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Week 2**

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

Entry Antiphon

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

Collect

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

First Reading

A reading from the book of Genesis (12:1-4)

The Lord said to Abram, "Leave your country, your family and your father's house, for the land I will show you. I will make you a great nation; I will bless you and make your name so famous that it will be used as a blessing. "I will bless those who bless you: I will curse those who slight you. All the tribes of the earth shall bless themselves by you." So Abram went as the Lord told him.

The word of the Lord.

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

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

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

Second Reading

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

With me, bear the hardships for the sake of the Good News, relying on the power of God who has saved us and called us to be

Ukwe Mbata

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

Ekpere Mmeghe

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

The Ogugu Nke Mbu

The ogugu e wetara n'akwukwo nke Jenesis
(12:1-4)

Onyenweanyi siri Abram, "Hapu obodo
gi, onumara gi na ulo nna gi ka i jee
n'obodo nke m ga-egosi gi. Aga m eme gi
nnukwu obodo, aga m agozi gi ma mekwaa
ka aha gi daa uda; otu i ga-eji buru akara
ngozi. Aga m agozi ndi goziri gi; aga m abu
ha onu bu ndi buru gi onu; agburu niile no
n'uwa ga-agozi onwe ha site na gi. E mecha
Abram agawa dika Chineke gwara ya.

Okwu nke Oseburuwa.

Abuoma na Aziza: Abu. 33:4-5.18-20.22 (Az.22)

Aziza: Ka ihunaanya gi di n'ebe anyi no, O Chineke ebe nchekwube anyi di na gi.

1. N'ihina okwu nke Onyenweanyi bu eziokwu, O na-akwudosiike n'oru ya niile. O huru eziomume na ikpe nkwmoto n'anya, ihunaanya ya juputara n'uwa. (Az.)
2. Ma lee ka Onyenweanyi si eleta ndi niile na-aturu ya egwu anya, ndi niile tukwasiri obi ha n'ihunaanya ya, ka o wee zoputa mkpuruobi ha n'onwu ma chekwaba ha n'oge unwu. (Az.)
3. Mkpuruobi anyi na-eche Onyenweanyi; Ya bu onye enyemaka anyi na onye ogbugbo anyi, Ka ihunaanya gi di n'ebe anyi no, O Chineke ebe nchekwube anyi di na gi. (Az.)

The Ogugu Nke Abu

The ogugu e wetara n'akwukwozi nke abuo Pol
di aso degaara Timoti (1:8-10)

Ihere emela gi igbara Onyenweanyi mabu
Imunwa bu onyemkporo n'ihia ya, akaebe.
N'ike nke Chineke, kerekwa oke nke gi n'ahuhu

holy - not because of anything we ourselves have done but for his own purpose and by his own grace. This grace had already been granted to us, in Christ Jesus, before the beginning of time, but it has only been revealed by the Appearing of our saviour Christ Jesus. He abolished death, and he has proclaimed life and immortality through the Good News.

The word of the Lord.

Acclamation! Mt. 17:5

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

Gospel

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

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

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

The Gospel of the Lord.

Prayer Over The Offerings

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

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

Communion Antiphon

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

Prayer After Communion

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

Prayer Over The People

Bless your faithful, we pray, O Lord, with a blessing that endures for ever, and

dijiri gi n'ihio ozioma ahu. Chineke zoputara anyi wee kpoọ anyi iburu ya ndi nso. O bughi n'ihio oru oma anyi, kama n'ihio amara na nzube ya. O nyere anyi amara nke a n'ime Jesu Kristi tupu e kee uwa. O gosiputara nke a ugbu a site na mputa ihe nke onye nzoputa anyi Jesu Kristi. O mebiri onwu, wetara anyi ndu, bia mee ka anwu anwu puta ihe site n'oziooma ahu.

Okwu nke Oseburuwa.

Mbeku! Mat. 17:5

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

Ozioma

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

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

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

Ozioma nke Oseburuwa.

Ekpere Nhunye

Onyenweanyi, biko mee ka aja nke a wuchapu anyi njo anyi ka anyi bu ndi kwere na Gi, were ahu na mkpuruobi e doro aso mee emume nke onwu na mbilitè 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 ANatachaa Oriri Nso

Onyenweanyi, anyi bu ndi natara ihe omimi nke otito Gi nwere afo ojuu. Anyi na-ekele Gi n'ihio na I bidola n'uwa a were nyebe anyi okè 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,

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.

ka I weta n'ime ha nkwdosiike n'Ozioma nke Otu Nwa I muru naani ya, ka ha were chobazie, ma nwetakwa n'ikpeazu ojujuanyi ahu ndi umazu nwere. Site na Kristi Onyenweanyi.

Holy Hour: Eucharist and Spiritual Battle (see holy hour manual)

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

Entry Antiphon

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

Collect

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

First Reading

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

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

The word of the Lord.

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

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

1. Do not hold the guilt of our fathers against us. Let your compassion hasten to meet us for we are in the depths of distress. (R.)

2. O God our saviour, come to our help, come for the sake of the glory of your name. O Lord our God, forgive us our sins; rescue us for the sake of your name. (R.)

3. Let the groans of the prisoners come before you; let your strong arm relieve those

Ukwe Mbata

Zoputa m, O Onyenweanyi, meere m ebere. Ukwu m zodoro n'ebe di larii; a ga m agozi Onyenweanyi n'ime ogbako ndi nke ya.

Ekpere Mmeghe

O Chineke, onye kuziere anyi ita ahu anyi ahuhu iji nweta ogwugwo nke obi anyiga, mee, anyi na-ario, ka anyi na-ezere njo niile, ma dookwa obi anyi ike iji mejuputa iwu gi di ihunaanya. Site na Dinwenu anyi.

The Ogugu Nke Mbu

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

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

Okwu nke Oseburuwa.

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

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

1. Atala anyi ahuhu maka njo nnanna anyi ha mere; Kama ka obioma gi biakwute anyi osooso, n'ihina ha ewotuola anyi ala nke ukwu. (Az.)

2. Nyere anyi aka, O Chineke onye nzoputa anyi, maka otito nke aha gi, zoputa anyi, ma gbagharakwa anyi njo anyi, n'ih iaha gi. (Az.)

3. Meenu ka akwa ariri ndi no na nga ruo gi nti, were ike aka gi chekwaba ndi a amara ikpe

condemned to die. But we, your people, the flock of your pasture, will give you thanks for ever and ever. We will tell your praise from age to age. (R.)

Acclamation! Jn.6:63.68

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

Gospel

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

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

The Gospel of the Lord.

Prayer Over The Offerings

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

Communion Antiphon

Be merciful, as your Father is merciful, says the Lord.

Prayer After Communion

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

Prayer Over The People

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

onwu! Mgbe ahu anyi bu ndi nke gi, igwe aturu i na-azu, ga-enye gi ekele ebebe, ebebe, bidò na ndudugandu ruo na ndudugandu anyi ga-ekwuputa otito gi. (Az.)

Mbeku! Jn.6:63.68

Okwu gi bu mmuo, Onyenweanyi ha bu ndu; I nwere ozi nke ndu ebighiebi.

Ozioma

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

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

Ekpere Nhunye

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

Ukwe Oriri Nso

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

Ekpere A Natachaa Oriri Nso

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

Ekpere Maka Oha Mmadu

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

3 March [Afo] Tuesday of Lent - Week 2 (Violet)

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.

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'ihi na ewezuga gi mmadu 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

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 wrongdoing out of my sight. 'Cease to do evil. Learn to do good, search for justice, help the oppressed, be just to the orphan, plead for the widow. 'Come now, let us talk this over,' says the Lord. Though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they are red as crimson, they shall be like wool. 'If you are willing to obey, you shall eat the good things of the earth. But if you persist in rebellion, the sword shall eat you instead.' The mouth of the Lord has spoken.

The word of the Lord.

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

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

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

Acclamation! Mt. 4:17

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, 5

The 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 ajoomunie unu n'ihu m, kwusinu ime njo. Mutanu ka e si eme eziumume, na-achokwanu ikpe nkwmoto; kwusinu mmegbu, chekwabainu umu ogbenye na-ekwuchiterenu umunwaanyi, ajadu. "Ugbu a, biazenu 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 akumimiriigwe, 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 ahu, ma o buru na unu agbaa isi akwara, nogide n'inupu isi, unu ga-anwucha na mmaagha, otu a ka Oseburuwa si kwuo.

Okwu nke Oseburuwa.

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

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

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

Mbeku! Mat. 4:17

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 ahu na ndi na-eso uzo ya si, "Ndi odeakwukwo na ndi Farisii no n'okwa Mosis. Ya bu, na-emenu ma na-edebekwanu ihe niile ha na-agwa unu. Kama unu emekwala omume ka ha, n'ihina ha na-ekwu ma ha anaghi emeputa ya n'omume. Ha na-eke ibu siri ike obubu bo ndi mmadu n'ubu, ma ha onwe ha agaghi emetu ya o buladi otu mkpisiaka. Ha na-aruru oma ha niile naani ka ndi mmadu wee hu ha. Ha na-eme ka akwa e dere iwu ndi di mkpa nke ha na-amado n'ihu na n'aka di obosara na-emekwa ka onu uwe ha buo ibu. O na-amasi

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.

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.

ha ino n’oche di elu n’oriri, ino n’ihu oche n’ulo nzuko, i nara ekele n’oma ahia nakwa ka ndi mmadu na-akpo ha ndi nkuzi. Unu ekwela ka a na-akpo unu ndi nkuzi, n’ihina unu nwere naani otu Onye nkuzi. Unu niile bukwa umunne. Unu akpola onye obula nna unu n’elu uwa a, n’ihina unu nwere otu Nna nke bi n’elugwe. 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.

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.

Ukwe Oriri Nso

Aga 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

Ka ozuzu nke si n’ochenri a di nso, O Onyenweanyi, anyi na-ari, 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 nuria mgbe niile na ngozi gi. Site na Kristi Onyenweanyi.

