Jesus replied, "Scripture says: Man does not live on bread alone.

Then leading him to a height, the devil showed him in a moment of time all the kingdoms of the world and said to him, "I will give you all this power and the glory of these kingdoms, for it has been committed to me and I give it to anyone I choose. Worship me, then,

nweghikwa ihe ojoo obula ga-abiaru ulo gi nso. N'ihina o ga-enye ndi mmuooma ya iwu ka ha nonyere gi, ka ha na-eche kwa gi ebe niile i na-aga. (Az.)

3. Ha ga-ebu gi n'aka ha, ka okwute obula ghara ikpo gi n'ukwu. I ga-azogbu odum na abuala; zopiakwa odum na-akpa ike na agwo ojoo. (Az.)

4. Ebe o bu na o gbakwutere m, aga m azoputa ya; aga echekwaba ya n'ihina o maara aha m. Mgbe obula o kpokuru m aga m aza ya, aga anonyere ya n'oge nsogbu; aga m azoputa ya nyekwa ya ugwu. (Az.)

Ihe Ogugu Nke Abuo

Ihe ogugu e wetara n'akwukwo Pol di aso degaara ndi Rom (10:8-13)

Kedu ihe Akwukwo Nso na-ekwu? Ihe o na-ekwu bu na okwu Chineke di gi nso, n'egbugbere onu gi na n'ime obi gi, bu okwu nke okwukwe. N'ihina, o buru na i ga-ewere onu gi kwuputa na Jesu bu Onyenweanyi, o burukwa na i ga-ewere obi gi kwere na Chineke mere ka O si n'onwu bilie, a ga-azoputa gi! O bu site n'iji obi anyi kwere, ka Chineke ji gunye anyi na ndi eziumume sitekwa n'iji onu anyi kwuputa Kristi, ka e ji zoputa anyi. Akwukwo Nso na-ekwu si, "Onye obula nke kwere na ya, Chineke agaghi ekwe ka ihere mee ya." Nke a bu maka mmadu niile, maka na n'ime Kristi, o nweghi ihe di iche n'etiti ndi Juu na ndi Grik. Chineke bu Dinweni nke mmadu niile. O na-egosikwa afooma ya n'ebe ndi na-akpoku ya no. Dika Akwukwo Nso si kwuo, "Onye obula nke na-akpoku ya ga-enweta nzoputa. Okwu nke Oseburuwa.

Mbeku! Mat.4:4

Obughi naani 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 Luk dere (4:1-13)

Jesu, onye juputara na Mmuo Nso siri na Jordan faghachi, Mmuo Nso wee duru ya baa n'ozara ebe ekwensu nwara ya onwunwa iri ubochi ano. O righikwa ihe obula n'oge ahụ. Mgbe nke a gachara, aguu bidoro guba ya. Ekwensu gwara ya si, "O buru na i bu Nwa nke Chukwu nye iwu ka nkume ndi a ghoo ogbe achicha." Jesu zara si, "E dere ya, 'O bughu naani site na nri ka mmadu si adi ndu.' Ekwensu wee kporo ya gaa n'ebe di elu, gosi ya alaeze niile nke uwa n'otu ntabi anya gwa ya si, "Aga m enye gi ike niile ndi a na otuto ha, n'ihina enyefeele ha n'aka m onye o masiri m, m nye. O buru na i sekpuoro m, ha niile ga-abu

and it shall all be yours.” But Jesus answered him, “Scripture says: You must worship the Lord your God, and serve him alone.”

Then he led him to Jerusalem and made him stand on the parapet of the Temple. “If you are the Son of God,” he said to him “throw yourself down from here, for scripture says: He will put his angels in charge of you to guard you, and again: They will hold you up on their hands in case you hurt your foot against a stone.” But Jesus answered him, “It has been said: You must not put the Lord your God to the test.” Having exhausted all these ways of tempting him, the devil left him, to return at the appointed time.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Prayer Over The Offerings

Give us the right dispositions, O Lord, we pray, to make these offerings, for with them we celebrate the beginning of this venerable and sacred time. Through Christ our Lord.

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Communion Antiphon

One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes forth from the mouth of God.

Prayer After Communion

Renewed now with heavenly bread, by which faith is nourished, hope increased, and charity strengthened, we pray, O Lord, that we may learn to hunger for Christ, the true and living Bread, and strive to live by every word which proceeds from your mouth. Through Christ our Lord.

Prayer Over The People

May bountiful blessing, O Lord, we pray, come down upon your people, that hope may grow in tribulation, virtue be strengthened in temptation, and eternal redemption be assured. Through Christ our Lord.



THEME: SPIRITUAL/ MORAL BATTLE

HOLY SCRIPTURES: Matt 26:41; Mark 14:38; Luke 22:31-32; John 16:33; 1 Cor 16:13; Eph 6:11-17; Gal 5:17; 1 Tim 6:12; 1 Peter 2:11; 1 Peter 5:6-10; Heb 12:4. **CATECHISM OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH:** nn. 407-409; 1707; 2015; 2520; 2514-2515; 2527; 2534; 2612; 2725; 2847-2849.

10 March [Eke] Monday of Lent - Week 1 (Violet)

Entry Antiphon

Like the eyes of slaves on the hands of their lords, so our eyes are on the Lord our God, till he show us his mercy. Have mercy on us, Lord, have mercy.

Ukwe Mbata

Etu anya umu oru si ato n'ebe nna ha ukwu no, otu a ka anya anyi si di n'ebe Onyenweanyi Chineke no, wee ruo mgbe O ga-egosi anyi ebere. Meere anyi ebere, Onyenweanyi, meere anyi ebere.

nke gi.” Jesu zara ya si, “E dere si: ‘I ga-esekpuru Dinwenụ Chineke gi, sooso ya ka i ga-efe.’” E mechaa, Ekwensu duuru Jesu gaa Jerusalem, mee ka o rigoro n’otu akuku n’elu ulonso Chineke, bia si ya. “O buru na i bu Nwa Chukwu si n’elu ebe a wudaa. N’ihina e dere ya si, ‘O ga-enye ndi Mmuooma ya iwu ka ha chekwaba gi.’ Ozokwa, ‘Ha ga-ekuru gi, n’aka ka i ghara ikpo ukwu n’okwute’” Jesu zara ya si, “E kwuola ya, ‘I gaghi anwa Dinwenụ Chukwu gi onwunwa.”

Mgbe Ekwensu nwachara onwunwa a niile, o siri ebe o no puo, na-acho ohere ozo o ga-eji nwaa ya.

Ozioma nke Oseburuwa.

Ekpere Nhunye

Chineke ji ike niile, anyi na ario gi ka I mee k’anyi Kwesi ihunyere gi onyinye ndi a anyi ji eme emume nke mbido oge di aso nke Ncheta ahuhu Kristi. Site na Kristi Dinwenụ anyi.

Ukwe Oriri Nso

Obughi so na nri ka mmadu ji adi ndu, kama o bu site n’okwu o bu la si n’onu Chineke puta.

Ekpere A Natachaa Oriri Nso

Onyenweanyi, Ijirila achicha nke eluigwe gbaa anyi ume. Biko, nye anyi okwukwe di ndu, nchekwube e ji aga n’ihu na ihunanya siri ike; ka anyi wee muta inwe aguu maka Onye ahu bu ezigbo achicha di ndu; anyi ewere bisie ike n’okwu niile si n’onu Gi puta. Site na Kristi Onyenweanyi

Ekpere Maka Oha Mmadu

Ka okoto ngozi, O Onyenweanyi, anyi na-ario, biakwasị ndi nke gi, ka olileanya were too n’ime mkpagbu, agwaoma esiwanye ike n’ime onwunwa, ewere jide nzoputa ebighiebi n’aka. Site na Kristi Onyenweanyi.

Collect

Convert us, O God our Saviour, and instruct our minds by heavenly teaching, that we may benefit from the works of Lent. Through our Lord.

First Reading

A reading from the book of Leviticus (19:1-2, 11-18)

The Lord spoke to Moses; he said: 'Speak to the whole community of the sons of Israel and say to them: "Be holy, for I, the Lord your God, am holy.

"You must not steal nor deal deceitfully or fraudulently with your neighbour. You must not swear falsely by my name, profaning the name of your God. I am the Lord. You must not exploit or rob your neighbour. You must not keep back the labourer's wage until next morning. You must not curse the dumb, nor put an obstacle in the blind man's way, but you must fear your God. I am the Lord.

"You must not be guilty of unjust verdicts. You must neither be partial to the little man nor overawed by the great; you must pass judgement on your neighbour according to justice. You must not slander your own people, and you must not jeopardise your neighbour's life. I am the Lord. You must not bear hatred for your brother in your heart. You must openly tell him, your neighbour, of his offence; this way you will not take a sin upon yourself. You must not exact vengeance, nor must you bear a grudge against the children of your people. You must love your neighbour as yourself. I am the Lord.

The word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm: Ps. 18:8-10.15. (R. Jn 6:64)

Response: Your words are spirit, Lord, and they are life.

1. The law of the Lord is perfect, it revives the soul. The rule of the Lord is to be trusted, it gives wisdom to the simple. (R.)
2. The precepts of the Lord are right, they gladden the heart. The command of the Lord is clear, it gives light to the eyes. (R.)
3. The fear of the Lord is holy, abiding for ever. The decrees of the Lord are truth and all of them just. (R.)
4. May the spoken words of my mouth, the thoughts of my heart, win favour in your sight, O Lord, my rescuer, my rock! (R.)

Ekpere Mmeghe

Gbanwoo anyi, O Chineke Onye Nzoputa anyi, ma were nkuzi nke igwe zuo uche anyi, ka anyi were rite uru si n'orụ nke Lenti. Site na Dinwenu anyi.

Ihe Ogugu Nke Mbu

Ihe ogugu e wetara n'akwukwo Levitikos (19:1-2, 11-18)

Onyenweanyi gwara Mosis okwu si, "Gwa ogbako Izrel niile okwu ndi a: Dinu nso n'ihina mu onwe m bu Dinwenu, Chineke unu di nso.

"Unu agaghi ezu ohi, mobu tuo asi, mobu ghogbuo ibe unu. Unu agaghi eji aha m anu iyi asi wee meruo aha Chineke unu. Abu m Chineke. Unu emegbula mobu nara onye agbataobi unu ihe ya n'uzo na-ezighi ezi. Ugwo onye orungo unu agaghi ano n'aka unu chi aboo. Unu agaghi akpo onye ogbi iyi, mobu dochiere onye isi ihe n'uzo. Unu gaturu Chineke unu egwu. Abu m Dinwenu.

"Unu ekpela ikpe na-ezighi ezi. Unu adonyerela onye obula ukwu n'ikpe, mobu ogbenye mobu ogaranya. Unu ga-eji ikpe nkwmoto kpee onye agbataobi unu ikpe. Unu agaghi ekwuto ibe unu. Unu agaghikwa eme ihe obula ga-etinye ndu onye agbataobi unu na nsogbu. Abu m Chineke. I gaghi ebuuru nwanne gi iwe n'obi, i ga-eji obi ocha gwa onye agbataobi gi mmehie ya, ka i ghara iketa oke na mmehie ya. Achola ka i megwara ihe mmadu mere gi, mobu buru iro n'obi megide nwanne gi, kama hu onye agbataobi gi n'anya dika i siri hu onwe gi n'anya. Abu m Dinwenu.

Okwu nke Oseburuwa.

Abuoma na Aziza: Abu. 19:8-10.15 (Az. Jon 6:64)

Aziza: Okwu gi bu mmuo, Dinwenu, burukwa ndu.

1. Iwu nke Onyenweanyi zuru oke, O na-enye mkpuruobi ndu ohuru; Atumaatu Onyenweanyi kwesiri ntukwasio, O na-enye ndi di umeala amamihe. (Az.)
2. Iwu nke Onyenweanyi kwu oto; o na-enye obi anuri; Iwu nke Onyenweanyi putara ihe; o bu ihe e ji ahu uzo. (Az.)
3. Itu egwu Onyenweanyi bu ihe di mma: O na-adi ebeebe; Ikpe nke Onyenweanyi bu eziokwu; ha niile kwukwa oto. (Az.)
4. Mee ka okwu niile si m n'onu aputa oge niile, na echiche obi m niile, di mma n'ihu gi, Onyenweanyi, nkume m, na onye nzoputa m. (Az.)

Acclamations 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 (25:31-46)

Jesus said to his disciples: 'When the Son of Man comes in his glory, escorted by all the angels, then he will take his seat on his throne of glory. All the nations will be assembled before him and he will separate men one from another as the shepherd separates sheep from goats. He will place the sheep on his right hand and the goats on his left. Then the king will say to those on his right hand, "Come, you whom my Father has blessed, take for your heritage the kingdom prepared for you since the foundation of the world. For I was hungry and you gave me food; I was thirsty and you gave me drink; I was a stranger and you made me welcome; naked and you clothed me, sick and you visited me, in prison and you came to see me." Then the virtuous will say to him in reply, "Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you; or thirsty and give you drink? When did we see you a stranger and make you welcome; naked and clothe you; sick or in prison and go to see you?" And the King will answer, "I tell you solemnly, in so far as you did this to one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did it to me". Next he will say to those on his left hand, "Go away from me, with your curse upon you, to the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels. For I was hungry and you never gave me food; I was thirsty and you never gave me anything to drink; I was a stranger and you never made me welcome, naked and you never clothed me, sick and in prison and you never visited me." Then it will be their turn to ask, "Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty, a stranger or naked, sick or in prison, and did not come to your help?" Then he will answer, "I tell you solemnly, in so far as you neglected to do this to one of the least of these, you neglected to do it to me." And they will go away to eternal punishment, and the virtuous to eternal life.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Mbeku! Izik.18:31

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

Ozioma

Ihe ogugu nke a si n'Ozioma di aso nke Matiu dere (25:31-46)

Jesu gwara ndi na-eso uzo ya: "Mgbe Nwa nke mmadu ga-abia n'ebube ya, ya na ndi mmuoma niile, o ga-anokwasi n'ocheeze ya di ebube. A ga-akpokota mba niile n'ihu ya, o ga-ekewa ha icheiche dika otu onye ozuzu aturu si ekewaputa aturu n'etiti ewu. O ga-edobe aturu n'akanri ya, dobe ewu n'akaekpe ya. Mgbe ahụ, onyeeze ga-asi ndi no n'aka nri ya: 'Bianu, unu ndi di ngozi nke nna m, bianu ka unu were alaeze nke a kwadobere unu site na mbido nke uwa; n'ihina mgbe aguu na-agu m unu nyere m nri, mgbe akpiri na-akpo m nku unu nyere m mmiri. Abu m onye obia unu nabatara m. Agba m oto, unu yibe m akwa, mgbe m no n'oria, unu biara leta m, ano m n'ulo mkporo, unu biakwutere m'. Mgbe ahụ ndi eziomume ga-aza ya si: 'Onyenweanyi, olee mgbe anyi huru ka aguu na-agu gi, nye gi nri, mobu ka akpiri na akpo gi nku, nye gi mmiri? Oleekwa mgbe anyi huru ka i bu onye obia, nabata gi, mobu ka i gba oto, yibe gi akwa? Olee mgbe anyi huru na i no n'oria, mobu na mkporo bia leta gi?' Onyeeze ahụ ga-azakwa ha si: 'N'ezie, agwa m unu, mgbe obula unu meere ya o buladi otu onye pekarichara mpe n'ime umunna m ndi a, mu onwe m ka unu meere ya.' Mgbe ahụ o ga-asi ndi ahụ no ya n'akaekpe: 'Punu n'ihu m, unu ndi a buru onu! Gaanu n'okummuo ebebe nke a kwadooro ekwensu na ndi mmuoozi ya! N'ihina mgbe aguu na-agu m, unu enyeghi m nri, mgbe akpiri na-akpo m nku, unu enyeghi m mmiri. Mgbe m bu onye obia, unu anabataghi m, agba m oto unu, eyinyeghi m akwa; mgbe m no n'oria na n'ulomkporo, unu abiaghi leta m.' Mgbe ahụ ha ga-aza ya si: 'Onyenweanyi olee mgbe anyi huru na aguu na-agu gi, akpiri na-akpo gi nku, mgbe i bu onye obia, ka i gba oto, norokwa n'oria mobu n'ulo mkporo wee ghara inyere gi aka?' Ma o ga-aza ha si: 'N'ezie agwa m unu, ebe unu emereghi ya o buladi otu onye dikarichara nta n'ime ndi a, unu emereghi m ya. Ha ga-apu wee banye n'ahuhu di ebebe, ma ndi eziomume ga-abanye na ndi ebebe.'