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

Entry Antiphon

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

Collect

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

First Reading

Areading from the prophet Jeremiah (18:18-20)

Come on, they said ‘let us concoct a plot against Jeremiah; the priest will not run short of instruction without him, nor the sage of advice, nor the prophet of the word. Come on, let us hit at him with his own tongue; let us

Ukwe Mbata

Echezola m, Onyenweanyi! Chineke m, a notela aka n’ebe m no! Were oso bia nyere maka, Onyenweanyi, nzoputa m di ike.

Ekpere Mmeghe

Chekwawa ezinaulo gi, O Onyenweanyi, a zigorola n’ezi oruga, ka I were nchedo gi gbaa ha ume n’ebe a, werekwa afooma gi dute ha n’onyinye nke di n’elu. Site na Dinweni anyi.

Ihe Ogugu Nke Mbu

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

Ma ha kwuru si, ‘Bianu ka anyi tuo aro ojoo banyere Jeremaya n’ihina ndi ukochukwu ga-enye anyi nkuzi, mobu ndi amamihe ga na-enye anyi ndumodu, mobu

listen carefully to every word he says.' Listen to me, Lord, hear what my adversaries are saying. Should evil be returned for good? For they are digging a pit for me. Remember how I stood in your presence to plead on their behalf, to turn your wrath away from them.

The word of the Lord.

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

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

1. Release me from the snares they have hidden for you are my refuge, Lord. Into your hands I commend my spirit. It is you who will redeem me, Lord. (R.)

2. I have heard the slander of the crowd, fear is all around me, as they plot together against me, as they plan to take my life. (R.)

3. But as for me, I trust in you, Lord, I say: 'You are my God. My life is in your hands, deliver me from the hands of those who hate me.' (R.)

Acclamation Jn.8:12

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

Gospel

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

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

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

When the other ten heard this they were indignant with the two brothers. But Jesus called them to him and said, 'You know that

ndiamuma ga na-agwa anyi okwu agaghi ako anyi, ma gharakwa ige okwu ya obula.' Gee m nti O Dinwenu, ma nuru aririo m. E ji ihe ojoo akwu ugwo iheoma? Ha egwuorola m olulu, cheta otu m siri kwuru n'ihu gi na-ekwu iheoma banyere ha, ka m were wepuru ha iwe gi.

Okwu nke Oseburuwa.

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

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

1. Ekwekwala ka m daba n'onya ha kweere m n'hina gi bu ebe mgbaba m; N'aka gi ka m tinyere mmuo m, O bu gi ga-agbaputa m onyenweanyi. (Az.)

2. Ana m anu nkwo to ha niile, iyi egwu si n'akuku niile abia; Ha na-agbako imegide m; Ha na-agba izu iwere ndu m (Az.)

3. Na gi ka m tukwasiriobi, Oseburuwa, Ana m ekwu si, "Ginwa bu Chineke m. Ubochi m niile di gi n'aka; zoputa m n'aka ndiiri m na ndi na-emekepa m ahụ. (Az.)

Mbeku Jon.8:12

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

Ozioma

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

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

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

Mgbe umuazu ya mmadu iri ndi ozo nuru nke a, ha wesara umunne abuo ahụ iwe nke ukwu. Jesu kpokotara ha si, "Unu amarala na ndi na-achiachi n'etiti ndi mba ozo na-eji mmegbu na-achi ha dika ndi nwe

among the pagans the rulers lord it over them, and their great men make their authority felt. This is not to happen among you. No; anyone who wants to be great among you must be your servant, and anyone who wants to be first among you must be your slave, just as the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Prayer Over the Offerings

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

Communion Antiphon

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

Prayer After Communion

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

Prayer Over The People

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

ha. Ndi ukwu n'etiti ha na-egosikwa na ike di ha n'aka. Ma o gaghị adi otu a n'etiti unu. Kama onye obula nke na-acho ka e mee ya onye ukwu n'etiti unu ga-abu onye na-ejere unu ozi. Ozokwa, onye obula nke na-acho ibu onye mbu n'etiti unu ga-abu ohu unu niile, dika o si buru na Nwa nke mmadu abiaghi ka a gbaara ya odibo, kama ka o gbaara ndi ozo odibo, bia werakwa ndu ya nye maka mgbaputa nke otutu mmadu.

Ozioma nke Oseburuwa.

Ekpere Nhunye

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

Ukwe Oriri Nso

Nwa nke Mmadu abiaghi ka agbaara ya odibo, kama ka o gbaa odibo, were ndu ya nye iji gbaaputa otutu mmadu.

Ekpere A Natachaa Oriri Nso

Mee, anyi na-ario, O Dinwenu Chineke Manyi, ka ihe I nyerela anyi ka mbe nke anwuanwu ruputara anyi nzoputa ebighiebi. Site na Kristi Onyenweanyi.

Ekpere Maka Oha Mmadu

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

5 March [Eke] 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.

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

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

Ukwe Mbata

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

Ekpere Mmeghe

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

Ihe Ogugu Nke Mbu

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

O nyenweanyi kwuru si, "Omuma ikpe diiri onye nke tukwasara obi na mmadu, onye chekwubere naani n'ike aka mmadu, onye obi ya juru Chineke. O dika obere osisi nke puru n'ikpa enweghi iheoma ga-esi na ya puta. O ga-anọ n'ala kpọrọ nkụ nke ikpa ahụ,

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.’

This is 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 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.

n’ala nnu mmadu ebighi.

‘Ngozi diri onye ahu nwere nchekwube na Chineke, onye nchekwube ya bu na Yahweh. 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 ukw 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.

Abuomana Aziza: Abu. 1:1-4.6.(Az. Abu. 40:4)
Aziza: Ha nwere isioma bu ndi ahụ t ukwasi ri n ch e k w u b e h a n’Onyenweanyi

1. Anuri ga-adiri nwoke ahụ nke anaghị eso ndumodu onye ajoomume, mọbu nakwughari n’uzo ndi ome njo, mọbu nodu n’otu ndi na-ekwuto Chineke, Kama o na-enwe anuri n’ebe iwu Onyenweanyi di; ma na-achighari iwu ya n’obi ya ehie 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 eziumume, mana uzo ndi ajo mmadu na-eduba n’ila n’iyi. (Az.)

Mbeku! Luk. 8:15

Ngozi diiri ndi nuru okwu Chineke, were ikwesi ntukwasioji 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)

Jesu gwara ndi Farisii: O di otu onye ogaranya nke na-eyi akwa uhieuhie na ezi akwa ocha onye na-anọ n’oriri na onufu ubochi niile. Onwere otu ogbenye onya juru n’ahu, a na-akpo Lazaros nke na-atogbo n’onuzo ama ya. Ihe di ya mkpa bu iri iperipe nri si n’oche nri eze dapu. O buladi umunkita na-abia aracha ya onya. Mgbe ogbenye a nwuru ndi mmuoma buuru ya buga n’akuku Abraham n’ala mmuo, ogaranya ahụ nwukwara, e lie ya.

‘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.”” This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Prayer Over The Offerings

May 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.

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

Mgbe o no n’okummuo na-ahuju anya o leliiri 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 ahuhu. Ma ugbu a, a na-akasi ya obi n’ebe a, ma gi onwe gi no n’ahuufu. N’agbanyeghi ihe ndi a niile, e mere ka oke olulu di n’etiti anyi na unu, ka ndi choro isi ebe a biakwute unu ghara inwe ike, ka onye obula gharakwa isi ebe ahụ biakwute anyi’. O riokwara si, ‘Ebe o di otu a, biko, arijo 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 mmekpaahu a.’ Abraham zakwara ya si ‘Ha nwere iwu Mosis na ndiamuma, ha gee ha nti.’ Ma ogaranya ahụ zara ya si, ‘Ee, nna anyi Abraham, a si na otu onye ga-esi n’ala ndi nwuru anwu gakwuru ha, ha ga-echehari.’ Abraham gwakwara ya si, ‘O buru na ha anaghi olu Mosis na nke ndiamuma, ha agaghi echehari, o buladi na otu onye si n’ala ndi nwuru anwu bia gwa ha.’ Ozioma nke Oseburuwa.

Ekpere Nahunye

Mee ka aja nke ugbu a, anyi na-arijo, 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 isiiyi ga-adigidekwa nke ume and ike. Site na Kristi Onyenweanyi.

Ekpere Maka Oha Mmadu

Nonyere umuodibo gi ga, O Onyenweanyi, ndi na-arijo enyemaka ebere gi, ka ha were si na gi nweta nkwo na odudu nke nchedo gi. Site na Kristi Onyenweanyi.

6 March [Orie] 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 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

Ukwe Mbata

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

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 nabianu. Site na Dinwenụ 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 mwuda 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 ahụ". Ya mere Josef chooro umunne ya gaba, chota ha na Dotan.

Mgbe ha huru ya ka o na-abia n'ebe di anya, ha gbakoo gbaa izu ka ha ga-esi gbuo ya. Ha kwuru si: "Lee onye oronro 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 ahụ o roro ga-esi wee mee.

Mana ka Ruben nuru 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 ruterere 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, inyinyaibu ha bu: uda, mgborogwu osisi na eso osisi na-esi utọ naga Ijipi. 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

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 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

n'he okwuru.

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-ekota akunuba ya anya. (Az.)

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)

Jesus gwara ndi isinchuaja na ndi okenye si, "Nurunu ukabuulu 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 tukwa 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, kpopu ya n'ubi vain ahụ wee gbuo ya. Mgbe onye nwe ubi ahụ biara, olee ihe unu chere na o ga-eme ndi nlekota a? Ha zara ya si, 'O ga-ala ndi ojo ahụ n'iyi bia nyefee ubi ahụ n'aka ndi nlekota ozo, ndi ga-enye ya mkpuru ya' mgbe oge ruru.' Jesu juru ha si, "O bu na unu agutabeghi

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.

ihe e dere n'ime Akwukwo Nso: Okwute nke ndi na-ewu ulo juruaju aburula ide ji ulo. Nke a bu aka oru nke Onyenweanyi, O turu anyi n'anya. Ya bu agwa unu, a ga-anapuuu alaeze Chineke were ya nyefee n'aka mba ga-amiputa ezi mkpuru.

Mgbe ndiisi nchujaja na ndi Farisii nuru ilu ya ndi a, ha choputara na o na-ekwu maka ha. Ma mgbe ha 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 tosiiri 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

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

Ekpere Maka Oha Mmadu

Nye ndi nke gi, O Onyenweanyi, anyi na-ario, ike nke mmuo na nke ahụ, ka ha site n'inkwudosiike n'agwa oma were kwesi ikeogu nke nchedo gi. Site na Kristi Onyenweanyi.

7 March [Afo] Saturday of Lent - Week 2 (Violet)

Sts. Perpetua & Felicity Martyrs (Opt. Comm)

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.

First Reading

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

With shepherd's crook O Lord, lead your people to pasture, the flock that

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'awa, mee ka anyi keta oke n'ihe nke eluigwega, dube anyi, anyi na-ario, site na ndu nke a ma kpobata anyi n'ihe ahụ ebe gi onwe gi bi. Site na Dinwenụ anyi.

Ihe Ogugu Nke Mbụ

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

Jiri mkpara onye ncheaturu O Onyenweanyi, chiga ndi nke gi n'ebe ahijia ha ga-eri di,

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.

This is 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

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 Giled dika na mgbe ochie. Dika n'ubochi ahụ unu siri n'Ijipt pụta, aga m egosi ha ihe itunaanya. Kedu chi a ga-eji tunyere gi n'igbaghara njo na ileghara mmehie ndi nke ya anya? O naghị anogide n'iwe ebighiebi, kama o na-enwe mmasi n'igosi ihunaanya di okpu. O ga-egosi anyi ebere ya ozokwa, kpochapu mmehie anyi niile, tunye njo anyi niile n'ala ala osimiri. I ga-egosi Jakob ntukwasiobi, 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 obi ebere ya niile. (Az.)

2. O bu ya na-gbaghara njo gi niile, ma gwoo oria gi niile, nke o ji si n'olulu zoputa ndu gi, nke o ji were ihunaanya na obi ebere kpube gi okpuzze. (Az.)

3. Iwe ya anaghi adi ebееbe, ikpo asi ya na-adi so nwa ntinti oge. O naghị emeso anyi, o naghị ata anyi ahuhu, dika amamikpe anyi na njo anyi si di. (Az.)

4. Dika eluigwe siri di elu n'ebe uwa di, otu ahụ ka ihunaanya ya siri di ukwu n'ebe ndi naturu ya egwu no. O na-ewepu njo anyi n'ebe anyi no karia otu owuwaanyanwu si di anya n'odida ya. (Az.)

Mbeku! Luk. 15:18

A ga m ebili, lakwuru nna m, aga m asi Aya: 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 onatutu na ndi Momenjo bjakwutere 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 ukabuila a gwa ha okwu si:

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

father divided the property between them. A few days later, the younger son got together everything he had and left for a distant country where he squandered his money on a life of debauchery.

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

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

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

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.

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 rifofo, mana na o nweghi onye nyere ya ihe obula. Mgbe o matara onwe ya, o sirị, ‘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’aguu! Aga m ebili, lakwuru nna m, aga m asi ya: Nna, e mehiela m megide eluigwe, megidekwa gi, etosighi m ka a kpokwaa m nwa gi ozo, na-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 sirị ya, ‘Nna m, emehiela m megide eluigwe ma megidekwa gi, etosighi m ka a kpokwaa m nwa gi ozo.’ Mana nna ya sirị 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 kponu oriri, nwekwaa anuri. N’ihina nwa m nke a anwuolarị, bia dikwa ndu ozo, o fukwara efu, e wee hu ya. Ha bidoro nuriaba 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 choghiakwa ibanye n’ulo. Nna ya putara riu ya. Mana o sirị nna ya, ‘Lee, otutu afọ 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

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.”

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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.

nwere, i gbuuru ya nwa ehi ahụ gbara abụba.’

Nna ya sirị ya, ‘nwa m, mụ na gị no mgbe niile, ihe niile m nwere bụ nke gị. O kwesiri ekwesị ka anyị kpọọ oriri ma ñurikwaa, maka na nwanne gị anwuolari ma dikwa ndu ozo, o fukwara efu, e were hukwa ya.’”

Ozioma nke Oseburuwa.

Ekpere Nhu nye

Site n’onyinye nsọ ndi a, anyi na-ario, O Onyenweanyi, ka mgbaputa anyi miputa ukpuluga, nke ga-egidetenwu anyi n’ebe aguu oliliwalawala diga ma duru anyi gaba n’ihu inweta onyinye nke nzoputa. Site na Kristi Onyenweanyi.

Ukwe Oriri Nso

Iga-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-aru n’ime anyi, mee ka anyi keta oke amara ya. Site na Kristi Onyenweanyi.

Ekpere A Natachaa Oriri Nso

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

3RD SUNDAY OF LENT (A) 8 March [Nkwo] (Violet)

**Office:
Week 3**

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

Entry Antiphon

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.

Ukwe Mbata

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

Ekpere Mmeghe

OChineke, onye ebere na afo oma niile na-esite n'aka ya. I kuziworo anyi k'anyi site na ibu onu, ikpe ekpere na ime ogo na-anata mgbaghara njo anyi. Anyi na-ario Gi ka I nara nkwpuputa mmehie nke anyi ji umeala ekwuputa n'ihu Gi. Site na ebere Gi wepu ikpe omuma diiri njo nke na-16 anyido anyi n'obi. Site na Dinwenu anyi.

First Reading

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

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

The word of the Lord

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

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

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

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

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

Second Reading

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

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

The Ogugu Nke Mbu

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

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

Okwu nke Oseburuwa.

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

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

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

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

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

The Ogugu Nke Abu

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

Ebe a gurula anyi na ndi eziumume site n'aka Onyenweanyi Jesu Kristi. Site na ya, anyi eketala oke n'amara nke Chineke nke anyi no n'ime ya ugbo a. Anyi na-enwekwa afuri n'ihina anyi nwere olileanya iketa oke otito nke Chineke. Nchekwube ahu adighikwa agho anyi ahia. N'ihina Chineke awunyela ihunaanya ya n'ime obi anyi site n'oninye nke Mimuo Nso. N'ihina mgbe anyi no n'enweghi ike imere onwe anyi ihe obula, mgbe oge Chineke kara ruru, Kristi nwuru n'ihu ndi amaghi Chineke. O bu ihe siri ike otu onye inwu n'ihu otu onye eziumume. Eleghi anya,

really worthy, a man might be prepared to die - but what proves that God loves us is that Christ died for us while we were still sinners.

The word of the Lord.

Acclamation! Jn.4:42.15

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

Gospel

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

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

"Sir," said the woman "give me some of that water, so that I may never get thirsty and never have to come here again to draw water." "Go and call your husband" said Jesus to her "and come back here." The woman answered, "I have no husband". He said to her, "You are right to say, 'I have no husband'; for although you have had five, the one you have now is not your husband. You spoke the truth there." "I see you are a prophet, sir" said the woman. "Our father worshipped on this mountain, while you say that Jerusalem is the place where one ought to worship." Jesus said: "Believe me, woman, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. You worship what you do not know; we worship what we do know; for salvation comes from the Jews. But the hour will come - in fact it is here already - when true worshippers will worship the Father

mmadu nwere ike inwuru onye eziumume. Ma Chineke mere ka ihunaanya ya n'ebe anyi no puta ihe. N'ihina mgbe anyi ka bu ndi njo, Kristi nwuru maka anyi.

Okwu nke Oseburuwa.

Mbeku! Jon. 4:42.15

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

Ozioma

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

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

Nwaanyi ahu siri ya, "Nnamukwu, nye m mmiri a ka akpiri ghara ikpo m nku ozo, ka m gharakwa ibia ebe a ozo isere mmiri." Jesu wee si ya, "Jee, kpota di gi, biaghachikwa n'ebe a." Nwaanyi ahu zara ya si, "Enweghi m di." Jesu asi ya, "I kwuru nke oma na i nweghi di. I nweela di ise, ma nwoke gi na ya bi ugbu a abughi di gi." Nwaanyi ahu siri ya, "Nnamukwu, ahuru m na i bu onye anuma. Nna anyi ha fere Chineke n'ugwu a; ma i na-ekwu n'ebe mmadu ga-efe Chineke bu naani na Jerusalem." Jesu zara ya si: "Nwaanyi kwere ihe m kwuru: oge na-abia mgbe unu na-agaghi efe Nna m n'ugwu a mobu na Jerusalem. Unu ndi Sameria amaghi ihe unu na-efe. Ma anyi onwe anyi maara n'eziokwu onye anyi na-efe. N'ihina nzoputa si n'aka ndi Juu bia. Oge na-abia, o biala ugbu a, mgbe ndi na-efe Chineke

in spirit and truth: that is the kind of worshiper the Father wants. God is spirit, and those who worship must worship in spirit and truth.”

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

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

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

Many Samaritans of that town had believed in him on the strength of the woman’s testimony when she said, “He told me all I have ever done”, so, when the Samaritans came up to him, they begged him to stay with them. He stayed for two days, and when he spoke to them many more came to believe; and they said to the woman, “Now we no longer believe because of what you told us; we have heard him ourselves and we know that he really is the saviour of the world”.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Prayer Over The Offerings

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 neighbours. Through Christ our Lord.

n’ezie ga-efe ya n’ime mmuo na eziokwu. N’ihina ndi di otu a ka Nna m choro ka ha na-efe ya. Chineke bu Mmuo, ndi na-efe ya ga-eferiri ya n’ime mmuo na eziokwu.” Nwaanyi ahu asi ya, “Ama m na Mezaya onye a na-akpo Kristi na-abia. Mgbe o biara, o ga-akowara anyi ihe niile.” Jesu siri ya, “Mu onwe m na-agwa gi okwu bu ya.