21 Ozioma nke Oseburuwa.

Prayer Over The Offerings

May this devout oblation be acceptable to you, O Lord, that by your power it may sanctify our manner of life and gain for us your conciliation and pardon. Through Christ our Lord.

Communion Antiphon

Amen, I say to you: whatever you did for one of the least of my brethren, you did it for me, says the Lord. Come, you blessed of my Father, receive the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world.

Prayer After Communion

We pray, O Lord, that in receiving your Sacrament we may experience health in mind and body so that, kept safe in both, we may glory in the fullness of heavenly healing. Through Christ our Lord.

Prayer Over The People

Enlighten the minds of your people, Lord, we pray, with the light of your glory, that they may see what must be done and have the strength to do what is right. Through Christ our Lord.

11 March [Orie] Tuesday of Lent - Week 1 (Violet)

Entry Antiphon

O Lord, you have been our refuge, from generation to generation; from age to age, you are.

Collect

Look upon your family, Lord, that, through the chastening effects of bodily discipline, our minds may be radiant in your presence with the strength of our yearning for you. Through our Lord.

First Reading

A reading from the prophet Isaiah (55:10-11)

Thus says the Lord: Yes, as the rain and snow come down from the heavens and do not return without watering the earth, making it yield and giving growth to provide seed for the sower and bread for the eating, so the word that goes from my mouth does not return to me empty, without carrying out my will and succeeding in what it was sent to do. The word of the Lord.

Ekpere Nhunye

Ka onyinye aja di nsopuru a masi gi inara, O Onyenweanyi, ka site n'ike gi ka o doo agwa ndu anyi aso were chutere anyi mkpezi na mgbaghara gi. Site na Kristi Onyenweanyi.

Ukwe Oriri Nso

Ezie, a gwa m unu: ihe obula unu mere otu n'ime umunne m ndi a dikasiri nta, o bu m ka unu meere ya, Onyenweanyi na-ekwu. Bianu, unu ndi di ngozi nke Nna m, ketanu alaeze akwadorola unu eri ntoala nke uwa.

Ekpere A Natachaa Oriri Nso

Anyi na-ario, O Onyenweanyi, ka site n'ina Sakramenti gi, ka anyi mata ndu nke mmuo na nke ahụ, ka o ga-abu echekwaba anyi na ha, anyi ewere gorie n'ujuju ogwugwo nke eluigwe. Site na Kristi Onyenweanyi.

Ekpere Maka Oha Mmadu

Were ihe otito gi meghee anya nke mmuo ndi nke gi, Onyenweanyi, anyi na-ario, ka ha were huga ihe ndi kwesiri omume ma nwetakwa ike ime ihe di mma. Site na Kristi Onyenweanyi.

Ukwe Mbata

Onyenweanyi, I bu onye nchedo anyi si na ndudugandu ruo na ndudugandu; I na-adi ndu ebighiebi, ebighiebi.

Ekpere Mmeghe

Lekwasị ezinụlọ gi anya, Onyenweanyi: Site na uru mwucha nke ojuru uto nke anu ahụ na-eweta, ka mmuo anyi ewere ike aguu anyi na-enwe maka gi gbukee n'ihu gi. Site na Kristi Onyenweanyi.

Ihe Ogugu Nke Mbu

Ihe ogugu e wetara n'akwukwo onye amuma Aizaya (55:10-11)

Onyenweanyi kwuru si: Dika otu mmiri ozuzo na akummiriigwe na-esi n'eluigwe ezo anaghi alaghachiazu ruo mgbe o gbasara mmiri n'owa, bia mezies ala ka o mee ihe akuku ka o puputa, nye onye olu ugbo oriri o ga-eri. Otu a ka okwu na-esi m n'onu aputa si adi, o nweghi ike igba aka loghachikwute m, kama o ga-emejuputa ihe m bu n'obi, ma mezuokwa ihe m jiri maka ya zipu ya. Okwu nke Oseburuwa.

“Even now,” declares the Lord, “return to me with all your heart, with fasting and weeping and mourning.” (Joel 2:12)

Responsorial Psalm Ps. 33:4-7.16-19. (R.v.18)

Response: The Lord rescues the just in all their distress

1. Glorify the Lord with me. Together let us praise his name. I sought the Lord and he answered me; from all my terrors he set me free. (R.)
2. Look towards him and be radiant; let your faces not be abashed. This poor man called; the Lord heard him and rescued him from all his distress. (R.)
3. The Lord turns his face against the wicked to destroy their remembrance from the earth. The Lord turns his eyes to the just and his ears to their appeal. (R.)
4. They call and the Lord hears and rescues them in all their distress. The Lord is close to the broken-hearted; those whose spirit is crushed he will save. (R.)

Acclamation! Mt.4:4

Man 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 Matthew (6:7-15)

Jesus said to his disciples: 'In your prayers do not babble as the pagans do, for they think that by using many words they will make themselves heard. Do not be like them; your Father knows what you need before you ask him. So you should pray like this: 'Our Father in heaven, may your name be held holy, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we have forgiven those who are in debt to us. And do not put us to the test, but save us from the evil one. Yes, if you forgive others their failings, your heavenly Father will forgive you yours; but if you do not forgive others, your Father will not forgive your failings either.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Prayer Over The Offerings

Receive, O Creator, almighty God, what we bring from your bountiful goodness, and be pleased to transform this temporal sustenance you have given us, that it may bring us eternal life. Through Christ our Lord.

Abuoma na Aziza Abu. 34:4-7.16-19. (Az.18)
Aziza: Onyenweanyi na-enyere ndi eziumume aka na nsogbu ha niile.

1. Soronu m kwuputa idiukwu nke Onyenweanyi, Soronu m too aha ya. Akpokuru m Onyenweanyi, O za m, O zoputara m n'egwu niile na-atu m. (Az.)
2. Ihu obula chere n'ebe Onyenweanyi no namuke amuke, ihere anaghi eme ya ma oli. Onyenweanyi na-anu mkpu akwa nwogbenye, O na-enyekwara ya aka na nsogbu ya niile. (Az.)
3. Mana Onyenweanyi na-agbaru ihu n'ebe ndi ajoomume no, O na-eme ka a ghara ichetakwa ha n'uwa. Onyenweanyi na-elekota ndi eziumume anya, O na-egekwa mkpu akwa ha nti. (Az.)
4. Ndi eziumume kpokuru Onyenweanyi, O za ha, wee zoputa ha na nsogbu ha niile. Onyenweanyi na-ano ndi obi loghara elogha nso, na-enyere ndi dara mba na mmuo aka. (Az.)

Mbeku! Mat. 4:4

Obughi 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 Matiu dere (6:7-15)

Jesus gwara ndi na-eso uzo ya: "Mgbe unu na-ekpe ekpere, unu ekwukwala otutu okwu na-abaghi uru, dika ndi mba ozo si eme; n'ihina ha na-eche na site n'otutu okwu, Chineke ga-anu ekpere ha. Unu emekwala ka ha, n'ihina Nna unu maara mkpa unu tupu unu aro ya. Ya bu, na-ekpenu ekpere otu a: 'Nna anyi no n'eluigwe, ka otito diji aha Gi ka ochichi Gi bia, ka e mee uche Gi n'uwa, dika e si eme ya n'eluigwe. Nye anyi taata nri nke ubochi anyi; Gbaghara anyi mmehie anyi dika anyi si gbaghara ndi mehiere anyi. Ekwela ka anyi kwenye na nranye, ma zoputa anyi n'ajo ihe'. N'ihina o buru na unu agbaghara ndi mmadu mmehie ha, Nna unu nke bi n'eluigwe ga-agbagharakwa unu; mana o buru na unu agbagharaghi ibe unu mmehie ha mere unu, Nna unu agaghi agbaghara unu mmehie unu."

Ozioma nke Oseburuwa.

Ekpere Nhunye

Nara, O Chineke Onye okike jiike niile, ihe anyi si na uju afooma gi enyekwa gi; ka o masi gi igbanwo onyinye uwa nke a na-agafe agafe I nyere anyi, ka o were duruo anyi na ndu ebighiebi. Site na Kristi Onyenweanyi.

Communion Antiphon

When I called on you, you heard me; O God, you guard my rights, and when I am in trouble you give me relief; have mercy on me, Lord, and heed my cry.

Prayer After Communion

Grant, Lord, that this sacrament may help us to control our longing for the things of this world, and teach us to love the things of heaven. Through Christ our Lord.

Prayer Over The People

May your faithful be strengthened, O God, by your blessing: in grief, may you be their consolation, in tribulation, their power to endure, and in peril, their protection. Through Christ our Lord.

Ukwe Oriri Nso

Mgbe m kpokuru gi, I nuru olu m; O Chineke, I chekwara oke m. Mgbe m no na nsogbu, I na-agbatara m oso enyemaka; meere m ebere, Onyenweanyi, nuru mkpu akwam.

Ekpere A Natachaa Oriri Nso

Onyenweanyi, mee ka sakramenti a nyere anyi aka ijide onwe anyi aka n'ebe oke ochicho nke uwa a di, ka anyi were hu ihe nke eluigwe n'anya. Site na Kristi Onyenweanyi.

Ekpere Maka Oha Mmadu

Ka ndi kwere na gi nweta agbamume, O Chineke, site na ngozi gi: n'uru, ka I buru nkasiobi ha, na mkpagbu, ike ha ji edi ihe, n'itheokeegwu, onye nchedo ha. Site na Kristi Onyenweanyi.

12 March [Afor] Wednesday of Lent - Week 1 (Violet)

Entry Antiphon

Remember 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

Look 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)

The 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

Ukwe Mbata

Cheta omiko gi, O Onyenweanyi, na ihunanya ebere gi, n'ihia na ha dibu mgbe ochie. Ekwela ka ndi iro anyi n'uria n'ebe anyi no. Zoputa anyi, O Chineke nke Izrel, na mmekpa ahụ anyi niile.

Ekpere Mmeghe

Were obioma, Onyenweanyi, lekwasị ofufe umeala nke ndi gi, ka ndi gaseite n'ojuru onwe ha zuta anu ahụ ha, site n'ukpuru nke ezi oru ga nweta mmunwo n'ime mmuo. Site na Dinweni anyi.

Ihe Ogugu Nke Mbu

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

Okwu nke Onyenweanyi 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 anọ 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'onyeukwu 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 ntụ. O mere ka e kwuputa ya n'obodo Ninive niile site n'iwu ya na ndisi ochichi ya tiri si: "O nweghi mmadu

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, 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.)

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 Luke (11:29-32)

The 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.

mọbụ anụmaanụ obula a na-azụ 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 mmehie ha niile, O gbanwere obi ya wee hapu ita ha ahuhu ahu o choburu ita ha.

Okwu nke Oseburuwa.

Abuoma na Aziza: Abu. 51:1-2.10-11. 16-17. (Az.17)

Aziza: **Obi di umeala, loghara elogha, O Chineke, I naghi 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 ocha n'ime m tinye n'ime m mmuo oheru na nke siri ike. Achupukwala m mmuo nso gi (Az.)

3. I naghi enwe mmasi obula n'aja, Aja nsureoku anaghi ato gi uto, Aja a na-achuru Chineke bu obi gbawara agbawa, I naghiaju obi gbawara agbawa na nke loghara elogha. (Az.)

Mbeku! Izik.33:11

Dika mu onwe m na-adị ndu, Onyenweanyi Chineke na-ekwu, anaghi m enwe afuri n'onwu onye ajoomume, kama ka o si na njo ya puta ma dikwa ndu.

Ozioma

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

Mgbe 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 gae si 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.

Prayer Over The Offerings

We 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

All 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

Watch 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.

13 March [Nkwo] Thursday of Lent - Week 1 (Violet)

Entry Antiphon

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

Collect

Bestow 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

Reading from the book of Esther (4:17)

Queen 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

Ekpere Nhunye

Anyị ehunye gi, O Onyenweanyi, ihe ndi I anyere ka a gooro aha gi, ka, otu I na-eme onyinye ndi a Sakramenti maka odimma nke anyi, ka I si otu ahu mee ka ha wetara anyi ogwugwo di okpu. Site na Kristi Onyenweanyi.

Ukwe Oriri Nso

Ndi 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 anaghi 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

Chekwaba ndi nke gi, Onyenweanyi, were Cafooma gi sachapu ha na njo niile, n'ihina o buru na ajoihe enweghi ochichi n'ebe ha no, onwunwa agaghi emeru ha ahu. Site na Kristi Onyenweanyi.

Ukwe Mbata

Nuru okwu m, Onyenweanyi; nuru mkpu akwa m; chee nti n'ariri o m, Eze m na Chukwu m.

Ekpere Mmeghe

Hukwasi anyi, O Onyenweanyi, mmuo Hnke 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 Dinwenyanyi.

Ihe Ogugu Nke Mbu

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

N'oge ahu, Ezenwaanyi Esta juputara na nnukwu egwu, were gbakwuru Chineke. Mgbe ahu ka o rioro Chineke nke Izrel ariri o si: O Chineke m, sooso 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 nnanna ha di, ka ha bu 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 nnukwu nke ike ochichi niile. Biko nye m onyinye ikwuputa okwu nke oma mgbe m ga-akwuru 26'ihu odum, ma gbanwoo mmuo ya ka iwe ya di

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.)

Acclamation! Joel 2:12-13

Now, 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)

Jesus 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

Be 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

Everyone who asks, receives; and the one who seeks, finds; and to the one who knocks, the door will be opened. 27

okụ n'ebe onye ahụ na-aluso anyi ogu no, ka o were hu njedebe 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-ekere gi Onyenweanyi, n'ihina i nula ekpere m! N'ihu ndi mmuozoi niile aga m ekwere gi ukwe, aga m akpo isiala n'ulonso gi. (Az.)

2. Aga m enye gi ekele n'ihina ihunaanya 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 gamere m ihe niile Onyenweanyi, Chineke ihunaanya gi na-adị ebebe. Ahapukwala anyi ndi i kere. (Az.)

Mbeku! Joel 2:12-13

Ugbu a, ugbu a, Onyenweanyi na-ekwu, werenu obi unu niile loghachiazu n'ebe m no, n'ihina adi m afoma na ebere.

Ozioma

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

Jesu gwara ndi umuazu ya si: "Riọ, i ga-ariota; choo, i ga-achota; kuọ aka, a gameghere gi ụzo. N'ihina onye obula rioro ga-ariota, onye obula choronu ga-achota, onye obula kuru aka a gameghere ya. O nwere onye n'ime unu o ga-abu nwa ya rioro ya achicha o nye ya okwute? Mabu o rioro ya azu, o nye ya agwo? O buru na unu bu ndi obi ojoo maara ka e si enye umu unu ihe di mma, o bu na Nna unu nke eluigwe agaghi enye ndi niile na-ariọ ya aririọ ihe oma.

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

Ozioma nke Oseburuwa.

Ekpere Nhunye

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

Ukwe Oriri Nso

Onye na-ariọ ga-anata, onye na-achonu ga-achota, onye kuru aka ka a gameghere ụzo.

Prayer After Communion

We pray, O Lord our God, that as you have given these most sacred mysteries to be the safeguard of our salvation, so you may make them a healing remedy for us, both now and in time to come. Through Christ our Lord.

Prayer Over The People

May 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.

14 March [Eke] Friday of Lent - Week 1 (Violet)

Entry Antiphon

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

Collect

Grant 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)

Thus 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

Ukwe A Natachaa Oriri Nso

Anyị na-ario, O Dinwenu Chineke anyị, ka dika etu I siri nye iheomimi ndia kachasi nso ka ha buuru anyi ihe nchedo nke nzoputa anyi, mee ka ha buuru anyi ihe ndi na-eweta ogwugwo, ma ugbu a ma na odiniiru. Site na Kristi Onyenweanyi.

Ekpere Maka Oha Mmadu

Ka 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. Sitenā Kristi Onyenweanyi.

Ukwe Mbata

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

Ekpere Mmeghe

Mee ka ndi nke gi, O Onyenweanyi, anyi na-ario, na-esonye ofuma na n'usoro mmemme Paska, ka opipia anuahụ anyi maliterela ugbo a na nsopuru mita mkpuru n'ime obi anyi niile ga. Site na Dinwenu anyi.

Ihe Ogugu Nke Mbụ

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

Ma o buru na ajo mmadu atugharia site na mmehie 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-adu ndu maka eziumume niile nke o mere. O na-amasi m bu onwu nke onye ajoomume? O bu Dinwenu Chineke na-ekwu, kara na o chighariri n'uzo ya wee di ndu?

Ma mgbe onye eziumume hapuru eziumume ya, bia mee ihe ojoyo, na-emekwa ihe aru niile bu nke onye ajo mmadu na-eme, o ga-adu ndu? O nweghi iheoma niile o mere nke a ga-echeta; o ga-anwu n'ihu akwusighi ike ya, na mmehie niile o mere. "Ma unu na-asi 'Uzo nke Onyenweanyi ezighi ezi! Gee nti ugbo 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 ojoyo, o ga-anwu maka ihe ojoyo 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

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.)

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.

na mmehie niile nke o mere chigharia, o ga-adiri 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'ugbu mmiri ka m na-akpoku gi, O Onyenweanyi, Onyenweanyi, nuru 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'ihu 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, nwere 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.)

Mbeku! Ez. 18:31

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

Ozioma

Ihe ogugu nke a si n'Ozioma di nsọ 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 ekwuaja. 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.

29 Ozioma nke Oseburuwa.

Prayer Over The Offerings

Acept 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.

15 March [Orie] Saturday of Lent - Week 1 (Violet)

Entry Antiphon

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

Collect

Turn 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)

Moses 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.

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 ka-eweghachikwa nzoputa anyi. Site na Kristi Onyenweanyi.

Ukwe Oriri Nso

Ka m 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 khazizie onodu anyi ohuru, O Onyenweanyi, ka o sachaa uzo ochie, were dobalite anyi n'iheomimi nke nzoputa. Site na Kristi Onyenweanyi.

Ekpere Maka Oha Mmadu

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

Ukwe Mbata

Iwu 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

Kpoghachi obi anyi azu n'ebe I no, Nna di ebighiebi, ma mee, site n'ichio 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)

Mosis gwara ndi mmadu si: "Ubochi taa, Onyenweanyi bu Chineke unu nanyenye 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 karia 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.

30 Okwu nke Oseburuwa.

Responsorial Psalm: Ps. 118:1-24-5,7-8(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

Now is the favourable time; this is the day of salvation.

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

Abuoma na Aziza: Abu. 119:1-24-5,7-8(Az.1)

Aziza: Ha na-enwe añurị bụ ndị na-eso iwu nke Onyenweanyị

1. Ngozi diri ndi omume ha kwu oto, na-eso iwu nke Onyenweanyi, Ngozi diri ndi nile na-edobe ihe nile 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 kwudosiike n'idobe iwu gi. (Az.)
3. Aga m eji obi kwu oto wee too gi, mgbe m matara ike nkwumoto gi. O ga-amasi m idobe iwu gi nile. O! Agbahapukwala m. (Az.)

Mbeku 2 Cor. 6:2

Ugbu a bu oge amara; ugbu a bu ubochi nzoputa ahu.

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 ndiiror unu n'anya, na-ekpekwaranu ndi na-emegbu unu ekpere, ka unu wee buru umu nke Nna unu bi n'eluigwe n'ihina o na-eme ka anyanwu ya chakwasị ma ndi ajo mmadu, 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, kedụ ugwo oru puru iche unu ga-anata n'aka Chineke? Obuladi ndi ona utu na-emekwa otu ahu. O buru na unu na-ekela naani umunne unu, kedụ ihe puru iche unu mere kara 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.

Ekperè 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.

Ekperè 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.

Ekperè Maka Oha Mmadu

Ka ngozi nke ha na-acho doo ndi kwerenu na gi ike, O Chukwu, ka o

God, so that, never straying from your will, they may always rejoice in your benefits. Through Christ our Lord.

ga-abụ, asoghi ngongo ime uche gi, ha ewere goriwe oge niile n'iheoma giga. Site na Kristi Onyenweanyi.

2ND SUNDAY OF LENT (C) 16 March 2025 [Afor] (Violet)

**Office:
Week 2**

In the First Reading, God calls Abram, and with a covenant seals His promise of descendants and a country, while Abram responds with unwavering faith. The Responsorial Psalm acknowledges the unflinching nature of His covenantal love, a reason for deep trust. St Paul in the Second Reading reminds Christians of the goal of their calling, i.e., heaven, which in this world ought to renew their lives, motivating and uniting them, and shielding them always from sin and scandals, until their final transformation in Christ. By his transfiguration in the Gospel, Jesus -the Chosen One who fulfills the Law (Moses) and the Prophecy (Elijah) - teaches that he is both model and author of heavenly transformation for all those who shall heed to his Father and listen to him.

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.

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 (15:5-12,17-18)

Taking Abram outside God said, "Look up to heaven and count the stars if you can. Such will be your descendants" he told him. Abram put his faith in the Lord, who counted this as making him justified.

"I am the Lord" he said to him "who brought you out of Ur of the Chaldeans to make you heir to this land." "My Lord God," Abram replied "how am I to know that I shall inherit it?" He said to him, "Get me a three-year-old heifer, a three-year-old goat, a three-year-old ram, a turtledove and a young pigeon." He brought him all these, cut them in half and put half on one side and half facing it on the other; but the birds he did not cut in half. Birds of prey came down on the carcasses but Abram drove them off.

Now as the sun was setting Abram fell into a deep sleep, and terror seized him.

When the sun had set and darkness had fallen, there appeared a smoking furnace and a firebrand that went between the halves. That day the Lord made a Covenant with Abram in these terms: "To your descendants I give this land, from the Wadi of Egypt to the Great River."

The word of the Lord.

Ukwe Mbata

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

Ekpere Mmeghe

Chineke Nna anyi, inyere anyi iwu k'anyi na-egw nti na-olu nke Nwa gi I huru n'anya. Were okwu gi meghee obi anyi, k'anyi chota uto nke otito gi. Site na Kristi Dinwenụ anyi.

Ihe Ogugu Nke Mbu

Ihe ogugu e wetara n'akwukwo Mbido (15:5-12,17-18)

Mgbe Onyenweanyi kpooro Abram puta n'ezi o siri ya, "Lelie anya n'igwe ma guo kpakpando di na ya onu, o buru na i nwere ike; otu a ka umu umu gi ga-adị. Abram tukwasara okwukwe ya na Dinwenụ onye nke ganyeere ya nke a dika ezionume.

O siri ya, "Abu m Oseburuwa Chineke onye kpoputara gi site n'ala Oo nke Kaldia, inye gi ala a dika oke nke gi." Abram juru ya si "Onyenwe m Chineke, olee otu m ga-eji mara na m ga-eketa ya?" O gwara ya si, "Wetere m otu nwa ehi gbara afo ato, otu nne ewu gbara afo ato, otu ebule gbara afo ato, otu nwa nduru na otu kparakuku. O wetaara ya ihe niile ndi a, gubie umu anumaanu ndi ahụ abuo abuo ma dobe otu isi n'ihu ibe ya; ma o kewaghi umunnunu abuo ndi ahụ. Mgbe obula umunnunu fedara bia iri ozu anu ndi ahụ, Abram achufuo ha.

Ugbu a, ka anwu na-ada egwu jidere Abram, o wee daa na nnukwu ura.

Mgbe anwu dara, ochichiri gbaa, ite oku nke na-eku anwuru oku, na mpanaka oku ya na-enwu enwu gafere n'etiti uto anu abuo ndi ahụ. N'ubochi ahụ Dinwenụ na Abram gbara ndu n'udi okwu ndi a! "Umumumu gi ka m ga-enye ala site n'osimiri Ijpt ruo n'osimiri ukwu ahụ, iyi Yufretes.

32Okwu nke Oseburuwa.

Responsorial Psalm: Ps. 26:1-7,9,13-14 (R.v. 1)

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

1. The Lord is my light and my help; whom shall I fear? The Lord is the stronghold of my life; before whom shall I shrink? (R.)
2. O Lord, hear my voice when I call; have mercy and answer. Of you my heart has spoken: 'Seek his face.' (R.)
3. It is your face, O Lord, that I seek; hide not your face. Dismiss not your servant in anger; you have been my help. (R.)
4. I am sure I shall see the Lord's goodness in the land of the living. Hope in him, hold firm and take heart, hope in the Lord! (R.)

Second Reading

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Philippians (3:17-4:1)

My brothers, be united in following my rule of life. Take as your models everybody who is already doing this and study them as you used to study us. I have told you often, and I repeat it today with tears, there are many who are behaving as the enemies of the cross of Christ. They are destined to be lost. They make foods into their god and they are proudest of something they ought to think shameful; the things they think important are earthly things. For us, our homeland is in heaven, and from heaven comes the Saviour we are waiting for, the Lord Jesus Christ, and he will transfigure these wretched bodies of ours into copies of his glorious body. He will do that by the same power with which he can subdue the whole universe.

So then, my brothers and dear friends, do not give way but remain faithful in the Lord. I miss you very much, dear friends; you are my joy and my crown. The word of the Lord.

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 Luke (9:28-36)

Jesus took with him Peter and John and James and went up the mountain to pray. As he prayed, the aspect of his face was changed and his clothing became brilliant as lightning. Suddenly there were two men there talking to him; they were Moses and Elijah appearing in glory, and they were speaking of his passing which he was to accomplish in Jerusalem. Peter and his companions were heavy with sleep, but they kept

Abuoma na Aziza: Abu. 27:1-7,9,13-14 (Az.1)

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

1. Dinwenu bu ihe na nzoputa m, onye ka m ga-atu egwu? Dinwenu bu ide nke ndu m, onye ga-eyi m egwu?(Az.)
2. Onyenweanyi, nuru mkpu akwa m! Meere m ebere! Zaa m! Mkpuruobi m na-ekwu maka gi si, "Choba ihu nke Onyenweanyi." (Az.)
3. Onyenweanyi, ana m acho ihu gi, ezonarila m ihu gi, O bu gi bu onye enyemaka m. Ahapula m; agbahapula m; Chineke onye nzoputa m. (Az.)
4. Ekwere m na m ga-ahu idi mma nke Chineke, n'ala ndi di ndu. Chekwube na Dinwenu. Obi sie gi ike; tukwasi ya obi, chekwube na ya. (Az.)

The Ogugu Nke Abu

Ihe ogugu e wetara n'akwukwo Pol di aso degaara ndi Filipi (3:17-4:1)

Umunna m, soronu na-enomi m. Na-elerenu ufodu n'ime unu ndi na-esoku puru anyi toro anya. Otutu n'ime ndi m na-agwa unu mgbe niile maka ha, bu ndi m ji anyamiri agwa unu ugbu a, na-ebi ndu dika ndjiro nke obe Kristi. Njedebe ndi di otu a ga-abu ila n'iyi. Afo ha bu chi ha, ihe kwesiri ime ha ihere ka ha ji etu onu. Ha natukwasi uche naani n'ihe nke uwa. Ebe obibi anyi di n'eluigwe ebe anyi na-atusi anya ike na onye nzoputa anyi bu Jesu Kristi ga-esi abia, onye ga-agbanwe ahu anyi di ala ka o di ka nke ya di ebube site n'ike nke mere ka o dobe ihe niile n'okpuru ya.

Umunna m, ndi m huru n'anya na ndi agu ha na-agusi m ike, ndi bu anuri m na okpuze m. Kwudosienu ike na Dinwenu unu ndi m huru n'anya. Okwu nke Oseburuwa.

Mbeku! Mat 17:5

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

Ozioma

Ihe ogugu nke a si n'Ozioma di aso nke Luk dere (9:28-36)

Jesu kpooro Pita, Jemis, na Jon wee rigoro n'elu ugwu ikpe ekpere. Mgbe O na-ekpe ekpere ihu ya enwoghaa. Uwe ya bidoro chaba ocha nke ukwu. Ma lee, ya na mmadu abuo nakparita uka. Ndi ahu bu Mosis na Elaija. Ndi putara n'otito wee kwuo okwu maka nlaghachi ya nke O ga-emezu na Jerusalem. N'oge ahu ura ji Pita na ndi ya na ha no nke ukwu; ha huru ebube ya tinyekwara mmadu abuo ya na ha

awake and saw his glory and saw his glory and the two men standing with him. As these were leaving him, Peter said to Jesus, "Master, it is wonderful for us to be here; so let us make three tents, one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah." - He did not know what he was saying. As he spoke, a cloud came and covered them with shadow; and when they went into the cloud the disciples were afraid. And a voice came from the cloud saying, "This is my Son, the Chosen One. Listen to him." And after the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. The disciples kept silence and, at that time, told no one what they had seen. 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.

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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.



Ekpere Nhunye

Onyenweanyi, biko mee ka aja nke a wuchapu anyi njo anyi ka anyi bu ndi kwere na Gi, were ahụ 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. Geenu Ya nti.