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

Mgbe ihe ndi a na-eme, ndi na-eso uzo Jesu rioro ya si, “Rabai (onyenkuzi) rienu ihe.” Jesu siri ha, “Enwere m nri m ga-eri nke unu na-amaghi.” Nke a mere ndi na-eso uzo ya ji jurita onwe ha si, “O di onye wetaara ya nri?” Jesu azaa ha si: “Ihe oriri m bu ime uche nke onye zitere m na iruzu oru ya.” O bu na unu anaghi ekwu si: “O foro onwa ano tupu owuwe ihe ubi eruo.” Ma ana m agwa unu, ka unu letia anya n’ubi wee hu na mkpuru ubi achalari, na oge owuwe ihe ubi eruola. Onye na-ewe ihe ubi nanaara ugwooru ya, na-achikotakwa mkpuru maka ndu ebighiebi, ka onye ghara mkpuru n’ubi na onye were ihe ubi nurikoo onu n’otu. Nke a gosiputara n’ihe a na-ekwu si: “Otu onye ghaa mkpuru, onyeozo ewee ihe ubi, bu eziokwu. Ezigara m unu iwe ihe ubi n’ebe unu arughi oru obula, ndiozo aruchala oru, ihe unu na-emezi bu iri uru ihe ha ruru. Otutu ndi Sameria, ndi si n’obodo ahu kweere na Jesu site n’akaebe nwaanyi ahu gbara si, “O gwara m ihe niile m merela.” Nke a mere mgbe ndi Sameria biakwutere Jesu, ha rioro ya ka o noro na be ha. O nonyere ha mkpuru ubochi abuo. Otutu ndiozo kwenyere na Jesu n’ihi okwu ya.” Ha gwara nwaanyi ahu si, “O bughizi maka okwu onu gi ka anyi ji kwere, kama anyi anula n’onwe anyi, matakwa na o bu n’ezie onye nzoputa nke uwa.

Oziomanke Oseburuwa.

Ekpere Nhunye

Dinwenu Chineke, Nna ebere, anyi na-ario ka aja anyi na-ehunyerere Gi medaa Gi obi maka njo anyi. Otu I si agbaghara njo anyi oge anyi na-ario Gi, meekwa ka anyi si otu ahu na-enwe agu u igbaghara mmehie mmadu ibe anyi. Site na Kristi Onyenweanyi.

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Communion Antiphon

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

Prayer After Communion

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.



Theme: Jesus as Living Water

Isaiah 12:3; Jer. 2:13 & 17:13; Rev. 21:6 & 22:17;
Jn. 7:37-39

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9 March [Eke] 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 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

Ukwe Oriri Nso

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

Ekpere ANatachaa Oriri Nso

Onyenweanyi, anyi anatala ube nke ihe ahu e debeeere 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 Dinwenu anyi.

Ekpere Maka Oha Mmadu

Duzie obi ndi nke gi kwerenu, O Onyenweanyi, anyi na-ario, 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-achọ 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, Kwuchaa ma chekwawa Nzuko gi, ka, ebe o nweghi ike iguzosiike ma o bugh na gi, ka amara gi chiba ya mgbe niile. Site na Dinwenu anyi.

Ihe Ogugu Nke Mbu

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 gwará nne ya ukwu si, "A si na nna m ukwu ga-agakwuru onye amuma nke bi na Sameria! O ga-agwo ya orja ya." Naaman jekwuru nna ya ukwu kosara ya kpomkwem, ihe niile nwatakiri ahu kwuru. Eze Siria zara ya si, "Gaba ugbo a, aga m enye gi akwukwoozu i ga-enye eze Izrel." O gabara, were talent olaocha iri, puku shekel olaedo isii na uwe emume iri. O

presented the letter to the king of Israel. It read: 'With this letter, I am sending my servant Naaman to you for you to cure him of his leprosy.' When the king of Israel read the letter, he tore his garments. 'Am I a god to give death and life,' he said 'that he sends a man to me and asks me to cure him of his leprosy? Listen to this, and take note of it and see how he intends to pick a quarrel with me.'

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

wetaara eze Izrel akwukwoozi ahu nke ihe e dere n'ime ya bu, "Akwwukwoozi a bu iji gwa gi na ezitere m'iwodibo m'bu Naaman ka i gwoo ya oria ekpenta ya." Mgbe eze ndi Izrel guru akwukwoozi ahu o dowaa uwe ya kwuo si, "Abu m Chineke onye onwu na ndu di n'aka mere nwoke a jiri zitere m'ozu ka m'gwoo onye ekpenta? Hukwanu otu nwoke a si achio 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 kpatara i jiri dowaa uwe gi? Gwa nwoke ahu 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 ahu n'Osimiri Jordan ugboro asaa, ahu gi ga-adikwa mma ozo." Naaman jiri iwe na onuma tugharia, laba, na-ekwu si, "Echere m'nhoo na o gaara apata, guzoro, kpokuo aha Oseburuwa Chineke ya, fegharia aka ya n'elu ebe ahu, 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 ahu n'ime ha wee di ochaa?" Ya mere, o tugharia laba n'iwe. Ndi odibo ya biakwute ya si ya, "Nna anyi ukwu, a si na ihe onye amuma gwara gi mee bu ihe siri ike omume, o bu na i gaghi eme ya? Ma nke a bu na o gwara gi naani saa ahu ka i dikwa ochaa." Ya mere o gara sunye onwe ya n'ime osimiri Jordan ugboro asaa dika Elaisha gwara ya. Anu ahu ya wee dikwa mma dika ahu nwatakiri.

Mgbe ahu, Naaman na ndiozi ya laghachiri jekwuru onye nke Chineke ahu 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, kedu oge m ga-enwe ike jee hu ihu nke Chineke?

1. Dika otu aguu mmiri si na-agu nne ele, otu ahu 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, kedu oge m ga-enwe ike jee hu 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.)

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 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 Christ our Lord.

Mbeku! Abu. 130:5

Mkpuruobi m eche Onyenweanyi, na nkwa iya 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 afo ato na onwa isii, mgbe oke ugani dara n'ala ahụ dum; ma o nweghi onye n'ime ha e zigaara Elaija ma o bughị naani otu nwaanyi ajadu nke bi n'obodo Zarefat, nke di n'ala Saidon. Otutu ndi ekpenta nokwa n'ala Izrel n'oge Elisha; ma o nweghi onye obula n'ime ha e mere ka o di ochama o bughị Naaman, Onye Siria."

Mgbe ndi niile no n'unlonzuko ahụ nuru okwu ndi a, iwe juputara ha n'obi. Ha biliri, kwapu ya n'obodo ha, kpuru ya ruo n'otu ugwu nta a rukwasara obodo ha n'elu ya ka ha si ebe ahụ kwada ya. Ma o michapuru 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 ghorọ amanso nke nzoputa. Site na Kristi Onyenweanyi.

Ukwe Oriri Nso

Otoonu 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-Kario, O Onyenweanyi, wetakwa mkpochapu mmehie na idikonotu nke bu onyinye gi. Site na Kristi Onyenweanyi.

Ekpere Maka Oha Mmadu

Ka aka nri gi, anyi na-ario, O Onyenweanyi, chekwawa ndi a na-akosara gi mkpa ha: were ebere sachaa ha ma nyè 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.

10 March [orie] Tuesday of Lent - Week 3 (Violet)

Entry Antiphon

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

Collect

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

First Reading

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

Azariah stood in the heart of the fire, and he began to pray: Oh! Do not abandon us for ever, for the sake of your name; do not repudiate your covenant, do not withdraw your favour from us, for the sake of Abraham, your friend, of Isaac your servant, and of Israel your holy one, to whom you promised descendants as countless as the stars of heaven and as the grains of sand on the seashore. Lord, now we are the least of all the nations, now we are despised throughout the world, today, because of our sins. We have at this time no leader, no prophet, no prince, no holocaust, no sacrifice, no oblation, no incense, no place where we can offer you the first-fruits and win your favour. But may the contrite soul, the humbled spirit be as acceptable to you as holocausts of rams and bullocks, as thousands of fattened lambs: such let our sacrifice be to you today, and may it be your will that we follow you wholeheartedly, since those who put their trust in you will not be disappointed. And now we put our whole heart into following you, into fearing you and seeking your face once more. Do not disappoint us; treat us gently, as you yourself are gentle and very merciful. Grant us deliverance worthy of your wonderful deeds, let your name win glory, Lord.

The word of the Lord.

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

Response: Remember your mercy, Lord.

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

2. Remember your mercy, Lord, and the love you have shown from of old. Do not remember the sins of my youth because of your goodness, O Lord. (R.)

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

Ukwe Mbata

Gi ka m na-akpoku, n'ihina na I na-echeriri in nti, O Chineke; Onyenweanyi, chee nti n'okwu m ga. Chekwawa m ka mkpuru anya gi; chekwaba m n'okpuru nku gi.

Ekpere Mmeghe

Ka amara gi ghara igbarapu anyi, O Onyenweanyi, anyi na-ario, ka o mee ka anyi guzosie ike n'ofufe gi di aso, ma wetara anyi enyemaka gi mgbe niile. Site na Dinwenu anyi.

The Ogugu Nke Mbu

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

Azaria guzoro n'etiti oku a wee bido ikpe ekpere: Oh! Ahapukwala anyi ruo mgbe ebighiebi n'ihina aha gi, agbahapukwala ogbughandu gi, ewepukwala ihuoma gi n'ebe anyi no, n'ihina enyi gi nwoke Abraham nakwa n'ihina nwodibo gi Aizik na onye di nso gi Izrel. Onye nke i kwere nkwa na umu ya ga-adi ka kpakpando nke igwe, nakwa dika mkpuru aja no n'akuku osimiri. Dinwenu, lee, anyi buzi obodo kacha di nta n'uwa niile. Anyi buzi ndi e ji eme ihe ochi n'uwa niile, n'ihina njo anyi. Ugbu a, anyi enweghikwa onyendu, mobu onye amuma, mobu onyeeze, anyi anaghikwa achunyere gi aja nsureoku mobu aja isi uto; o nweghikwa ebe anyi nwere ino nye gi ihe mbu anyi wetara n'ubi anyi, iji nweta afoma gi. Mana ka i nara obi di umeala, na obi loghara elogha dika aja nsureoku nke e ji ewu na ehi chunyere gi, nakwa nke e ji puku kwuru puku aturu ghara abuba chuo. Meekwa ka aja anyi na-achuru gi diri otu a; ka anyi jiri obi anyi niile na-efe gi; ebe o bu na ndi niile chekwubere na gi agaghi agba aka efu. Ugbu a, anyi etinyela obi anyi niile n'ife gi na n'ituru gi egwu na ichokwa ihu gi ozo. Agbawakwala anyi aka. Emesikwala anyi ike n'ihina i di nwayoo dikwa obi ebere; nye anyi nzoputa nke tosiro oruebube niile i na-aru. Mee ka anyi si n'aha gi nweta otito Onyenweanyi.