Ekpere A Natachaa Oriri Nso

Onyenweanyi, anyi bu ndi natara ihe omimi nke otito Gi nwere afo ojuu. Anyi na-ekele 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 nkwo dosiike n'Ozioma nke Otu Nwa I muru naani ya, ka ha were chobazie, ma nwetakwa n'ikeazu ojuuanyi ahụ ndi umazu nwere. Site na Kristi Onyenweanyi.

Theme: The Sacrifice of Faith

HOLY SCRIPTURES: Prov 21:3; Ps 51:17; 1 Sam 15:22; 2 Sam 24:24; Matt 16:24; Mark 9:34; 12:33; Luke 9:23-24; John 15:13; Rom 3:25; 12:1; 1 Cor 5:7; Eph 5:2; Phil 2:17; Heb 10:5; 13:15-16. **CATECHISM OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH:** ; nn. 145-146; 1368; 1505; 2015; 2300, 2340.

17 March [Nkwo] Monday (White)

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." He 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

Proclaim 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

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

Everything will soon come to an end, so, to pray better, keep 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

Kwuputānu nzoputa ya ubochi niile. Mee ka ūwa niile mara maka otito ya.

Ekpere Mmeghe

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

Ihe Ogugu Nke Mbu

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

Ogwugwu ihe niile di nso. Nweenu uche zuru oke, nwekwanu anya udo, ka unu nwee ike ikpe ekpere. Unu ekwela k'ihunaanya unu nwere n'ebe ibe unu no daa mba, n'ihu na ihunaanya na-ekpuchi otutu mmehie. Na-eleritanu ibe unu obia nke oma n'atamughi ntamu. Unu niile n'otu n'otu natara onyinye amara nke Chineke. Werenu ya jeere ibe unu ozi dika ezi ndi nlekota nke onyinye ahu di ichiche nke Chineke nyere unu. Onye obula n'ime unu na-ekwu okwuchukwu, ya kwuo naani okwu si Chineke n'onu puta. Onye obula na-eje ozi, ya were ike Chineke nyere ya jeere ya ozi. Na-emenu otu a ka e nye Chineke otito n'ihu 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 nzoputa ya ubochi niile. Mee ka uwa niile mata maka otito ya, kwuputakwa oru itunaanya ya n'ebe ndi mmadu no. (Az.)

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

4. Kwusachanu n'ua niile na Onyenweanyi bu eze, o kwuwasiri uwa ike, O ga-eji ikpe nkwmoto 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

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'odommiri Genesaret, oke igwe mmadu zukoro na-adagide ya ka ha nuru okwu Chineke. O huru ugbo mmiri abuo n'uso odommiri 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 nodu 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 gbuture. 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 ehunyere ebube aha gi. Sitena Kristi Onyenweanyi.

Ukwe Oriri Nso

Ana 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

faith taught by Saint Patrick and to proclaim it in our way of living. Through Christ our Lord.

Solemn Blessing

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

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

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

And 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.**

okwukwe nke Patrik di aso kuziri, ma kwuputakwa ya n'usoro ndu anyi. Sitena Kristi Onyenweanyi.

Ngozi Puru Iche

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

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

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

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

18 March [Eke] Tuesday of Lent - Week 2 (Violet)

St. Cyril of Jerusalem, Bishop, Doctor (Opt. Comm.)

Entry Antiphon

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

Collect

Guard 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 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)

Hear 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.

Ukwe Mbata

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

Ekpere Mmeghe

Chekwaba Nzuko gi, anyi na-ario, O Onyenweanyi, n'ime ebere gi na-enweghi mgbo, n'ihu na ewezuga gi mmaadu puru inwu anwu ga na-adajoghari, ka I site n'enyemaka gi di okpu chekwaba anyi n'ajo ihe niile, ma dute anyi na ihe niile ga-eweta nzoputa. Site na Dinwenu anyi

Ihe Ogugu Nke Mbu

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

Ugbu 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 eziomume, na-achokwanu ikpe nkwumoto; 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 ahia, ma o buru na unu agbaa isi akwara, nogide n'inupu isi, unu ganwucha na mmaagha, otu a ka Oseburuwa si kwuo.

37 Okwu nke Oseburuwa.

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

Repent, 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)

Addressing 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; 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

Be 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.

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'ihu 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-achunyerem aja ekele na asopuru m, ma aga m egosi nzoputa nke Chineke n'ebe ndi eziumume no. (Az.)

Mbeku! Mat. 4:17

Chegharianu, n'ihina alaeze eluigwe adila nso.

Ozioma

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

Jesu gwara igwe mmadu ahụ na ndi na-eso uzo ya si, 'Ndi odeakwukwo na ndi Farisi no n'okwa Mosis. Ya bu, na-emenụ ma na-edebekwanu ihe niile ha na-agwa unu. Kamia unu emekwala onume 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 orụ oma ha niile naani ka ndi mmadu wee hụ 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'ochi di elu n'oriri, ino n'ihu ochi 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 bukwala 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

Ka 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.

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

May 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

Graciously 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.

19 March [Orie] Wednesday (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 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

Ukwe Oriri Nso

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

Ekpere A Natachara 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

Were 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.



Ukwe Mbata

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

Ekpere Mmeghe

M ee, anyi na-ario, Chineke ji ike niile, ka, site na aririo 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 Mbu

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

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

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)

The 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.

Acclamation! Ps. 83:5

They are happy who dwell in your house, O Lord, for ever singing your praise.

adi ebeebe. Aga m akwudosi ocheeze gi ike ebeebe.

Okwu nke Oseburuwa.

Abụoma na Aziza: Abụ. 89:1-4.26.28 (Az.36)

Aziza: **Ọchịchị 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 ntukwasiobi gi. N’ihina ihunaanya gi ga-adi ebeebe, ikwesi ntukwasiobi gi ga-akwudosi ike dika igwe. (Az.)

2. Mu na onye m hooro agbaala ndu, aṅuorola m Devid nwodibo m iyi. Aga m eme ka ọchichi 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 ahụ ya n’anya ebeebe, ogbugbandu mu na ya ga-adi okpu. (Az.)

The Ogugu Nke Abuo

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

Nkwaka 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 ahụ 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 di.

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.

Mbeku! Abụ. 84:4

Ha bu ndi a goziri agozi, ndi bi n’ulo gi na-ekwere gi ukwe otito oge niile.

Then I turned my face to the Lord God, seeking him by prayer and pleas for mercy with fasting and sackcloth and ashes.

(Daniel 9:3)

Gospel

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

Jacob 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

We 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

Well done, good and faithful servant. Come, share your master's joy.

Prayer After Communion

Defend 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

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

Ozioma

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

Jekob 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, mmuoma 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 mmuoma nke Onyenweanyi gwara ya, were kporo Maria nwunye ya. Ozioma nke Oseburuwa.

Ekpere Nhunye

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

Ukwe Oriri Nso

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

Ekpere A Natachaa Oriri Nso

Were nchedo di okpu lutara ha ugu, 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

Lekwasa umuodibo gi anya, O Onyenweanyi, ma si n'afoma gi were enyemaka nke eluigwe chekwaba ndi chekwubere n'ebere gi. Site na Kristi Onyenweanyi.

20 March [Afor] Thursday of Lent - Week 2 (Violet)

Entry Antiphon

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

Ukwe Mbata

Tulee m, O Chineke, ka I mata echiche m ga. Hu na uzom abughi nke ndi ajo obi, ka I duga m n'uzo ebighiebi.

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

A reading from the prophet Jeremiah (17:5-10)

The 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.)

Acclamation! Lk 8:15

Blessed 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)

Jesus said to the Pharisees: 'There was a rich man who used to dress in purple and fine

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 Mbụ

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

Onyenweanyi 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 nuu mmadu ebighi.

"Ngozi diri 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 naghi 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 kara 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.

Abuoma na 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-ekwu Chineke, Kama o na-enwe anuri n'ebe iwu Onyenweanyi di; ma na-achighari iwu ya n'obi ya ehilie 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.)

Mbeku! Luk. 8:15

Ngozi diiri ndi nuru okwu Chineke, were ikwesie ntukwasioobi 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)

Jesus gwara ndi Farisii: O di otu onye ogaranya nke na-eyi akwa uhieuhie na ezi akwa ocha

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

By 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.

Communion Antiphon

Happy are those whose life is blameless, and who follow the law of God.

Prayer After Communion

May 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

Abide with your servants, O Lord, who implore the help of your grace, that

onye na-anọ n'oriri na oñuñu 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'uche nri eze dapu. O buladi umunkita na-abia aracha ya onya. Mgbe ogbenye a nwuru ndi mmuoma buuru ya buga n'akuku Abraham n'ala mmuo, ogaranya ahụ nwukwara, e lie ya.

Mgbe o no n'okummuo na-ahuju anya o leliri 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 soşo ahuhü. 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 ahü 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 mmeekpaahu a.' Abraham zakwara ya si 'Ha nwere iwu Mosis na ndiamuma, ha gee ha nti.' Ma ogaranya ahü zara ya si, 'Ee, nna anyi Abraham, a si na otu onye ga-esi n'ala ndi nwuru anwu gawkuru 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

Mee 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.

Ukwe Oriri Nso

Anuri diiri ndi ndu ha enweghi atutu, Andi na-eso iwu nke Chineke.

Ekpere A Natachaa Oriri Nso

Ka aja nke a anyi churula, O Chineke, na-aga n'ihu n'ime anyi dika isiayi gadigidekwa nke ume na ike. Site na Kristi Onyenweanyi.

Ekpere Maka Oha Mmadu

Nonyere umuodibo gi ga, O Onyenweanyi, ndi na-ario enyemaka

they may receive from you the support and guidance of your protection. Through Christ our Lord.

ebere gi, ka ha were si na gi nweta nkwado na odudu nke nchedo gi. Site na Kristi Onyenweanyi.

21 March [Nkwo] Friday of Lent - Week 2 (Violet)

Entry Antiphon

In 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

Grant, 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)

Israel 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 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 Ishmealites who were coming from Gilead, their camels laden with gum, tragacanth, balsam and resin, which they were taking down into Egypt. Then Judah

Ukwe Mbata

Na gi, Onyenweanyi, ka m chekwubere, e kwela ka ihere mee m; zoputa m n'onyia ha zoro maka m, n'ihia n'ezie! bu onye mgbaba

Ekpere Mmeghe

Mee, 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 Dinweni anyi

Ihe Ogugu Nke Mbu

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

Izrel huru Josef n'anya karia 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 karia 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 ahu'. Ya mere Josef chooro umunne ya gaba, chota ha na Dotan.

Mgbé ha huru ya ka o na-abia n'ebe di anya, ha gbakwo 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 anuohia tagburu ya. Ka anyi marazie ka nro ndi ahia o roro ga-esi wee mee.

Mana ka Ruben nuri izu a, o gbara mbo hu na ha egbughi Josef. O gwara ha si, 'Anyi agaghi egbu ya. Unu akwafula obara, kama tunyenu ya n'ime olulu mmiri a di n'ikpa, mana unu 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 umunne ya no, ha jidere ya yipu ya uwe aka ogologo ya tunye ya n'olulu mmiri adighi. Ha wee noduzie ala malite iri nri.

Mgbe ha letiri anya, ha huru ndi Ishmel si obodo Giled alota, inyinyalibu ha bu: uda,

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

God 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)

Jesus 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 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

mgborogwu osisi na eso osisi na-esi uto na-aga Ijpt. Juda wee gwa umunne ya si, "Kedu uru anyi ga-erite ma anyi gbuo nwanne anyi kpuchie obara 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 Ijpt.

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 ezinulo ya, onye na-elekota

Mbeku! Jon 3:16

Chineke 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)

Jesu gwara ndi isinchuaja na ndi okenye si, "Nurunu ukabuilu ozo. O nwere otu onye nwere ezinulo. O koru ugbo vain, gbaa ya ogige gburugburu, bia wuo uloelunche maka ugbo ya. O hanyere ya n'aka ndi nlekota, were 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 karia 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, kpapu ya n'ubi vain ahụ wee gbuo ya. Mgbe onye nwe

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

May 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

God loved us, and sent his Son as Expiation for our sins.

Prayer After Communion

Having 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

Grant 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.

ubi ahu biara, olee ihe unu chere na o ga-eme ndi nlekota a? Ha zara ya si, 'O ga-ala ndi ojoo ahu n'iyi bia nyefee ubi ahu n'aka ndi nlekota ozò, 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-anapuuinu 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 choro ijide ya, egwu igwe mmadu turu ha, n'ihina ha were ya dika onye amuma. Ozioma nke Oseburuwa.

Ekpere Nhunye

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

Ukwe Oriri Nso

Chineke 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-arjo, 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-arjo, ike nke mmuo na nke ahu, ka ha site n'nkwudosike n'agwa oma were kwesi ikeogu nke nchedo gi. Sitena Kristi Onyenweanyi.

22 March [Eke] Saturday of Lent - Week 2 (Violet)

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.

Collect

O 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.

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.

Ekpere Mmeghe

O 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 ahu ebe gi onwe gi bi. Site na Dinwenyi 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.'

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

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'Ijiptuta, 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'iwere 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 Jakob ntukwasio, gosikwa Abraham ihunaanya gi di okpu dika i si nuoro 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 karia otu owuwa anyanwu siri di anya n'odida ya. (Az.)

Mbeku! Luk. 15:18

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

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 ukabuilu a gwa ha okwu si:

Otu nwoke nwere umunwoke abuo. Nke nta n'ime ha siri nna ha, 'Nna, kee ihe gi niile 47 ugbo a, nye m nke m.' Nna ha kekwaara

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 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.

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 ahụ ka o mefuchara ihe niile o nwere site n’ibi ndu nzuzu.

Mgbe o mefuchara ihe niile, oke unwu dara n’obodo ahụ, o malite ino n’uko. O gara nonyere otu onye obodo ahụ, onye zigara ya n’ubi ya izu ezi. O gaara amasi ya iri nri umuezi ahụ riforo, mana na o nweghi onye nyere ya ihe obula. Mgbe o matara onwe ya, o siri, ‘Mmadu ole bu ndi oru ngo no n’ubi nna m na-eri, na-añu, na-eme ihe oriri otu di ha mma, ma ano m ebe a na-anwu n’agu! 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-akpaso 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 ahụ siri ya, ‘Nna m, emehiela m megide eluigwe ma megidekwa gi, etosighi m ka a kpokwaa m nwa gi ozo.’ Mana nna ya siri 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 kpooonu oriri, nwekwaa anuri. N’ihina nwa m nke a anwuolarii, bia dikwa ndu ozo, o fukwara efu, e wee hu ya. Ha bidoro nuri ba ofu.’

‘Ma mgbe nke a na-eme, nwa nwoke ahụ 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 ahụ gbara abuba, n’ihina o lotara n’udo na ahuike.’ Iwe were ya, nke na o choghikwa ibanye n’ulo. Nna ya putara rio ya. Mana o siri 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 nurikwaa. Mana mgbe nwa gi nke a lotara, onye ya na umunwaanyi akwuna ripiachara ihe niile i nwere, i gbuuru ya nwa ehi ahụ gbara abuba.’

Nna ya siri ya, ‘nwa m, mu na gi no mgbe niile, ihe niile m nwere bu nke gi. O kwesiri ekwesị ka anyi kpoo oriri ma nurikwaa, maka na nwanne gi anwuolarị ma dikwa ndu ozo, o fukwara efu, e were hukwa ya.’”

Ozioma nke Oseburuwa.

Prayer Over The Offerings

Through 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

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

Prayer After Communion

May 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

May 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.

Ekpere Nhunye

Site n'onyinye nso ndi a, anyi na-ariṣo, O Onyenweanyi, ka mgbaputa anyi miputa ukpuluga, nke ga-ejidetenwu anyi n'ebe aguu 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

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

Ekpere Maka Oha Mmadu

Ka nti nke ebere gi meghee, O Onyenweanyi, nuru aririṣo ndi na-akpoku gi; ka I mere ha ihe ha na-achṣ, nya na ka ha rioba ihe na-amasi gi. Site na Kristi Onyenweanyi.

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT (C) 23 March 2025 [Orie] (Violet)

Office: Week 3

The three readings of today reveal the merciful nature of God which must never be presumed. In the First Reading, God reveals Himself to Moses as "I Am who I Am", to depict His gracious presence, abiding and steadfast love among His people, promising to deliver Israel from captivity. The Responsorial Psalm confesses God's compassion and love shown by justice, acts of mercy and forgiveness. Struck by God's compassion and love for His people, St Paul in the Second Reading reflects on the enormous patience with which God led His people of Old who, despite His many liberating signs and wonders under Moses, faltered and complained – all of which are to serve as lesson and warning for Christians. In the Gospel, Jesus emphasizes the need and urgency of repentance that should never tempt or exhaust God's patience.

Entry Antiphon

My 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.

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 (3:1-8.13-15)

Moses was looking after the flock of Jethro, his father-in-law, priest of

Ukwe Mbata

Anya m wukwasara na Dinwenu oge niile, n'ihu na o bu Ya na-atohapu m n'onyia. Leghachie anya azu n'ebe m no. Meere m ebere n'ihina abu m nwa ogbenye na-enweghi onye enyemaka.

Ekpere Mmeghe

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

The Oguṣu Nke Mbu

The uguṣu e wetara n'akwukwo Ezodus (3:1-8.13-15)

Noge ahu Mosis na-echekwa igwe aturu ogo ya nwoke bu Jetro, onye nchuaa nke Midian,

Midian. He led his flock to the far side of the wilderness and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. There the angel of the Lord appeared to him in the shape of a flame of fire, coming from the middle of a bush. Moses looked; there was the bush blazing but it was not being burnt up. "I must go and look at this strange sight," Moses said "and see why the bush is not burnt." Now the Lord saw him go forward to look, and God called to him from the middle of the bush. "Moses, Moses!" he said. "Here I am" he answered. "Come no nearer" he said. "Take off your shoes, for the place on which you stand is holy ground. I am the God of your father," he said "the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob." At this Moses covered his face, afraid to look at God.

And the Lord said, "I have seen the miserable state of my people in Egypt. I have heard their appeal to be free of their slave-drivers. Yes, I am well aware of their sufferings. I mean to deliver them out of the hands of the Egyptians and bring them up out of that land to a land rich and broad, a land where milk and honey flow."

Then Moses said to God, "I am to go, then, to the sons of Israel and say to them, 'The God of your fathers has sent me to you.' But if they ask me what his name is, what am I to tell them?" And God said to Moses, "I Am who I Am. This" he added "is what you must say to the sons of Israel: 'I Am has sent me to you.'" And God also said to Moses, "You are to say to the sons of Israel: 'The Lord, the God of your fathers, the God Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you.' This is my name for all time; by this name I shall be invoked for all generations to come".

The word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm: Ps. 102:1-4.6-8.11 (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 everyone of your ills, who redeems your life from the grave, who crowns you with love and compassion. (R.)

3. The Lord does deeds of justice, gives judgement for all who are oppressed. He

o duuru igwe aturu ndi ahụ gaa n'akuku odida anyanwu ozara wee garute na Horeb bu ugwu nke Chineke. N'ebe ahụ ka mmuooma nke Chineke biakwutere ya n'udi ire oku na-enwu n'ime ohia ma o naghi erepia ahijia di n'ohia ahụ. Mosis wee kwuo si, "Aga m agaru nso ma lee ihe itunaanya nke a mere na ahijia ndi a di n'ohia anaghi ere oku." Mgbe Chineke huru ka o tughariri ka o hu ihe na-eme, O si n'ime ohia ahụ kpoo ya oku si, "Mosis!, Mosis! O zara ya oku si, "Ano m ebe a." Dinweni asi ya, "Abiakwala nso; yipu akpukpo ukwu gi n'ihina ebe i guzo bu ala nso." Chineke gwakwara ya si, "Abu m Chineke nke nna gi ha, Chineke nke Abraham, Chineke nke Aizik and Chineke nke Jekob." Mosis were kpuchie ihu ya n'ihina egwu na-atu ya ile Chineke anya n'ihu.

Onyenweanyi gwara ya si, "Ahula m ahuhu ndi nke m no n'Ijpt. Anukwala m mkpu akwa ha banyere onu a na-echi ha n'ala. Abiala m izoputa ha site n'aka ndi Ijpt, iduputa ha site n'ala Ijpt na iduba ha n'ala oma ahụ, ala sara mbara, ala juputara na mimiri ara ehi na mmanuani.

Mosis juru Chineke si, "O buru na m agwa umu Izrel si, 'Chineke nke nnanna unu ha zitere m n'etiti unu,' ha juo m si, 'Gini bu aha ya?' Gini ka m ga-agwa ha?" Chineke zara Mosis si, "ABU M ONYE M BU." O gwakwara Mosis si, "Gwa umu Izrel nke a, 'Onyenweanyi, Chineke nke nnanna unu ha, Chineke nke Abraham, Chineke nke Aizik na Chineke nke Jekob, zitere m nye unu.' Nke a bu aha m ebebe, otu a ka a ga-esi na-echeta m site na ndudugandu ruo na ndudugandu.

Okwu nke Oseburuwa.

Abuoma na Aziza: Abu. 103:1-4.6-8.11. (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 obi ebere ya niile. (Az.)

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

3. Onyenweanyi, onye na-eme iheoma, na-anokari n'akuku ndi a na-emegbu emegbu. O mere ka Mosis mata echiche ya, ma

made known his ways to Moses and his deeds to Israel's sons (R.)

4. The Lord is compassion and love, slow to anger and rich in mercy. For as the heavens are high above the earth so strong is his love for those who fear him. (R.)

Second Reading

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians (10:1-6.10-12)

I want to remind you, brothers, how our fathers were all guided by a cloud above them and how they all passed through the sea. They were all baptised into Moses in this cloud and in this sea; all ate the same spiritual food and all drank the same spiritual drink, since they all drank from the spiritual rock that followed them as they went, and that rock was Christ. In spite of this, most of them failed to please God and their corpses littered the desert.

These things all happened as warnings for us, not to have the wicked lusts for forbidden things that they had.

You must never complain: some of them did, and they were killed by the Destroyer.

All this happened to them as warning, and it was written down to be a lesson for us who are living at the end of the age. The man who thinks he is safe must be careful that he does not fall.

The word of the Lord.

Acclamation! Mt. 4:17

Repent, says the Lord, for the kingdom of heaven is close at hand.

Gospel

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke (13:1-9)

It was just about this time that some people arrived and told Jesus about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with that of their sacrifices. At this he said to them, "Do you suppose these Galileans who suffered like that were greater sinners than any other Galileans? They were not, I tell you. No; but unless you repent you will all perish as they did. Or those eighteen on whom the tower at Siloam fell and killed them? Do you suppose that they were more guilty than all the other people living in Jerusalem? They were not, I tell you. No; but unless you repent you will all perish as they did."

gosikwa umu izrel ike ya. (Az.)

4. Oseburuwa di ebere n ihunaanya, o naghi ewe iwe ngwa ngwa, ihunaanya ya di ukwu. Dika eluigwe siri di elu n'ebe uwa di, otu ahụ ka ihunaanya ya siri di ukwu n'ebe ndi naturu ya egwu no. (Az.)

Ihe Ogugu Nke Abuo

Ihe ogugu e wetara n'akwukwo mbu Pol di aso degaara ndi Korint (10:1-6.10-12)

Achoro m ka unu mata, umunna m, ihe Chineke meere ndi nnanna anyi ha, ndi soro Mosis n'ozara. Igwe ojii zeere ha ndo, duru ha niile gafee osimiri uhie n'udo. N'ime igwe ojii ahụ, na n'ime oke osimiri ahụ e tinyere ha niile mmiri Chukwu dika ndi na-esozọ Mosis. Ha niile so rie otu nri nke mmuo ahụ. Ha niile sokwa n'uo otu ihe on'uo nke mmuo ahụ. Ha n'uru mmiri nke mmuo nke si n'okwute ahụ na-edu ha puta ma okwute ahụ bu Kristi n'onwe ya. N'ihe ndi a niile, omume ofutu n'ime ha amasighi Chineke. N'ihie nke a e fesara ozu ha n'ebe di icheiche n'ozara. Ugbua, ihe a niile buuru anyi ihe ido aka na nti ka anyi ghara inwe aguu ihe ojuo dika ha siri nwee.

Mobu tamuo ntamu dika ufodu n'ime ha tamuru, mmuo nke mmebi wee laa ha n'iyi.

Ugbu a ihe a niile mere ha dika ihe ido aka na nti, ma e dere ha iji wee kuziere anyi ihe, ndi no n'ogwu-gwu oge. Ya mere onye obula na-eche na o kwudosiri ike, ya kpachara anya ka o ghara ida.

Okwu nke Oseburuwa.

Mbeku! Mat. 4:17

Chegharianu, n'ihina alaeze eluigwe adila nso.

Ozioma

Ihe ogugu nke a si n'Ozioma di aso nke Luk dere (13:1-9)

Onwere ufodu no ebe ahụ n'oge ahụ, ndi kooro Jesu maka ndi Galili ahụ; Pailei gburu, were obara ha gwokota n'ihie aja ha. Jesu wee juo ha si, "Unu chere na ndi Galili ndi a nwuru n'uzo di otu a bu ndi mimchie karịa ndi Galili ndi ozo? Agwa m unu, mba; ma o bu na unu echegharighi unu niile ganwu otu ha siri nwuo. Mobu, kedụ maka mmadu iri na asato ahụ ndi ulonche elu dakwasiri, tigbuo ha na Sailom, unu na-eche na ha bu ndiojoo karịa ndi niile bi n'obodo Jerusalem. Agwa m unu, mba, beluso ma unu cheghariri unu niile ganwu otu ha siri nwuo."

He told this parable: “A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard, and he came looking for fruit on it but found none. He said to the man who looked after the vineyard, ‘Look here, for three years now I have been coming to look for fruit on this fig tree and finding none. Cut it down: why should it be taking up the ground?’ ‘Sir,’ the man replied ‘leave it one more year and give me time to dig round it and manure it: it may bear fruit next year; if not, then you can cut it down.’”

The Gospel of the Lord.

Prayer Over The Offerings

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

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Communion Antiphon

The sparrow finds a home, and the swallow a nest for her young; by your altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God. Blessed are they who dwell in your house for ever singing your praise.

Post After Communion

As 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

Direct, 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.



God's Unconditional Love and the Invitation to Repentance

HOLY SCRIPTURES: Ps 103:8; Prov 28:13; Jer 31:3; Mic 7:18; Acts 17:30; Rom 2:4; 5:6-8; Eph 2:4-5; Gal 6:7-10; Tit 3:4-5; 2 Pet 3:9; 1 John 1:9; 3:1; 4:9-10; Rev 2:5.
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24 March [Afor] Monday of Lent - Week 3 (Violet)

Entry Antiphon

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

Collect

May your unfailing compassion, O Lord, cleanse and protect your Church, and, since without you she cannot stand,

Jesu ji ukabuiliu gwa ha si, “Otu nwoke nwere osisi fiig nke o kuru n’ubi ya, o bjara choo mkpuru n’elu ya ma o hughi. O wee si onye na-elekota ubi ya, ‘Lee, kamgbe afo ato ka m na-abia na-acho mkpuru n’osisi fiig a, ma ahughi m. Ya mere, gbudaa ya, gini mere o ga-eji na-eriko nri di n’ala ubi? Ma o zara ya si, ‘Nna m ukwu, hapukwa ya n’afo a, ka m gwuo ala gburugburu ukwu ya, wunye ya agbugbo. O buru na o mia mkpuru n’afo ozo, o di mma, ma o buru na o mighi, i nweziri ike gbudaa ya.” Ozioma nke Oseburuwa.

Ekpere Nhunye

Dinwenụ 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 agui igbaghara mmehie mmađi ibe anyi. Site na Kristi Onyenweanyi.

Ukwe Oriri Nso

Nnunụ ebelebe na-achota ulo obibi, nnunụ eleke na-achotara onwe ya akwu maka umu ya n’akuku ebe nhuaja gi, O Dinwenụ nke igwe ndiagha, Eze m na Chukwu m. Ngozi na-adiri ndi ahu na-ebi n’ulo gi ekwere gi ukwe otito ebighiebi.

Ekpere A Natachaa Oriri Nso

Onyenweanyi, 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 Mmađi

Duzie obi ndi nke gi kwerenu, 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

Mkpuruobi m na-acho na-adoli maka Mulo obi nke Onyenweanyi. Obi m na anuaru m na-etikuru Chukwu di ndu.

Ekpere Mmeghe

Ka omiko gi di okpu, O Onyenweanyi, wuchaa ma chekwawa Nzuko gi, ka, ebe o nweghi ike iguzosiike ma o bughi na gi,

secure, may she be always governed by your grace. Through our Lord.

First Reading

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

Naaman, 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

ka amara gi chiba ya mgbe niile. Site na Dinwenụ anyị.

Ihe Ogugu Nke Mbụ

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

Naaman 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 nwaagbogho, 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 ugbo 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 zigaara 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'Osimiri Jordan ughoro 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 karia 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 gaghị eme ya? Ma nke a bu na o gwara gi naani saa ahụ

immersed himself seven times in the Jordan, as Elisha had told him to do. And his flesh 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

My 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)

Jesus 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

ka i dikwa ocha." Ya mere o gara sunye onwe ya n'ime osimiri Jodan ugboro asaa dika Elaisha gwara ya. Anu ahụ ya wee dikwa mma 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-enwe ike jee hụ ihu nke Chineke?

1. Dika otu aguu mmiri si na-agu nne ele, otu ahụ ka aguu si na-agu m maka gi, O Chineke m. (Az.)
2. Akpiri na-akpo m nku maka Chineke, Chukwu nke ndi di ndu, kedụ oge m ga-enwe ike 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 ahu aga m aga n'ebe nchujaja nke Chineke, Chineke nke bu anuri m. Aga m eji anuri were ubo too gi Onyenweanyi, Chineke m. (Az.)

Mbeku! Abu. 130:5

Mkpuruobi m eche Onyenweanyi, na nkwa ya ka m nwere nchekwube, n'ihina 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)

Jesu biara na Nazara were gwa ndi mmadu n'unlonzuko 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 afọ atọ na onwa isii, mgbe oke ugani dara n'ala ahụ dum; ma o nweghi onye n'ime ha e zigara 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 ocha ma o bughị Naaman, Onye Siria."