Okwu nke Oseburuwa.

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

Aziza: Cheta ebere gi, O Onyenweanyi.

1. Mee ka m mata uzo gi, o Onyenweanyi, Kuziere m uzo gi. Dube m n'uzo eziokwu gi, ma kuzibere m, N'ihina o bu gi bu Chineke onye nzoputa m, na gi ka m tukwasiri obi ubochi niile. (Az.)

2. Cheta ebere gi, O Onyenweanyi, Chetakwa ihunaanya gi na-enweghi ube nke i gosiri site na mgbe ochie. Echetakwala mmehie niile m mere mgbe m di na nwata n'ihina idi mma gi, O Onyenweanyi. (Az.)

3. Onyenweanyi di mma, burukwa onye ezionume, O na-akuziri ndi mmehie uzo; O na-eduzi ndi umeala n'ihina niile kwuoto, O na-akuziri ndi ogbenye uzo ya. (Az.)

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 Matthew (18:21-35)

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

'And so the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who decided to settle his accounts with his servants. When the reckoning began, they brought him a man who owed ten thousand talents; but he had no means of paying, so his master gave orders that he should be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, to meet the debt. At this, the servant threw himself down at his master's feet. "Give me time" he said "and I will pay the whole sum." And the servant's master felt so sorry for him that he let him go and cancelled the debt. Now as this servant went out, he happened to meet a fellow servant who owed him one hundred denarii; and he seized him by the throat and began to throttle him. "Pay what you owe me" he said. His fellow servant fell at his feet and implored him, saying, "Give me time and I will pay you." But the other would not agree; on the contrary, he had him thrown into prison till he should pay the debt. His fellow servants were deeply distressed when they saw what had happened, and they went to their master and reported the whole affair to him. Then the master sent for him. "You wicked servant," He said, "I cancelled all that debt of yours when you appealed to me. Were you not bound, then, to have pity on your fellow servant just as I had pity on you?" And in his anger the master handed him over to the torturers till he should pay all his debt. And that is how my heavenly Father will deal with you unless you each forgive your brother from your heart.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Prayer Over The Offerings

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

Communion Antiphon

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

Mbeku Joel 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

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

Pita biakwutere Jesu, juo ya si, "Onyenweanyi ugboro ole ka nwanne m ga-emejo m, m gbaghara ya? O bu ugboro asaa?" Jesu azaa ya si, "Agwa m gi na o bughi soso ugboro asaa, kama iri asaa uzo asaa. Ya mere a ga-eji alaeze nke eluigwe tunyere otu onyeeze choro ka ya na umuodibo ya piazie akunuuba ya. Mgbe o malitere ntule ya, a kpofaara ya otu nwodibo nke ji ya puku talent iri. Ma ebe nwodibo ahu na-enweghi ike ikwughachi ugwo ahu, nna ya ukwu nyere iwu ka e ree ya na nwunye ya na umu ya na ihe niile o nwere, ka e wee kwughachi ugwo o ji. Nke a mere odibo ahu ji daa n'ala na-ario ya si, 'Nnamukwu, biko nwee ndidi n'ebe m no, aga m akwughachi gi ihe niile!' N'ih i obi ebere o nwere n'ebe nwodibo ya no, nna ya ukwu hapuru ya, kagbukwaa ugwo niile o ji. Ma ka nwodibo ahu n'onwe ya pibara, o huru otu nwodibo ibe ya nke ji ya otu nari dinari, o togoro ya n'akpiri si ya, "Kwughachi m ugwo i ji m. Nke a mere nwodibo ibe ya ahu ji daa n'ala rio ya si, "Nweere m ndidi, aga m akwughachi gi ugwo gi. Ma o kweghi. Kama o gara tuba ya n'ulomkporo ruo mgbe o kwughachiri ya ugwo o ji ya. Mgbe ndi odibo ibe ya huru ihe merenu, o wutere ha nke ukwu. Ha wee gaa kooro nna ha ukwu ihe niile ndi a. N'ih i nke a nna ya ukwu kporo nwodibo ahu si ya, "Odibo obi ojoo! Agbagharala m gi ugwo niile i ji m, n'ihina i rioro m aririo. I cheghi na o kwesiri ka i meere nwodibo ibe gi ebere dika m siri mere gi? N' iwe, nna ya ukwu nyefere ya ndi nche ndi no n'ulomkporo ka ha taa ya ahuhu ruo mgbe o kwuchara ugwo niile o ji. Otu a ka Nna m nke bi n'eluigwe ga-esi meso onye obula n'ime unu ma o buru na unu esighi n'ala obi unu gbaghara umunne unu mmehie niile ha mehere unu.

Ozioma nke Oseburuwa.

Ekpere Nhunye

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

Ukwe Oriri Nso

Onyenweanyi, onye ga-anogide n'uloikwu ogi, ma biri n'ugwu gi di aso? O bu onye na-aga enweghi uta ma na-emekwa ihe kwesiri ekwesiri.

Prayer After Communion

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

Prayer Over The People

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

Ekpere A Natachaa Oriri Nso

Ka nketaoke di nso n'iheomimi a nye anyi ndu, O Onyenweanyi, anyi nario, ka I wetara anyi ka mgbaghara ka nchedo. Site na Kristi Onyenweanyi.

Ekpere Maka Oha Mmadu

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

11 March [Afo] Wednesday of Lent - Week 3 (Violet)

Entry Antiphon

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

Ukwe Mbata

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

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.

Ekpere Mmeghe

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

First Reading

A reading 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?

The Ogugu Nke Mbu

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

Mgbe ahu, Mosis gwara umu Izrel si, 'Dobenu iwu niile m na-akuziri unu. Unu ga-adikwa ndu biri n'ala ahu Onyenweanyi, bu Chineke nnanna unu ha, nanye unu. Akuzierela m unu iwu ahu niile, dika Onyenweanyi bu Chineke m gwara m ka m mee. Dobenu ha mgbe unu ruru n'ala ahu unu ga-abanye, ibiri n'ime ya. 'Werenu ikwesi ntukwasiobi dobe ha. Nke a ga-egosi mba di icheiche na unu ma ihe. Mgbe ha nuru ihe banyere iwu a niile, ha ga-asi, 'Leekwanu udi amamihe na nghota mba ukwu nke a nwere!' "N'eziokwu, o nweghi nnukwu mba ozo chi ha no nso dika Oseburuwa bu Chineke anyi si noro anyi nso mgbe obula anyi kpokuru ya. O nweghikwa 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.)

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-agosi umu gi niile. (Az.)

2. He sends out his word to the earth and swiftly runs his command. He showers down snow white as wool, he scatters hoarfrost 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.

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.

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 emerē mba ndiozo otu a, o naghị akuziri ha iwu ya. (Az.)

Mbeku! Jon. 8:12

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

Ozioma

The 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 anuma. Abiaghi m imebi ha; kama abiara m imejuputa ha. N'ezio kwu, agwa m unu, ruo mgbe eluigwe na ala ga-agabiga, o dighi otu ihe obula di nta, o buladi nke dikarichara nta, nke a ga-esi n'iwu Chineke wepu ruo mgbe e mezuru ha niile. Ya bu, onye obula ga-emebi otu n'ime iwu ndi a, o buladi nke dikarichara nta, ma kuzikwaara ndi mmadu ime otu ahụ, ga-abu onye dikarichara nta n'alaeze eluigwe. Ma onye obula na-edobe ha, ma na-akuzikwa ha, ga-abu nnukwu mmadu n'alaeze eluigwe.

Ozioma nke Oseburuwa.

Ekpere Nhunye

Nara, O Onyenweanyi, anyi na-ario, nekperere 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.

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

12 March [Nkwo] Thursday of Lent - Week 3 (Violet)

Entry Antiphon

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

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.

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

A 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.)
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 - I 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

Ekpere Mmeghe

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

The 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'Ijipti 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. 'Iga-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.

Abuza 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 bia n'ihu ya nye ya ekele, were egwu na ukwe tobeya. (Az.)
2. Bianu, ka anyi fee Onyenweanyi kporo ya isi ala, ka anyi sekpue n'ihu Onyenweanyi onye kere anyi, n'ihina o bu Chineke anyi, anyinwa bukwa ndi nke ya, igwe aturu o na-azu. (Az.)
3. Taa, o buru na unu anu olu ya, unu akpochila obi unu dika unu mere na Meriba na n'ubochi ahụ na Masa n'ime ozara mgbe nnanna unu ha nwalere m, mgbe ha nwalere m, na-agbanyeghi na ha huru ihe m mereela ha. (Az.)

Mbeku Juel 2:12-13

Ugbu a, ugbu a, Onyenweanyi na-ekwu, Uwerenu 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,

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.

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.

“O na-achupu ndi mmuo ojojo site n’ike Belzebul, onyeisi ndi mmuo ojojo,” 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 siri ha, “Alaeze obula nke kwaranu megide onwe ya ga-adakpo, ulo obula nke dagidere ibe ya na-adakpo. O buru na Ekwenso ekewakwa megide onwe ya, kedụ ka alaeze ya ga-esi kwudo? Unu na-asi na-ana m achupu ndi mmuo ojojo site n’ike Belzebul, site n’ike onye ka unu 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 ojojo, 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 ntukwasio bi ya, kesaara ndi otu ya ihe o kwatara n’ulo dike ahu. Onye na-anonyereghi m, na-emegide m; onye obula na-adighi eso m ekpokota ekpokota, na-ekposa ekposa.

Ozioma nke Oseburuwa.

Ekpere Nhunye

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

Ukwe Oriri Nso

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

Ekpere A Natachaa Oriri Nso

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

Ekpere Maka Oha Mmadu

Anyi na-ebeku mmesooma gi di ihunaanya Ama 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.

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

Entry Antiphon

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

Collect

P our your grace into our hearts, we pray, O Lord, that we may be constantly drawn away from unruly desires and obey

Ukwe Mbata

O dighi Chukwu di ka gi, O Onyenweanyi, n’ihi na i di ukwu naruru oru di itunanya; so naani gi bu Chineke.