Mgbe ndi niile no n'unlonzuko ahu nuru okwu ndi a, iwe jutara ha n'obi. Ha biliri, kwapu ya 54'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

May 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

May 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

May 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



rukwasara obodo ha n'elu ya ka ha si ebe ahụ kwada ya. Ma o nichapuru onwe ya n'aka ha, si n'etiti igwe mmadu laa.

Ozioma nke Oseburuwa.

Ekpere Nhunye

Ka ihe ndi anyi na-ehunye, O Onyenweanyi, na-anochite anya odibo anyi na-agba, buru ihe ndi I ga-agbanwo ka ha ghoro 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

Ka njiko nke Sakramenti a, anyi na-ario, O Onyenweanyi, wetakwa mkpochapu mmehie na idiknotu nke bu onyinye gi. Site na Kristi Onyenweanyi.

Ekpere Maka Oha Mmadu

Ka aka nri gi, anyi na-ario, O Onyenweanyi, chekwawa ndi a nakosara 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.

25 March [Nkwo] Tuesday (White)

The Annunciation of the Lord (Solemnity)

Today 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

The Lord said, as he entered the world: Behold, I come to do your will, O God.

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)

The Lord spoke to Ahaz and said, 'Ask the Lord your God for a sign for yourself

Ukwe Mbata

Onyenweanyi kwuru, ka o na-abia n'ime uwa: Lee, Ana mabia imee uche gi.

Ekpere Mmeghe

O Chineke, onye o soro ka Okwu ya were anu ahụ ezie n'afọ Vegin Maria, mee, anyi na-ario, 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...

The Ogugu Nke Mbu

The ogugu e wetara n'onye anuma Aizaya (7:10-14:8:10)

Dinwenu gwakwara Ahaz ozo si ya, "Rio Dinwenu Chineke gi akara obula; o sokwa,

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)
Bulls' 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 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.

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 Dinwenu." 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 ahụ? N'ihu nke a, Dinwenu n'onwe ya ga-enye gi akara. Lee, otu nwaagbogho na-amaghi nwoke ga-aturu ime muta nwa nwoke; aha o ga-akpo ya bu Imanuel, nke putara "Chineke nonyeere anyi".

Okwu nke Oseburuwa.

Abuoma na Aziza: Abu. 40:6-10.(Az.7)

Aziza: Anọ m ebe a, O Onyenweanyi, abiara m ka m mee uche gi.

1. I naghi achọ ichu aja mobu ihe nrunye kama nti ghe oghe. I naghi achọ aja nsureoku mobu aja maka njo. Kama ekwuru m si, "Anọ m ebe a, ana mabia. (Az.)

2. N'ime akwukwo iwu e dere na m tosiro ime uche gi. Chineke m, ahuru iwu gi n'anya, eji m obi m niile hu ya n'anya. (Az.)

3. Ekwuputala m ezionume nke Onyenweanyi na nnukwu ogbako. Lee, emechighi m onu m, i maara nke a O Onyenweanyi. (Az.)

4. O nwebeghi mgbe m juru ikwuputa ezionume 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)

Obu ihe agaghi ekwe omume na obara oke ehi na ewu ga-asachapu njo. N'ihu nke a, mgbe Kristi biara n'uwu o kwuru si, "O bughi aja na onyinye ka i choro kama o bu ahụ ka i kwadobeere m." Aja nsureoku na aja mgbaghara njo anaghi enye gi obi uto. Mgbe ahụ ka m kwuru si, "Lee, abiara m ime uche gi O Chukwu, dika e dere banyere m n'akwukwo 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 jiri malite nke abuo. Site n'ime ya bu uche Chineke, e mere ka anyi di ocha site n'aja ahụ Jesu ji onwe ya wee chuo naani otu ugboro.

Okwu nke Oseburuwa.

Acclamation Jn 1:14

Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory! The Word became flesh, he lived among us and we saw his glory.

Gospel

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

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

The Gospel of the Lord.

Prayer Over The Offerings

Be pleased, almighty God, to accept your Church's offering, so that she, 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

Behold, a Virgin will conceive and bear a son: and his name will be called Emmanuel.

Prayer After Communion

Confirm in our minds the mysteries of the true faith, we pray, O Lord, so that, confessing that he who was conceived of the

Mbeku Jon. 1:14

Otito diri gi, O Kristi, eze nke otito ebighiebi! Okwu ahụ buuru mmadu, were binyere anyi, anyi ahula otito ya.

Ozioma

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

Chineke zigara Mmuooma Gebrel ka o gaa n'obodo Galili a na-akpo Nazaret; ka o gakwuru otu nwaagbogho na-amaghi nwoke, onye ikwunibe ya kwekoritara na otu nwoke aha ya bu Josef, nke si n'agburu Devid, ga-ahu. Aha nwaagbogho ahụ bu Maria. Mmuooma ahụ 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 ahụ siri ya, "Atula egwu, Maria, n'ihina i natala ngozi n'aka Chineke. Lee, i ga-adi ime, muta nwa nwoke; aha i ga-akpo ya bu Jesu. O ga-adi ukwu, a ga-akpokwa ya Nwa onye kacha elu. Dinwenụ Chineke ga-enye ya ocheeze nna ya Devid. O ga-achi ezinulo Jekob ebeebe; alaeze ya agaghi enwe ogwugwu." Maria juru Mmuooma ahụ si, "Olee otu nke a ga-esi mee ebe o bu na amaghi m nwoke." Ma Mmuooma ahụ zara ya si, "Mmuo Nso ga-abiakwasa gi; ike nke onye kacha elu ga-ekpuchi gi. N'ihina nke a, a ga-akpo nwa ahụ i ga-amu; Onye nso, Nwa Chineke. Lee, Elizabeth 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, ahụ m odibo nwaanyi nke Oseburuwa, ka o reere m ka i siri kwu." Mmuooma ahụ wee si n'ebe o no puo.

Ozioma nke Oseburuwa.

Ekpere Nhunye

Ka o masi gi, Chineke ji ike niile, inara konyinye Nzuko gi, ka onye ahụ o doro anya na isi mmalite ya dabeere n'iwereahu nke Otu Nwa gi i hurunaanya, n'ia na ime mmemme iheomimi ya n'ime Nnukwu Orii a. Gi onye di ndu na-achi.

Ukwe Orii Nso

Lee, otu nwanyi amaghi nwoke ga-aturu ime muta nwa nwoke; a ga-akpo ya Immanuel.

Ekpere A Natachaa Orii Nso

Guzosie ike n'ime mmuo anyi iheomimi nke ezi okwukwe, anyi na-ario, O Onyenweanyi, ka o ga-abu anyi na-

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.

Solemn Blessing

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

May you know always and everywhere the protection of her, through whom you have been found worthy to receive the author of life. **R./ Amen.**

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

And may the blessing of almighty God, the Father, and the Son, + and the Holy Spirit, come down on you and remain with you forever. **R./ Amen.**

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 ahuri ebighiebi. Site na Kristi Onyenweanyi.

Ngozi Puru Iche

Ka Chukwu, Onye sitere n'omumunwa nke Vejin Maria di ngozi, zube n'obi oma Ya igbaputa mmadu, nwee mmasi ihuuputa ngozi Ya n'ime unu. **Az./ Amen.**

Ka unu huta oge nile na n'ebe nile, nchekwaba Onye ahụ unu si na Ya tosi inabata Isintola nke ndu. **Az./ Amen.**

Ka unu ndi ji mmuofufe gbakota ebe a taa, buru onyinye nke ahuri nke mmuo na ugwo nke eluigwe lawa. **Az./ Amen.**

Ya bu, ka ngozi nke Chineke ji ike nile, Nna, na Nwa, + na Mmuo Nso, biakwasi unu, ma nonyere unu oge nile. **Az./ Amen.**

26 March [Eke] Wednesday of Lent - Week 3 (Violet)

Entry Antiphon

Let my steps be guided by your promise; may evil never rule me.

Collect

Grant, 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

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

Moses 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?

Ukwe Mbata

Ka nkwa gi hazie mma ukwu m ga; ka ihe ojoo ghara ichiba m.

Ekpere Mmeghe

Mee, anyi na-ario, O Onyenweanyi, ka, azuchaa anyi site na mmemme Lenti, werekwa okwu gi zuo anyi, anyi esitena mkpagbu nsoga buru ndi ga-eji obi ha niile efe gi, ma jikotakwaa onu mgbe dum n'ekpere. Site na Dinweni anyi.

Ihe Ogugu Nke Mbu

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

Mgbe ahụ, Mosis gwara unu Izrel si, "Dobenụ iwu niile m na-akuziri unu. Unu ga-adikwa ndu biri n'ala ahụ Onyenweanyi, bu Chineke nna nna unu ha, na-enye unu. Akuzierela m unu iwu ahụ niile, dika Onyenweanyi bu Chineke m gwara m ka m mee. Dobenụ ha mgbe unu ruru n'ala ahụ unu ga-abanye, ibiri n'ime ya. Werenụ ikwesi ntukwasioobi dobe ha. Nke a ga-egosi mba di ichieiche na unu ma ihe. Mgbe ha nuri ihe banyere iwu a niile, ha ga-asị, 'Leekwanu udi amamihe na nghota mba ukwu nke a nwere!' "N'ezikwu, o nweghi nnukwu mba ozo chi ha no nso dika Oseburuwa bu Chineke anyi si noro anyi nso mgbe obula anyi kpokuru ya. O nweghi nna nnukwu mba obula nke iwu niile na-achi ha ziri ezi dika iwu ndi a m kuziiri unu taa!

‘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.

Gospel

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

Jesus 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

Acept, 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

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

ndu unu niile, unu echefughi ihe ndi a unu jiri anya unu hu. Kooronu umu unu na umu unu 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 ntu. (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

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

Ozioma

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

Jesu gwara ndi umuazu ya: Unu echekwala na m biara imebi iwu Mosis na nkuzi ndi amuma. Abiaghi m imebi ha; kama abiara 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 nnuoku mmadu n'alaeze eluigwe. Ozioma nke Oseburuwa.

Ekpere Nhunye

Nara, 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

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

Prayer After Communion

May 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

Give 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.

Ekpere A Natachaa Oriri Nso

Ka oriri nke eluigwe, nke ejirila zuo anyi, 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

Nye 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

27 March [Orie] 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

We 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.

First Reading

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

These 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.'

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)

Ukwe Mbata

Abu 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

Anyi ji umeala ariọ ukpoeze gi, O Onyenweanyi, ebe oriri nke nzoputa anyi na-abiawanye nso, ka anyi were njikere oso na ije gaba n'ihu ime mmemme iheomimi Paska n'uzo kwesiri ekwesị. Site na Dinwenu anyi.

Ihe Ogugu Nke Mbu

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

Ma iwu Chineke nyere ha bu nke a: Ruberenu 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, ugborougboro ka m zigaara ha ndiamuma, ma n'agbanyeghi ya ha egeghi m nti kama ha kporo ekwo nku mee njo karia nke nna 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 egeghi Dinwenu 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 tisie mkpu ike tijere nkume nke nzoputa anyi. Ka anyi bian n'ihu ya nye ya ekele,

60 were egwu na ukwe tobe ya. (Az.)

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

Now, 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)

Jesus 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 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.

2. Bianu, ka anyi fee Onyenweanyi kpooro ya isi ala, ka anyi sekpué 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 Juel 2:12-13

Ugbu 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)

Ugbu 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 bu na O ma ihe ha na-eche, O sihi ha, "Alaeze obula nke kwaranu megide onwe ya ga-adakpo, ulo obula nke dagidere ibe ya na-adakpo. O buru na Ekwenisu ekewakwa megide onwe ya, kedụ ka alaeze ya gaeisi 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 ahụ. 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 ajobi obula, Onyenweanyi, anyi na-ario, ka onyinye ha were masi gi; e kwela ka ha gudowe aka n'onu asi, n'ihina na I na-ekwe ha nkwa ugwo nke eziokwu gi. Site na Kristi Onyenweanyi.

Ukwe Oriri Nso

Inyela iwu gi ga ka edobe ha niile nke loma; ka uzo m kwuru chim n'idobe iwu gi ga.

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.

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

Entry Antiphon

Among the gods there is none like you, O Lord, for you are great and do marvellous deeds; you alone are God.

Collect

Pour your grace into our hearts, we pray, O Lord, that we may be constantly drawn away from unruly desires and obey by your own gift the heavenly teaching you give us. Through our Lord.

First Reading

Reading from the prophet Hosea (14:2-10)

The Lord says this: Isreal, come back to the Lord your God; your iniquity was the cause of your downfall. Provide yourself with words and come back to the Lord. Say to him, "Take all iniquity away so that we may have happiness again and offer you our words of praise. Assyria cannot save us, we will not ride horses any more or say, "Our God!" To what our own hands have made, for you are the one in whom orphans find compassion.' - I will heal their disloyalty, I will love them with all my heart, for my anger has turned from them. I will fall like dew on Israel. He shall bloom like the lily, and thrust out roots like the poplar, his shoots will spread far; he will have the beauty of the olive and the fragrance of Lebanon. They will come back to live in my shade; they will grow corn that flourishes, they will cultivate vines as renowned as the wine of Helbon. What has Ephriam to do with idols any more when it is I who hear his prayer and care for him? I am like a cypress ever green, all your fruitfulness comes from me. Let the wise man understand these words. Let the intelligent man grasp their meaning. For the ways of the Lord are

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

Anyi 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.

Ukwe Mbata

Odighi Chukwu di ka gi, O Onyenweanyi, n'ihina na i di ukwu na-aruru di itunanya; so naani gi bu Chineke.

Ekpere Mmeghe

Hukwasa amara gi n'obi anyi, anyi na-ario, O Onyenweanyi, ka e were doputa anyi mgbedum n'ebe oliliwarawara agu njo diga, ka anyi were site n'onyinye gi rubere nkuzi nke eluigwe i na-enye anyi isi. Site na Dinwenu anyi.

Ihe Ogugu Nke Mbu

Ihe ogugu e wetara n'onye amuma Hoseya (14:1-9)

Onyenweanyi were gwa Izrel si, loghachikwutenu Dinwenu Chineke unu; n'ihina o bu njo unu wetaara unu iso ngongoo. Loghachinuazu n'ebe Dinwenu no, ma gwa ya si, "Gbaghaara anyi njo anyi niile, nabata ihe di mma, anyi ga-ejikwa onu anyi kwuputa otito gi." Asiria enweghi ike izoputa anyi, anyi agaghikwa agba inyinya ozo, mobu kpoo ihe aka anyi mere Chineke anyi. Na gi ka ndi enweghi nne na nna na-enweta ebere." Aga m agwo enweghi okwukwe ha. Aga m eji obi m niile hu ha n'anya, maka na iwe m esila n'ebe ha no puo. Aga m adakwasi Izrel ka igirigi, o ga-achawapu dika okooko lili, gbasapukwa mgborogwu dika osisi Sida nke Lebanon. O ga-epuputa ome ohuru, maa mma dika osisi Oliv, o ga-enwe isioma dika osisi nke Lebanon. Ha ga-aloghachi azu biri na ndo m, ha ga-abawanye dika oka a kuru n'ugbo. Ha ga-achawaputa dika osisi vain, nweekwa isioma dika mmanya nke Lebanon. Gini ozokwa ka Ifrem ga-eji umu arusi mee ebe o bu m na-aza ekpere ya, na-elekota ya anya? Adi m ka osisi Saipres anaghi agbu akwukwo. O bu m na-enye ya mkpuru o namaita. Ka onyemaihe ghota okwu ndi a. Ka onye were uche ghota ihe ha putara, maka na uzo nke

straight, and virtuous men walk in them, but sinners stumble.

The word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm: Ps. 80:6.8-11.14.17. (R.v.9.11)

Response: I am the Lord your God. Listen, my people, to my warning.

1. A voice I did not know said to me: 'I freed your shoulder from the burden; your hands were freed from the load. You called in distress and I saved you. (R.)

2. I answered, concealed in the storm cloud, at the waters of Meribah I tested you. Listen, my people, to my warning, O Israel, if only you would heed! (R.)

3. Let there be no foreign god among you, no worship of an alien god. I am the Lord your God, who brought you from the land of Egypt. (R.)

4. O that my people would heed me, that Israel would walk in my ways! But Israel would feed with finest wheat and fill them with honey from the rock.' (R.)

Acclamation! Mt. 4:17

Repent, says the Lord, for the kingdom of heaven is close at hand.

Gospel

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark (12:28-34)

One of the scribes came up to Jesus and put a question to him, 'Which is the first of all the commandments?' Jesus replied, 'This is the first: Listen, Israel, the Lord our God is the one Lord, and you must love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength. The second is this: You must love your neighbour as yourself. There is no commandment greater than these.' The scribe said to him, 'Well spoken, Master; what you have said is true: that he is one and there is no other. To love him with all your heart, with all your understanding and strength, and to love your neighbour as yourself, this is far more important than any holocausts or sacrifice.' Jesus, seeing how wisely he had spoken, said, 'You are not far from the kingdom of God.' And after that no one dared to question him any more.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Prayer Over The Offerings

Look with favour, we pray, Lord, on the Offerings we dedicate, that they may be

Onyenweanyi ziri ezi, ndi eziumume na-aga na ha, mana ndi omenjo na-aso ngongo.

Okwu nke Oseburuwa.

Abu mana Aziza: Abu. 81:5-10.13.16 (Az.8.11)

Aziza: Abu m Oseburuwa Chineke unu, Geenụ nti, ndi nke m, ka m doo unu aka na nti.

1. Anuru m olu m amazighi ka o na-asi: "Ebupuru m unu ibu aro unu bu n'ubu, Anapuru m unu oru ndi ahụ unu na-aru. Mgbe unu no na nsogbu, unu kpokuru m, m zoputa unu (Az.)

2. Esi m ebe m zoro n'egbeigwe zaa unu, anwara m unu na mmiri nke Meriba. Geenụ nti ndi nke m, ka m doo unu aka na nti! O Izrel, o buru na unu ga-ege m nti! (Az.)

3. Unu enweala chi ozo n'etiti unu; unu esekpurula chi ndi mba ozo. Abu m Oseburuwa Chineke unu, onye duputara unu n'ala Ijipt. (Az.)

4. A si na ndi nke m ga-ege nti; a si na Izrel ga-eso uzo m! Mana aga m eji oka di mma zuo unu nri, were mmanuanyu si n'okwute nyējuo unu afo." (Az.)

Mbeku! Mat. 4:17

Chegharianu, n'ihina alaeze eluigwe adila nso.

Ozioma

Ihe ogugu nke a si n'Ozioma di aso nke Mak dere (12:28:34)

Ma otu onye odeakwukwo biarutere nu ka ha na Jesu na-arurita uka. Mgbe o huru na Jesu zara ajuju ndi Sadusii nke oma, o juru ya si, 'Olee iwu kacha n'ime iwu Chineke niile?' Jesu zara ya si, "Nke mbu bu nke a: 'Nurunu, umu Izrel, Oseburuwa Chineke anyi bu otu. I ga-eji obi gi niile, muo gi niile, uche gi niile na ike gi niile hu Chineke n'anya.' Nke abuo bu: 'I ga-ahu mmadu ibe gi n'anya ka i si hu onwe gi n'anya.' O dighi iwu ozokwa ka ndi a." Onye odeakwukwo ahụ zara ya si, "Onyenkuzi, i zara nke oma, I kwuru n'ezie na Onyenweanyi bu Chineke di otu, na o dighi Chineke ozo di ma e wepu ya; I ji obi gi niile, nghota, na ike gi niile, hu ya n'anya na ihukwa mmadu ibe gi n'anya ka onwe gi ka mkpa karịa aja nsuruoku na aja ndi ozo a na-achuru Chineke." Mgbe Jesu huru na o zara nke oma, o gwara ya si, "I noteghi aka n'alaeze nke Chineke." Mgbe nke a mechara egwu ekwekwaghi onye obula juo ya ajuju.

Ozioma nke Oseburuwa.

Ekpere Nhunye

Were mmasi lekwasị, anyi na-ario, Onyenweanyi, onyinye ndi anyi na-

pleasing in your sight and always be salutary for us. Through Christ our Lord.

Communion Antiphon

To love God with all your heart, and your neighbour as yourself, is worth more than any sacrifice.

Prayer After Communion

May your strength be at work in us, O Lord, pervading our minds and bodies, that what we have received by participating in this Sacrament may bring us the fullness of redemption. 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.

ehunyere gi, ka ha di mma n'ihu gi, wetara anyi nzoputa mgbe niile. Site na Kristi Onyenweanyi.

Ukwe Oriri Nso

I ji obi gi niile hu Chineke n'anya, na ihu Iagbataobi gi n'anya ka gi onwe gi, di oké onu karia aja obula.

Ekpere A Natachaa Oriri Nso

Ka ike gi di ire n'ime anyi, O Onyenweanyi, gazuo mmuo na ahụ anyi gburugburu, ka ihe anyi natarala site n'iketa oké na Sakramenti a wetara anyi uju nke mgbaputa. Site na Kristi Onyenweanyi.

Ekpere Maka Oha Mmadu

Were afoma leta, O Onyenweanyi, ndi kwerehu na-ario ebere gi, ka, site n'itukwasaobi na mmesooma gi, ha ewere gbasateeka onyinye ndi ihunaanya gi kpatarala. Site na Kristi Onyenweanyi.

29 March [Nkwo] Saturday of Lent - Week 3 (Violet)

Entry Antiphon

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

Collect

Rejoicing 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

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

The 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 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.

Ukwe Mbata

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

Ekpere Mmeghe

Ka anyi na-egori na mmemme kwa afo nke usoro Lenti anyi, anyi na-ario, O Dinwenu, ka obi anyi dabeere n'ieomimi 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 Hosea (5:15-6:1-6)

Onyenweanyi 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 ahụ 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. 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 nsureoku.

64 Okwu nke Oseburuwa.

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

Harden 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)

Jesus 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

Communion Antiphon

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

Prayer After Communion

May we truly revere, O merciful God, these holy gifts by which you

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

Aziza: **Ihe na-amasị m bụ ihūnaanya, ọ bughị aja**

1. Meere m ebere O Chineke site n'ihūnaanya gi, site na nnukwu obi ebere gi hichapụ njo m niile; Sachapụ mmehie m niile, wuchapụ m na njo m. (Az.)

2. I naghi enwe mmasi obula n'aja, aja nsureoku anaghi atụ gi uto, I naghi aju 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 nsureoku na ihe nchujaja niile. (Az.)

Mbeku: Abu. 95:8

Taata, unu akpochila obi unu, kama geenụ ntị n'onu nke Onyenweanyi.

Ozioma

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

Jesu kowaara ufođu, bu ndi na-ewe onwe ha ka ndi eziumume ma hu ndiozo ka ndi ajo omume ukabuiulu a. Ndi nwoke abuo gara n'unonso 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 uzo n'uzo 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-eti aka 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 karịa 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-ario, ka site na iyi nsopuru emee ka ha si n'aka fere aka, anyi ewere hunyere gi ofufe nru kwesiri ekwesị. Site na Kristi Onyenweanyi.

Ukwe Oriri Nso

Otu 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

Ka anyi sekpure n'ezie, O Chineke di ebere, onyinye nso ndi aga nke i si na ha

ceaselessly nourish us, and may we always partake of them with abundant faith in our hearts. Through Christ our Lord.

Prayer Over The People

Hold 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.

azu 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

Setipu 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 na-arioga. Site na Kristi Onyenweanyi.

4TH SUNDAY OF LENT (C) 30 March 2025 [Eke] (Violet/Rose)

**LAETARE
SUNDAY**

**Office:
Week 4**

The three readings of today focus on God's unconditional love and mercy. The First Reading recounts God's gratuitous choice to bring Israel out of shame into the Promised Land, where in place of manna they shall eat of the produce of the land. The Responsorial Psalm joyfully expresses the marvels of beholding and tasting the Lord's goodness. But God's unconditional love and mercy is definitively revealed in the reconciliatory work of Christ which St Paul reflects in the Second Reading, which not only redeems and justifies us, but makes us ambassadors of the same reconciliation. Jesus himself in the Gospel tells a story that draws us to His Father's compassionate heart – the unconditional and lavish manner He welcomes sinners who return to Him, and His desire that all become apostles of His compassion.

Entry Antiphon

Rejoice, Jerusalem, and all who love her. Be joyful, all who were in mourning; exult and be satisfied at her consoling breast.

Ukwe Mbata

Jerusalem, nuriaba. Unu nile huru ya n'anya, gbakobanu onu. Unu bu ndi na-eru uju, werenu onu goribe; gbawanu egwu onu, werekwanu mmiri ara nkasi obi ya njuo afo.

Collect

O God, who through your Word reconcile the human race to yourself in a wonderful way, grant, we pray, that with prompt devotion and eager faith the Christian people may hasten towards the solemn celebrations to come. Through our Lord.

First Reading

Reading from the book of Joshua (5:9-12)

The Lord said to Joshua, "Today I have taken the shame of Egypt away from you."

The Israelites pitched their camp at Gilgal and kept the Passover there on the fourteenth day of the month, at evening in the plain of Jericho. On the morrow of the Passover they tasted the produce of that country, unleavened bread and roasted ears of corn, that same day. From that time, from their first eating of the produce of that country, the manna stopped falling. And having manna no longer, the Israelites fed from that year onwards on what the land of Canaan yielded.

The word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm: Ps. 33:2-7 (R.v. 9)

Response: **Taste and see that the Lord is good.**

1. I will bless the Lord at all times, his praise always on my lips; in the Lord my soul shall make

Ekpere Mmeghe

Chineke onye ebere, I sitere n'okwu onu Gi bu Nwa Gi, were uzo di itunanya mee ka Gi na uwa di na mma ozo. Anyi nari Gi, mee ka anyi bu ndi otu Kristi were ihunanya na-ekpo oku na okwukwe di ndu na-akwadosi ike maka emume nke a nabianu. Site na Dinwenu anyi Jesu Kristi.

Ihe Ogugu Nke Mbu

Ihe ogugu e wetara n'akwukwo Joshua (5:9-12)

Chineke wee gwa Joshua si, "N'ubochi Ctaa ewepula m ihere ibu ohu nke Ijpt n'ebe unu no."

Umụ Izrel mara uloikwu ha na Gilgal, mee mmemme oriri Ngabiga n'ubochi nke iri na ano nke onwa ahu na mgbede n'ala Jeriko di larii. N'echi ya ka oriri ihe ubi ala ahu mitara, achicha ekoghi eko na oka a huru n'oku. Bido ubochi ahu, ubochi ha riri ihe ala ahu miputara, nri mana kwusiri ida. Umụ Izrel enweghikwa mana ozo naani nri si n'ala Kenaan ka ha na-eri bido n'afọ ahu.

Okwu nke Oseburuwa.

Abuoma na Aziza: Abu. 34:1-6. (Az.8)

Aziza: **Detu ire ka i hu ka Onyenweanyi si di mma.**

66. Aga m eto Onyenweanyi oge niile, Otito ya

its boast. The humble shall hear and be glad. (R)

2. Glorify the Lord with me. Together let us praise his name. I sought the Lord and he answered me; from all my terrors he set me free. (R)

3. Look towards him and be radiant; let your faces not be abashed. This poor man called; the Lord heard him and rescued him from all his distress. (R)

Second Reading

A reading from the second letter of St Paul to the Corinthians (5:17-21)

And for anyone who is in Christ, there is a new creation; the old creation has gone, and now the new one is here. It is all God's work. It was God who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the work of handing on this reconciliation. In other words, God in Christ was reconciling the world to himself, not holding men's faults against them, and he has entrusted to us the news that they are reconciled. So we are ambassadors for Christ; it is as though God were appealing through us, and the appeal that we make in Christ's name is: be reconciled to God. For our sake God made the sinless one into sin, so that in him we might become the goodness of God.

The word of the Lord.

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.'

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

ga-adị n'egbugbere onụ m mgbe obula. Mkpuruiobi m na-egori n'Onyenweanyi, ka ndi umeala nuri ma nuria. (Az.)

2. Soronu m kwuputa idiukwu nke Onyenweanyi, Soronu m too aha ya. Akpokuru m Onyenweanyi, O za m, O zoputara m n'egwu niile na-atu m. (Az.)

3. Ihu obula chere n'ebe Onyenweanyi no na-amuke amuke, ihere anaghi eme ya ma oli. Onyenweanyi n-anu mkpu akwa nwogbenye, O na-enyekwara ya aka na nsogbu ya niile. (Az.)

Ihe Ogugu Nke Abuo

Ihe ogugu e wetara n'akwukwo abuo Pol di aso degaara ndi Korint (5:17-21)

Otu o di, o buru na onye obula amalite idi ndu n'ime Kristi, o ghoola onye e kere ohuru, ihe ochie agaala, nke ohuru wee nochie. Ihe ndi a niile bu aka oru Chineke, onye sitere na Kristi mee ka anyi na ya di n'otu ozo, nyekwa anyi oru ime ka Chineke na umummadu di n'otu. Ihe nke a putara bu na Chineke sitere na Kristi na-eme ka ya na uwa di na mma. Chineke adighikwa agukoro umu mmadu mmehie ha niile kama o tinyela n'aka anyi ozi banyere uzọ o si eme ka ya na umu mmadu dikwa na mma ozo. Anyi bu ndi nnochite anya nke Kristi Chineke sitere n'ime anyi na-akpo unu oku. Anyi na-ario unu n'aha Kristi ka unu na Chineke dikwa na mma ozo. O bu n'ihia anyi ka Chineke jiri mee ka kristi were onodu na ahuhu diiri ndi mmehie ebe o meghe njo obula, Chineke mere nke a ka anyi wee buru ndi ezionume nke ya n'ime Kristi. Okwu nke Oseburuwa.

Mbeku! Luk. 15:18

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

Ozioma

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

Mgbe ahụ, 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 ukabuiwu a gwa ha okwu si, "Otu nwoke nwere umunwoke abuo. Nke nta n'ime ha siri nna ha, 'Nnaa, 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 ahụ ka o mefuchara ihe niile o nwere site n'ibi ndu nzuzu.