Ekpere Mmeghe

H ukwasa amara gi n’obi anyi, anyi na-arjo, O Onyenweanyi, ka e were doputa anyi mgbe dum n’ebe oliliwarawara aguu njo diga, ka anyi

by your own gift the heavenly teaching you give us. Through our Lord.

First Reading

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

This is 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.)

were site n'onyinye gi rubere nkuzi nke eluigwe I na-enye anyi isi. Site na Dinwenụ anyi.

The Ogugu Nke Mbu

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

Onyenweanyi wee si, loghachinu azu n'ebe Dinwenụ 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 kpo o 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 namita. Ka onyemaihe ghotu okwu ndi a. Ka onye nwere uche ghotu ihe ha putara, maka na uzọ nke Onyenweanyi ziri ezi, ndi ezionume na-aga na ha, mana ndi omenjo na-aso ngongo.

Okwu nke Oseburuwa.

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

Aziza: **Abu m Oseburuwa Chineke unu, Geenu 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-arụ. 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. Geenu 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 uzọ m! Mana aga m eji oka di mma zuo unu nri, were mmanuani si n'okwute 29 nyejuo unu afo." (Az.)

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.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Prayer Over The Offerings

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

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.

Mbeku! Mat. 4:17

Chegharianu, n'ihina alaeze eluigwe adila nso.

Ozioma

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

Ma otu onye odeakwukwo bjarutere nu ka Ma 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 karija 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. Ozioman nke Oseburuwa.

Ekpere Nhunye

Were mmasi lekwas, anyi na-arijo, Onyenweanyi, onyinye ndi anyi nahunyere gi, ka ha di mma n'ihu gi, wetara anyi nzoputa mgbe niile. Site na Kristi

Ukwe Oriri Nso

Iji obi gi niile hu Chineke n'anya, na ihu Iagbataobi gi n'anya ka gi onwe gi, di oke onu karija 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 oke na Sakramenti a wetara anyi uju nke mgbaputa. Site na Kristi Onyenweanyi.

Ekpere Maka Oha Mmadu

Were afooma leta, O Onyenweanyi, ndi kwerenu na-arijo ebere gi, ka, site n'itukwasaoobi na mmesooma gi, ha ewere gbasateeka onyinye ndi ihunaanya gi kpatarala. Site na Kristi Onyenweanyi.

14 March [Orie] 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.

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 Jewish people who prided themselves on being

Ukwe Mbata

Gozie Onyenweanyi, O mkpuruobi m, Echezokwala 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 dabere n' iheomimi ngabiga, anyi ewere juputa n' onu site n' uju ire ya ga. Site na Dinwenu anyi.

The Ogugu Nke Mbu

Ihe ogugu e wetara n' akwukwo onye amuma Hoseya (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 bughi aja; ima Chineke, o bughi aja onyinye nsureoku.

Okwu nke Oseburuwa.

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

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

1. Meere m ebere O Chineke site n' ihunaanya gi, site na nnukwu obi ebere gi hichapu njo m niile; Sachapu mmehie m niile, wuchapu m na njo m. (Az.)
2. I naghi enwe mmasi obula n' aja, aja nsureoku anaghi atu gi ufo, 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 geenu nti n' onu nke Onyenweanyi.

Ozioma

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

Jesu kowaara ufo, bu ndi na-ewe onwe ha ka ndi eziume ma hu ndiozo ka ndi ajo

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 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.

omume ukabuilu a. Ndi nwoke abuo gara n’ulonso ikpe ekpere. Otu n’ime ha bu onye Farisii, nke ozo bu onye onautu. Onye Farisii ahu 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 bukwawu 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 ahu, nke kwu n’ebe di anya, ekweghi welite ihu lelie anya n’elugwe. 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 kara 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 iji nsopuru emee ka ha si n’aka fere aka, anyi ewere hunyeré gi ofufe nru kwesiri ekwesí. 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 sekpuere n’ezie, O Chineke di ebere, onyinye nso ndi aga nke i si na ha 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 (A)
15 March [Afo] (Violet)

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Week 4

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

Entry Antiphon

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

Ukwe Mbata

Jerusalem, ñuriba. Unu niile huru ya n’anya, gbakobanu onu. Unu bu ndi n-eru uju, werenu onu goribe; gbawanu egwu onu, werekwanu mmiri ara nkasi obi ya ñujuo afo.

Collect

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

First Reading

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

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

When Samuel arrived, he caught sight of Eliab and thought, "Surely the Lord's anointed one stands there before him", but the Lord said to Samuel, "Take no notice of his appearance or his height for I have rejected him; God does not see as man sees; man looks at appearances but the Lord looks at the heart".

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

The word of the Lord.

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

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

1. The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want. Fresh and green are the pastures where he gives me repose. Near restful waters he leads me, to revive my drooping spirit. (R.)

2. He guides me along the right path; he is true to his name. If I should walk in the valley of darkness no evil would I fear. You are there with your crook and your staff; with these you give me comfort. (R.)

3. You have prepared a banquet for me in the sight of my foes. My head you have anointed with oil; my cup is overflowing. (R.)

4. Surely goodness and kindness shall follow me all the days of my life. In the Lord's own house shall I dwell for ever and ever. (R.)

Ekpere Mmeghe

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

Ihe Ogugu Nke Mbu

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

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

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

Jese kpoputara umu ya ndi nwoke asaa gosi Samuel. Ma Samuel si ya, "Mba! Onyenweanyi ahopotaghi nke obula n'ime ndi a." O juru Jese si, "Umu gi ndi nwoke niile agwula ha?" Jese azaa ya si, "O foduru nke odudu. Ma lee o gara izu aturu." Samuel si ya, "Zie ozi ka a kpoo ya, Anyi agaghi anodu ala iri ihe ruo mgbe o biara." Jese we zie ozi ka a kpoo ya. O bu nwaokorobia mara mma, na-acha ezigbo ocha, nwere mkpuru anya mara mma. Oseburuwa gwa Samuel, "Nke a bu onye ahu. Bilie, tee ya mmanu!" Samuel were mmanu ahu wukwasi Devid, n'ihu umunne ya. Mmuo nke Oseburuwa wee dakwasi Devid, nonyekwara ya bidu n'ubochi ahu gaba.

Okwu nke Oseburuwa.

Abuoma na Aziza: Abu. 23 (Az.1)

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

1. Chineke bu onyenche m o nweghi ihe m ga-acho. O na-eme ka m zuru ike ebe ahinia ndu di. O na-eduga m na mmiri, ebe ahu ka O na-enye m ike. (Az.)

2. O na-edu m n'uzo eziumume; n'ihia aha ya. Oburugodu na m na-aga na ndagwurugwu nke onwu, egwu obula agaghi atu m; i ji mkpara na ngu gi nodebe m, O bu ha na-enye m agbamume. (Az.)

3. I na-akwadoro m nri n'ihu ndiuro m. I teela isi m mmanu, iko m ejula n'onu na-agbofu. (Az.)

4. N'ezie, obioma na ebere ga na-eso m, ubochi ndu m niile. Aga m ebi n'ulo nke Chineke ebebe ebebe!.. (Az.)

Second Reading

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

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

The word of the Lord.

Acclamation! Jn. 8:12

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

Gospel

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

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

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

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

They brought the man who had been blind to the Pharisees. It had been a sabbath day when Jesus made the paste and opened the man's eyes, 34

The Ogugu Nke Abuo

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

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

Okwu nke Oseburuwa.

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 Jon dere (9:1-41)

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

Ha kpugaara ndi Farisii onye ahu kpuburu isi. O bu n'ubochi Sabat ka Jesu gworo aja wee meghee anya nwoke ahu. Ndi Farisii juru ya ozo otu o si huba uzo. O zara ha si, "O tere m aja n'anya, mu saa onwe m, hubakwa uzo." Ufodu

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

However, the Jews would not believe that the man had been blind and had gained his sight, without first sending for his parents and asking them, "Is this man really your son who you say was born blind? If so, how is it that he is now able to see?" His parents answered, "We know he is our son and we know he was born blind, but we don't know how it is that he can see now, or who opened his eyes. He is old enough: let him speak for himself." His parents spoke like this out of fear of the Jews, who had already agreed to expel from the synagogue anyone who should acknowledge Jesus as the Christ. This was why his parents said, "He is old enough; ask him."

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

Jesus heard they had driven him away, and when he found him he said to him, "Do you believe in the Son of Man?" "Sir," the man replied "tell me who he is so that I may believe in him." Jesus said, "You are looking at him; he is speaking to you". The man said, Lord. I believe", and worshipped him. Jesus said: "It is for judgement that I have come into this world, so that those without sight may see and those with sight turn blind". Hearing this, some Pharisees who were

ndi Farisii kwuru si, "Nwoke a esiteghi na Chineke n'ihina o naghị edobe iwu ubochi Sabat." Ndiọzo siri, "Olee otu onye bu onyenjo ga-esi nwee ike iru oruebube di otu a?" Nkewa wee di n'etiti ha. Nke a mere ndi Farisii jukwara onyeisi ahụ ozo si, "Ebe o meghere anya gi, gini ka i na-ekwu banyere ya?" O zara si, "O bu onye amuma.

Ndi Juu ekweghi na nwoke a kpuru isi na-emekwara ka o hu uto ruo mgbe ha kporo ndi muru ya; wee juo ha si, "Onye a o bu nwa unu, onye unu na-asi na o kpuru isi site n'oge a muru ya? Olee kwana otu o si ahuzi uto ugbo a?" Ndi muru ya zara si, "Anyi ma na o bu nwa anyi, na kwa na o kpuru isi site na mgbe a muru ya; ma otu o si ahuzi uto ugbo a anyi amaghi, nke anyi na-ama onye meghere anya ya. Juonu ya. O ghoola dimkpa. O ga-azara onwe ya!" Ndi muru ya kwuru nke a n'ihia egwu ndi Juu, maka ha kwekoritarana na onye obula nke gae kwuputa na o bu Kristi na a ga-achupu ya n'ulonzuko. Nke a mere ndi muru ya ji kwuo si, "Juonu ya, o ghoola dimkpa."

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

Jesu nuru na ha achupula nwoke ahụ n'ulonzuko ndi Juu. Mgbe o huru ya, O juru ya si, "I kwenyerè na Nwa nke mmadu?" O zara ya si, "Kedu onye o bu Nnamukwu, ka m wee kwere na ya?" Jesu siri ya, "I hula ya, O bu ya bu onye na-agwa gi okwu." Nwoke ahụ asi ya, "Onyenwe m ekwere m." O wee kpooro ya isiala. Jesu gwara ya si, "O bu maka ikpe ka m ji bia n' uwa, ka ndi kpuru isi hu uto, ndi na-ahu uto buru ndi kpuru isi. Ufodu ndi Farisii no ya

present said to him, “We are not blind, surely?” Jesus replied: “Blind? If you were, you would not be guilty, but since you say, ‘We see’, your guilt remains.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

Prayer Over The Offering

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

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Communion Antiphon

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

Post-Communion

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

Prayer Over The People

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



Theme: God’s Way and Human Criteria

Proverbs 3: 5-6; Isaiah 55:8-9; 1Cor. 1:25; Matthew 11:25

CCC 158, 272, 302

16 March [Nkwo] 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

A 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

nso nuru nke a wee juo ya si, “Anyi ekpukwuru isi?” Jesu zara si ha, “A si na unu kpuru isi, ikpe omuma agaghi adiri unu, ma ugbu a unu na-asi, ‘Anyi na-ahu uzo,’ ikpe omuma diiri unu.

Ozioma nke Oseburuwa.

Ekpere Nhunye

Onyenweanyi, anyi ji nnukwu onu ehunwere gi aja nke a na-eweta ogwugwo di ebighiebi. Nye anyi amara iji mimio ofufe na irube isi eme emume ya maka nzoputa nke uwa. Site na Kristi Onyenweanyi.

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Ukwe Oriri Nso

Onyenweanyi eteela anya m ude; e jere m sachaa ha, were hu uto, kweré na Chineke.

Ekpere A Natachaa Oriri Nso

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

Ekpere Maka Oha Mmadu

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

Ukwe Mbata

O buru ma m, a tukwasara m obi na Dinwenu. A ga m egori ma nuriya n’ebere gi, n’ihi na i matala mkpagbu m.

Ekpere Mmeghe

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

Ihe Ogugu Nke Mbu

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 obiuto, ma nuriya onu n’ihe m kere, n’ihi ana m eke Jerusalem ka o buru ihe onu, ka ndi no n’ime ya nwee obiafuri. Aga m

'Gladness. I shall 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 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.

añuri na Jerusalem, ma nwee obiuto n'ebe ndi nke in no; a gaghi anu mkpu akwa ozo n'ime ya, mobu akwa ariri. N'ime ya, a gaghi enwekwa umuntakiri ohuru ndi ga-ano abali olemaole, mobu 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-aru 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 zopotala m**

1. Aga m eto gi O Chineke, n'ihina i zopotala m, I kweghi ka ndiiru m merie m. Chineke, I zopotala m n'ala mmuo, Naani m ka i zopotara na ndi dabara n'onu onwu. (Az.)

2. Unu ndi kwudosiriike na Chineke kuoronu 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 añuri nadi.

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 añuri, 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 ndiaghawee nonyere unu.

Ozioma

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

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

Jesu biaruru Kena nke di na Galili ozo, ebe o mere mmiri ka o ghoo mmanya. N'obodo Kapanauum o nwere otu nwoke na-ejere ndi ochichi ozi, onye ahu na-adighi nwa ya. Mgbe o nuru na Jesu esila na Judia bia Galili, o gawkwuru ya, riyo ya ka o bia Kapanauum gwoo nwa ya n'ihina nwa ya no n'onu onwu. Ma Jesu siri ya, "O buru na unu ahughi ihe iribaama na oruebube, unu agaghi ekwe ma oli." Nwoke ahu na-ejere ndi ochichi ozi siri ya, "Nnamukwu, bia ngwa ngwa tupu nwa m anwu." Jesu siri ya, "Laba, nwa gi nwoke ga-adi ndu." Nwoke ahu 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

‘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 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 out, 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.

oge ahu bidoro diwa ya mma. Ha asi ya, “Unyahu, n’elekere mbu nke ehizie ka ahukuru hapuru ya.” Nna nwata ahu wee mata na o bu n’oge elekere ahu. Jesu gwara ya si, “Nwa gi nwoke ga-adi ndu.” N’ihi nke a ya na ezinuulo ya niile wee kwere. Nke a bu oruebube nke abuo nke Jesu ruru mgbe o siri na Judia bia 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, bia 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 ka 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.

17 March [Eke] Tuesday of Lent- Week 4 (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.



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.

Ukwe Mbata

Kwuputanu nzoputa ya ubochi niile. Mee ka uwa niile mara maka otito ya.

Ekpere Mmeghe

O Chineke, onye hooralala Nnukwu Uko-chukwu di aso bu Patirik ka o kwuputa otito gi n’ebe ndi Ailand n’o, mee, site n’elele ezionume ya na aririo ya, ka ndi ahu na-egori iza aha iso uzo Kristi ghara ikwusi ikwusara ohamadu oru giga di itunaanya. Site na Kristi Onyenweanyi.

First Reading

A 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.)

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

Ihe Ogugu Nke Mbu

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

Ogwugwu ihe Nile di nso. Nweenu uche zuru oke, nwekwaanu anya udo, ka unu nwee ike ikpe ekpere. Unu ekwela k'ihunaanya unu nwere n'ebe ibe unu no daa mba, n'ihina ihunaanya na-ekpuchi otutu mimehie. Na-eleritanu ibe unu obia nke oma n'atamughi ntamu. Unu niile n'otu n'otu nataara onyinye amara nke Chineke. Werenu ya jeere ibe unu ozi dika ezi ndi nlekota nke onyinye ahu di icheiche 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'ihe 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, ezinuulo niile di n'uwa, toonu ebube ya na ike ya. Nye Onyenweanyi otito kwesiri aha ya. (Az.)
4. Kwusachaanu n'uwa niile na Onyenweanyi bu eze, o kwuwasiri uwa ike, O ga-eji ikpe nkwumoto kpee mba niile ikpe. (Az.)

Mbeku! Lk 4:17

Dinwenu ezigala m ka mu bugara ndi ogbenye ozioma, ka m kwusaara ndi eji 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 zuko 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-aso 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'ogbummiri wunye ugbo gi maka igbu azu." Ma Saimon zara si, "Nna anyi ukwu, anyi doliri abali niile

caught nothing, but if you say so, I will pay out the nets.' And when they had done this they netted such a huge number of fish that their nets began to tear, so they signalled to their companions in the other boat to come and help them; when these came, they filled the two boats to sinking point.

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

Prayer Over The Offerings

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

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Communion Antiphon

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

Prayer After Communion

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

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.**

n'enwetaghi ihe obula, mana otu I siri kwu, aga m awunye ugbu 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'ugbommiri nke ozo ka ha bia nyere ha aka. Ha biara gbujuo ugbo abuo ahuzi, 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 Dinwenu m." N'ihina o juru Pita na ndi ya na ha so anya ihu otutu azu ndi a ha gbute. Otu a ka o mekwara Jemis na Jon, umu Zebedi ndi ha na Saimon bu ndi nweko. 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

Dinwenu, nara aja nke a di sam nke ndi nke gi sitere n'oru Patrik di aso jiri obi ekele ehunyer ebuhe 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, Dinwenu na-ekwu.

Ekpere A Natachaa Oriri Nso

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

Ngozi Puru Iche

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

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

Ka Mụọ Nso, onye bu isiiyi nke adimnsọ niile, mee ka unu baa uba n'ime ihunaanya nke umu Chineke. **Ohu/. Amen.**

Ka ngozi nke Chukwu ji ike niile, Nna, na Nwa, na Mụọ Nso, dakwasị unu, ma nonyere unu mgbe niile. **Ohu/. Amen.**

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

Entry Antiphon

I pray to you, O Lord, for a time of your favour. In your great mercy, answer me, O God, with your salvation that never fails.

Collect

O God, you reward the merits of the just, and offer pardon sinners who do penance, have mercy, we pray, on those who call upon you, that the admission of our guilt may serve to obtain your pardon for our sins. Through our Lord.

First Reading

A reading from the prophet Isaiah (49:8-15)
Thus says the Lord: At the favourable time I will answer you, on the day of salvation I will help you. I have formed you and have appointed you as covenant of the people. I will restore the land and assign you the estates that lie waste. I will say to the prisoners, 'Come out', to those who are in darkness, 'Show yourselves'. On every roadway they will graze, and each bare height shall be their pasture. They will never hunger or thirst, scorching wind and sun shall never plague them; for he who pities them will lead them and guide them to springs of water. I will make a highway of all the mountains, and the high roads shall be banked up. Some are on their way from afar, others from the north and the west, others from the land of Sinim. Shout for joy, you heavens; exult, you earth! You mountains, break into happy cries! For the Lord consoles his people and takes pity on those who are afflicted. For Zion was saying, 'The Lord has abandoned me, the Lord has forgotten me. Does a woman forget her baby at the breast, or fail to cherish the son of her womb? Yet even if these forget, I will never forget you.

This is the word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm: Ps. 144:8-9.13-14.17-18 (R.v.8)

Response: **The Lord is kind and full of compassion.**

1. The Lord is kind and full of compassion, slow to anger, abounding in love. How good is the Lord to all, compassionate to all his creature. (R.)
2. The Lord is faithful in all his words and loving in all his deeds. The Lord

Ukwe Mbata

Ariọ m gi aririọ, O Onyenweanyi, maka oge amara gi. Were oke ebere gi zaa m, O Chineke, ma wetara m nzọpụta gi na-anaghi agba ụtụ.

Ekpere Mmeghe

O Chineke, I na-akwu ndi eziumume tosi etosi ugwo, ma na-enyekwa ndi njo mere opipia mgbaghara; mee ebere, anyi na-ariọ, n'ebe ndi na-akpoku gi no, ka nkwetara anyi nwere maka akwamuta mmehie anyi, wetara anyi mgbaghara njo anyi ga. Site na Dinwenu anyi.