67 Mgbe o mefuchara ihe niile, oke unwu dara

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 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.

n'obodo ahụ, o malite ino n'uko. O gara nonyere otu onye obodo ahụ, onye zigara ya n'ubi ya izu ezi. O gaara amasi ya iri nri umueziri ahụ riforo, mana na o nweghi onye nyere ya ihe obula. Mgbe o matara onwe ya, o siri, 'Mmadu ole bu ndi oru ngo no n'ubi nna m na-eri, na-añu, na-eme ihe oriri otu di ha mma, ma anọ m ebe a na-anwu n'agu! 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-akpaso 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 ahụ siri ya, 'Nna m, emehiela m megide eluigwe ma megidekwa gi, etosighi m ka a kpokwaa m nwa gi ozo.' Mana nna ya siri umuodibo ya, 'Meenu osiso, chiputanu uwe mwuda kacha mma, yibenu ya, gbawanu ya mgbe aka na akpukpoukwu; kpuputanu nwa ehi gbara abuba, gbonu ya, ka anyi kpoo oriri, nwekwaa anuri. N'ihina nwa m nke a anwuolarii, bia dikwa ndu ozo, o fukwara efu, e wee hu ya. Ha bidoro nuriha onu'.

"Ma mgbe nke a na-eme, nwa nwoke ahụ 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 ahụ gbara abuba, n'ihina o lotara n'udo na ahuike.' Iwe were ya, nke na o choghikwa ibanye n'ulo. Nna ya putara rio ya. Mana o siri 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 nuri kwaa. Mana mgbe nwa gi nke a lotara, onye ya na umunwaanyi akwuna ripiachara ihe niile i nwere, i gbuuru ya nwa ehi ahụ gbara abuba.'

Nna ya siri ya, 'Nwa m, mu na gi no mgbe niile, ihe niile m nwere bu nke gi. O kwesiri ekwesiri ka anyi kpoo oriri ma nuri kwaa, maka na nwanne gi anwuolarii ma dikwa ndu ozo, o fukwara efu, ewere hukwa ya'

Ozioma nke Oseburuwa.

I shall arise and return to my father (Luke 15:18)

Prayer Over The Offerings

We place before you with joy these offerings, which bring eternal remedy, O Lord, praying that we may both faithfully revere them and present them to you, as is fitting, for the salvation of all the world. Through Christ our Lord.

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Communion Antiphon

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

Prayer After Communion

O God, who enlighten everyone who comes into this world, illuminate our hearts, we pray, with the splendour of your grace, that we may always ponder what is worthy and pleasing to your majesty and love you in all sincerity. 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.



The Compassionate Heart of God the Father

HOLY SCRIPTURES: Psalm 103:13; 145:9; Lamentations 3:22-23; Isaiah 30:18; 49:10; 54:10; Matthew 9:35-38; 2 Cor 1:3-4; Heb 4:15. **THE CATECHISM OF THE**

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31 March [Orie] Monday of Lent - Week 4 (Violet)

Entry Antiphon

As for me, I trust in the Lord. Let me be glad and rejoice in your mercy, for you have seen my affliction.

Collect

O God, who renew the world through mysteries beyond all telling, grant, we pray, that your Church may be guided by your eternal design and not be deprived of your help in this present age. Through our Lord.

First Reading

Reading from the prophet Isaiah (65:17-21)

Thus says the Lord: now I create new heavens and a new earth, and the past will not be remembered, and will come no more to men's minds. Be glad and rejoice for ever and ever for what I am creating, because I now create Jerusalem 'Joy' and her people 'Gladness. I shall

Ekpere Nhunye

Onyenweanyi, anyi ji añuri ebutere Gi onyinye ndi a bu ihe I ji agwo anyi oria mgbe dum. Biko, anyi ji umeala ario, mee ka anyi jiri okwukwe di ndu na-esekpuru Gi; biakwa na-eke Gi n'uzo kwesiri ekwesi maka nzoputa nke uwa. Site na Kristi Dinwenu anyi.

Ukwe Oriri Nso

Iga-añuriwa, nwa m, maka na nwanne gi anwuolari ma dikwa ndu ozo, o fukwara efu, e were hukwa ya.

Ekpere A Natachaa Oriri Nso

Chineke, o bu Gi na-enye mmadu niile na-abata n'owa a ihe. Biko, were ebube nke amara Gi hunye ihe n'ime obi anyi. Mee ka obi anyi juputa n'ihe nke Ozioma Gi; biakwa nwee ezigbo ihunaanya n'ebe I no. Site na Kristi Onyenweanyi.

Ekpere Maka Oha Mmadu

Lekwasa ndi na-akpoku gi anya, O Dinwenu, ka i chekwawa ndi na-adighi ike; site n'ihe gi di okpu nye ndi na-aga na ndo nke onwu ndu, ka I mee ka ndi ahụ e siterela n'ebere gi zoputa n'ajo ihe obula rute n'eziihe kachasini. Site na Kristi Onyenweanyi.

Ukwe Mbata

Oburu ma m, a tukwasara m obi na Dinwenu. A ga m egori ma nrija n'ebere gi, n'ihina i matala mkpagbu m.

Ekpere Mmeghe

Chineke, onye na-eme ka uwa di ohuru site n'iheomimiga onu apughi ikowacha, mee, anyi na-ario, ka Nzuko gi na-eso odudu nke nzube gi di ebighiebi, ka enyemaka gi ghara iko ya na ndu nke a. Site na Dinwenu anyi.

Ihe Ogugu Nke Mbụ

Ihe ogugu e wetara n'onye amuma Aizaya (65:17-21)

Onyenweanyi wee si, ma lee, ana m eke eluigwe na uwa ohuru, a gaghi echetakwa ihe ndi gara aga, nke ha na-abatakwa ozo n'uche mmadu. Nwee obioto, ma nrija onu n'ihe m kere, 69 n'ihina m eke Jerusalem ka o buru ihe onu, ka

rejoice over Jerusalem and exult in my people. No more will the sound of weeping or the sound of cries be heard in her; in her, no more will be found the infant living a few days only, or the old man not living to the end of his days. To die at the age of a hundred will be dying young; not to live to be a hundred will be the sign of a curse. They will build houses and inhabit them, plant vineyards and eat their fruit. The word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm: Ps. 29:2,4-6,11-13.(Rv.2)

Response: I will praise you, Lord, you have rescued me

1. I will praise you, Lord, you have rescued me and have not let my enemies rejoice over me. O Lord, you have raised my soul from the dead, restored me to life from those who sink into the grave. (R.)

2. Sing psalms to the Lord, you who love him, give thanks to his holy name. His anger lasts but a moment; his favour through life. At night there are tears, but joy comes with dawn. (R.)

3. The Lord listened and had pity. The Lord came to my help. For me you have changed my mourning into dancing; O Lord my God, I will thank you for ever. (R.)

Acclamation Amos 5:14

Seek good and not evil so that you may live, and that the Lord God of hosts may really be with you.

Gospel

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John (4:43-54)

Jesus left Samaria for Galilee. He himself had declared that there is no respect for a prophet in his own country, but on his arrival the Galileans received him well, having seen all that he had done at Jerusalem during the festival which they too had attended.

He went again to Cana in Galilee, where he had changed the water into wine. Now there was a court official there whose son was ill at Capernaum and, hearing that Jesus had arrived in Galilee from Judaea, he went and asked him to come and cure his son as he was at the point of death. Jesus said, 'So you will not believe unless you see signs and portents!' 'Sir,' answered the official 'come down before my child dies.' 'Go home,' said Jesus 'your son

ndi nọ n'ime ya nwee obiañuri. Aga m añuri na Jerusalem, ma nwee obiuto n'ebe ndi nke m nọ; a gaghi anụ mkpu akwa ozo n'ime ya, mọbu akwa ariri. N'ime ya, a gaghi enwekwa umuntakiri ohuru ndi ga-anọ abali olemaole, mọbu ndi okenye na-agaghi anozu ubochi ha. Inwu n'otu nari afo bu inwuchu anwuchu; ma ebirughi otu nari afo na-egosi abumonu. Ha ga-arụ ulo ma birikwa n'ime ha; ha ga-ako ubi osisi vain ma riekwa mkpuru ha. Okwu nke Oseburuwa.

Abuoma na Aziza: Abu. 30:2,4-6,11-13.(Az.2)

Aziza: Aga m eto gi O Chineke, n'ihina i zoputala m

1. Aga m eto gi O Chineke, n'ihina i zoputala m, I kweghi ka ndiuro m merie m. Chineke, I zoputala m n'ala mimuo, Naani m ka i zoputara na ndi dabara n'onu onwu. (Az.)

2. Unu ndi kwudosiriike na Chineke kporonu ya egwu, chetanu idi nso ya, ma toonu ya. Iwe ya anaghi ete aka, ma amara ya na-adigide, n'oge abali ikwa akwa na-adi, ma ka chi boro anuri na-adi. (Az.)

3. Nuru olu m, ma meere m ebere, Chineke, Chineke buru onye enyemaka m. I meela ka iru uju m ghoo onu, I yipula m uwe m ji eru uru, yikwasa m, uwe anuri, Chineke na Chukwu m, aga m eto gi ebebe. (Az.)

Mbeku Amos 5:14

Choba ezi ihe kama ajo ihe, ka unu wee di ndu, ka Dinwenu nke igwe ndiagha wee nonyere unu.

Ozioma

Ihe ogugu nke a si n'Ozioma di nso nke Jon dere (4:43-54)

Mgbe ubochi abuo ahụ gachara Jesu siri n'ebe ahụ pụọ gaba Galili. Jesu n'onwe ya gbara akaebe si, "A dighi asopuru onye amuma n'obodo ya." Mgbe o ruteri na Galili, ndi obodo ahụ nabatara ya nke oma, n'hina ha onwe ha gara Emume Ngabiga na Jerusalem, hụ nnukwu oruebube niile o ruru n'oge Emume ahụ.

Jesu biaruru Kena nke di na Galili ozo, ebe o mere mimiri ka o ghoo mimanya. N'obodo Kapanam o nwere otu nwoke na-ejere ndi ochichi ozi, onye ahụ na-adighi nwa ya. Mgbe o nuru na Jesu esila na Judia bia Galili, o gakwuru ya, rịo ya ka o bia Kapanam gwọọ nwa ya n'ihina nwa ya nọ n'onu onwu.

will live.' The man believed what Jesus had said and started on his way; and while he was still on the journey back his servants met him with the news that his boy was alive. He asked them when the boy had begun to recover. 'The fever left him yesterday' they said 'at the seventh hour.' The father realised that this was exactly the time when Jesus had said, 'Your son will live'; and he and all his household believed.

This was the second sign given by Jesus, on his return from Judaea to Galilee.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Prayer Over The Offerings

May we receive O Lord, we pray, the effects of this offering dedicated to you, so that, we may be cleansed from old earthly ways, and be renewed by growth in heavenly life. Through Christ our Lord.

Communion Antiphon

I will place my spirit within you and I make you walk according to my laws; and my judgements you shall keep and observe, says the Lord.

Prayer After Communion

May your holy gifts, O Lord, we pray, give us life by making us new, and, by sanctifying us, lead us to things eternal. Through Christ our Lord.

Prayer Over The People

Renew your people within and without, O Lord, and since it is your will that they be unhindered by bodily delights, give them, we pray, perseverance in their spiritual intent. Through Christ our Lord.

Ma Jesu siri ya, "O buru na unu ahughi ihe iribaama na oruebube, unu agaghi ekwe ma oli." Nwoke ahụ na-ejere ndị ọchịchị ọzi siri ya, "Nnamukwu, bịa ngwa ngwa tupu nwa m anwuo." Jesu siri ya, "Laba, nwa gi nwoke ga-adị ndụ." Nwoke ahụ kweere n'okwu Jesu gwara ya, wee laba. Ma mgbe o na-ala, umuodibo ya zutere ya n'uzo si ya, "Nwa gi nwoke di ndu." O juru ha oge ahụ bidoro diwa ya mma. Ha asi ya, "Unyahụ, n'elekere mbu nke ehie ka ahuko hapuru ya." Nna nwata ahụ wee mata na o bu n'oge elekere ahụ Jesu gwara ya si, "Nwa gi nwoke ga-adị ndu." N'ihie nke a ya na ezinulo ya niile wee kwere. Nke a bu oruebube nke abuo nke Jesu ruru mgbe o siri na Judia bial Galili.

Ozioma nke Oseburuwa.

Ekpere Nhunye

Ka anyi nata O Dinwenu, anyi na-ario, Kuruga nke onyinye a e hunyerela gi, ka a sachapu anyi n'atutu nke uzo uwaochiega, bial gbanwoo anyi site n'itouto n'ime ndu eluigwe. Site na Kristi Onyenweanyi.

Ukwe Oriri Nso

Aga m etinye mmuo m n'ime gi, ma mee aka I na-aga n'uzo nke iwu m ga; i ga-echekwaba ma dobekwa mkpebi m ga, Onyenweanyi na-ekwu.

Ekpere A Natachaa Oriri Nso

Ka onyinye nso giga, O Dinwenu, anyi na-ario, nye anyi ndu site na ime ka anyi di ohuru, nya na, site na idokwa anyi aso, were duruo anyi n'ihe diga ebighiebi. Site na Kristi Onyenweanyi.

Ekpere Maka Oha Mmadu

Gbanwoo ndi nke gi ma n'ime ma na mputa, O Dinwenu, ebe o bu uche gi ka ha ghara inwe mgbochi iheuto nke anuah, nye ha, anyi na-ario, nkwdosiike n'ochicho ndu mmuo ha. Site na Kristi Onyenweanyi.

"The ashes placed on our heads invite us to rediscover the secret of life. They tell us that as long as we continue to shield our hearts, to hide ourselves behind a mask, to appear invincible, we will be empty and arid within."

POPE FRANCIS





THE JUBILEE PRAYER EKPERE JUBILII

Father in heaven, may the faith you have given us in your Son Jesus Christ, our brother, and the flame of charity enkindled in our hearts by the Holy Spirit, reawaken in us the blessed hope for the coming of your kingdom.

May your grace transform us into tireless cultivators of the seeds of the Gospel.

May those seeds transform from within both humanity and the whole cosmos in the sure expectation of a new heaven and a new earth, when with the powers of Evil vanquished, your glory will shine eternally.

May the grace of the Jubilee reawaken in us, Pilgrims of Hope, a yearning for the treasures of heaven.

May that same grace spread the joy and peace of our Redeemer throughout the earth.

To you our God, eternally blessed, be glory and praise for ever. Amen.

Nna nọ n'eluigwe, ka okwukwe nke I nyere anyị n'ime Nwa gi, Jesu Kristi, nwanne anyị, na oku nke ihunanya Mụọ Nsọ munyere n'obi anyị, kpolitekwa n'ime anyị, nchekwube dị nsọ maka ọbịbia nke alaeze gi.

Ka amara gi gbanwoo anyị, ka anyị buru ndị ike anaghị agwu iku mkuru nke Ozioma.

Meekwa ka site n'olileanya nke eluigwe ọhuru na uwa ọhuru, ka mkpuru nke Ozioma ndị ahụ si n'ime gbanwoo ndị mmadụ, gbanwokwazi ihe nile ekere eke, merie ike nke ihe ojoo nile, ka otito gi wee chawaputa ebebe.

Ka amara nke Jubilii kpolitekwa n'ime anyị bu ndi Njem nke nchekwube, agwu maka akụ nke eluigwe.

Ka otu amara ahụ gbasaa anuri na udo nke Onye Nzoputa anyi n' uwa nile.

Ka otito na mbulielu diri gi Chineke anyi, Onye di ngozi mgbe nile. Amen.



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