Ihe Ogugu Nke Mbu

Ihe ogugu e wetara n'onye amuma Aizaya (49:8-15)

Nke a ka Chineke kwuru; mgbe unu kpokuru m, azara m unu; n'oge nzọpụta enyeere m unu aka. Echekwara m unu, were unu mee ogbugbandu mụ na ndi mmadu, enyeghachiri m unu ala ahu, kesaara unu akunụba a gbahapuru agbahapu. O na-agwa ndi no na mkporo. "Putanu" ndi no n'ochichiri "Gosinu onwe unu." Ha ga-eri nri n'okporo uzo. Aga m azu ha nri n'ugwu ebe ahilia na-adighi. Agu mmiri mobu nri agaghi agu ha. Ikuu kporo nku mobu oke anwu agaghi achagbu ha, maka onye ahu nwere ebere n'ebe ha no na-edu ha; O ga-eduga ha n'akuku mmiri. Aga m eme ugwu m niile ha aburu okporo uzo, mee okporo uzo m niile ka ha kwuru chim. Lee, ha si 'ebe di anya na-abia, ufodu si ebe mgbago na ebe odida anyanwu, ndiozo si n'ala Sinim. Eluigwe na ihe niile di n'ime ya nriaru; ugwu niile kweenu ukwe anuri maka na Dinwenu agugula ndi nke ya. O ga-emere ndi nke ya no na nsogbu ebere. Mana Zayon siri, "Oseburuwa agbahapula m, Chineke echefuola m." Nne n' nwere ike ichefu nwa ya na-anu ara, nke na o gaghi enwe obi ebere n'ebe nwa o muru amu no? o burugodi na ha nwere ike ichezo, agaghi m echezo unu. Okwu nke Oseburuwa.

Abuoma na Aziza: Abu. 145:8-9.13-14.17-18 (Az.8)

Aziza: **Onyenweanyi bu onye amara na obi ebere.**

1. Onyenweanyi bu onye amara na onye obi ebere, o naghị ewe iwe osooso, o juputara n'ihunaanya. Onyenweanyi na-egosi mmadu niile obioma ya, ebere nke Onyenweanyi narute ihe niile o kere. (Az.)
2. Onyenweanyi di ntukwasio bi n'okwu ya

supports all who fall and raises all who are bowed down. (R.)

3. The Lord is just in all his ways and loving in all his deeds. He is close to all who call him, who call on him from their hearts. (R.)

Acclamation! Jn. 11:25.26

I am the resurrection and the life, says the Lord, whoever believes in me will never die.

Gospel

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John (5:17-30)

Jesus said to the Jews: 'My Father goes on working, and so do I.' But that only made the Jews even more intent on killing him, because, not content with breaking the sabbath, he spoke of God as his own Father, and so made himself God's equal.

To this accusation Jesus replied: 'I tell you most solemnly, the Son can do nothing by himself; he can do only what he sees the Father doing: and whatever the Father does the Son does too. For the Father loves the Son and shows him everything he does himself, and he will show him even greater things than these, works that will astonish you. Thus, as the Father raises the dead and gives them life, so the Son gives life to anyone he chooses; for the Father judges no one; he has entrusted all judgement to the Son, so that all may honour the Son as they honour the Father. Whoever refuses honour to the Son refuses honour to the Father who sent him. I tell you most solemnly, whoever listens to my words, and believes in the one who sent me, has eternal life; without being brought to judgement he has passed from death to life. I tell you most solemnly, the hour will come - in fact it is here already - when the dead will hear the voice of the Son of God, and all who hear it will live. For the Father, who is the source of life, has made the Son the sources of life; and, because he is the Son of man has appointed him supreme judge. Do not be surprised at this, for the hour is coming when the dead will leave their graves at the sound of his voice: those who did good will rise again to life; and those who did evil, to condemnation. I can do nothing by myself; I can only judge as I am told to judge, and my judging is just, because my aim is to do not my own will, but the will of him who sent me.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

niile, omume ya niile juputara n'obi ebere. Onyenweanyi na-azo ndi na-ada ada, O na-ekulite ndi a kudara n'ala. (Az.)

3. Onyenweanyi di mma n'uzo ya niile, oruaka ya niile na-egosi ihunaanya. Onyenweanyi no ndi niile na-akpoku ya nsò, ndi ji ezi obi na-akpoku ya. (Az.)

Mbeku! Jn. 11:25.26

A bu m mbilite n'onwu na ndu, Onyenweanyi kwuru nke a, onye obula kwere na m o buladi na o nwuru anwu, o ga-adi ndu.

Ozioma

Ihe ogugu nke a si n'Ozioma di aso nke Jon dere (5:17-30)

Jesu gwara ndi Juu si, "Nna m na-arụ ọrụ n'ewepughị aka ruo ugbugu a. Mụ onwè m na-arukwa n'ewepughị aka." Nke a mere ndi Juu ji chosibe ike ụzọ ha ga-esi gbuo Jesu. N'ihina o bughi naani na o na-emebi iwu ubochi izuike, kama o na-ekwukwa na Chineke bu Nna ya, na-emekwa ka ya na Chineke hara.

Jesu gwara ha si: "N'ezie agwa m unu, Nwa apughị ime ihe obula n'onwe ya na-abughị sooso ihe o huru Nna ya na-eme. N'ihina ihe obula Nna na-eme ka Nwa ya na-emekwa. Nna huru Nwa ya n'anya, na-egosikwa ya ihe obula o na-eme. O ga-egosikwa ya oruebube kariri ndi a ka o wee ju unu anya. Dika Nna si akpolite ndi nwuruanwu ma nye ha ndu, otu ahu ka Nwa ya si enye ndi masiri ya ndu. Nna anaghi ekpe onye obula ikpe, kama o werela ike ikpe ikpe niile nye nwa ya. O mere otu a ka mmadu niile na-asopuru Nwa ahu dika ha si asopuru Nna ya. N'ihina onye obula na-adighi asopuru Nwa ahu adighi asopuru Nna ahu zitere ya. Ka m gwa unu eziokwu, onye obula nke nuru okwu m, ma kwenye na onye nke zitere m niwere ndu ebeebe, a gaghị ama ya ikpe, kama o siela n'onwu banye na ndu. N'ezio kwu, oge na-abia, ma oge ahu abiala ugbugu a, mgbe ndi nwuru anwu ga-anu olu Nwa Chineke; ndi nuru ya ga-adikwa ndu. Dika Nna n'onwe ya si buru isiiri nke ndu, otu ahu ka Nwa ya si burukwa isiiri nke ndu. O nyekwara Nwa ya ike ikpe n'ihina o bu Nwa nke mmadu ahu. Nke a atula unu n'anya n'ihina oge na-abia mgbe ndi niile no n'ili ga-anu olu ya, wee si n'ili ha puta. Ndi mere iheoma ga-esi n'onwu bilie di ndu; ndi mere ihe ojo ga-esikwa n'onwu bilie nata amamikpe. "Apughị m ime ihe obula n'ike aka m, otu m si nu, ka m si ekpe ikpe. N'ihina nke a ikpe m ziri ezi, maka na o bughi uche m ka m na-eme, kama o bu uche onye zitere m.

Ozioma nke Oseburuwa.

Prayer Over The Offerings

May the power of this sacrifice, O Lord, we pray, mercifully wipe away what is old in us, and increase in us grace of salvation and newness of life. Through Christ our Lord.

Communion Antiphon

God did not send his Son into the world to judge the world, but that the world might be saved through him.

Prayer After Communion

May your heavenly gifts, O Lord, we pray, which you bestow as a heavenly remedy on your people, not bring judgement to those who receive them. Through Christ our Lord.

Prayer Over The People

May your servants be shielded, O Lord, by the protection of your loving kindness, that, doing what is good in this world, they may reach you, their highest good. Through Christ our Lord.

Ekpere Nhunye

Ka ike aja nke a, O Onyenweanyi, anyi na-ario, were ebere kpochapu ihe di ochie n'ime anyi, ka o bawanye n'ime anyi amara nzoputa na ndu ohuru. Site na Kristi Onyenweanyi.

Ukwe Oriri Nso

Chineke eziteghi Nwa ya n'uwa aka o maa uwa ikpe, kama o bu ka uwasiten'akaya nwetan zoputa.

Ekpere A Natachaa Oriri Nso

Ka onyinye nke eluigwe gi ga, O Onyenweanyi, anyi na-ario, nke i na-ehukwasa ndi nke gi ka enyemaka nke'eluigwe, ghara iwetara ndi na-anata ha amamikpe. Site na Kristi Onyenweanyi.

Ekpere Maka Oha Mmadu

Ka umuodibo gi nweta ogbugbo, O Onyenweanyi, site na nchedo nke mmesooma ihunaanya gi, ka o ga-abu, ha na-eme ihe diga mma n'uwa nke a, ha ewere nwee ike inakwute gi, bu idimma kachasi elu. Site na Kristi Onyenweanyi.

19 March [Afo] Thursday of Lent - Week 4 (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



Ukwe Mbata

Lee, odibo kwesiri ntukwasa obi, Lmaara ihe, onye Dinwenu kwubara ka o lekota ezi na ulo ya anya.

Ekpere Mmeghe

Mee, 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 ahu kwesiri ntukwasiobi. Site na Dinwenu anyi.

The Ogugu Nke Mbu

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

Dinwenu ziri Natan si, "Jee gwa odibo m, bu Devid, na m si, ya, 'O bu gi garuru m ulo ebe m ga-ebi?' Mgbe i nwuru, elie gi ebe e liri nna gi ha, aga m eme ka ofu n'ime umu gi ndi nwoke buru eze. Aga m emekwa ka alaeze ya guzosie ike. Ya onwe

a house for my name; and I will make his royal throne secure for ever. I will be a father to him and he a son to me. Your House and your sovereignty will always stand secure before me and your throne be established for ever.”

The word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm: Ps.88:2-5.27.29. (R.v.37)

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

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

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

3. He will say to me: ‘You are my father, my God, the rock who saves me.’ I will keep my love for him always; with him my covenant shall last. (R.)

Second Reading

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

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.

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.

ya bukwa onye ga-ewuru m ulonso. Aga m emekwa ka ochichi ya di ebebe. Aga m abu nna ya; o ga-abukwa nwa m. Ezinuulo gi na alaeze gi ga-adi ebebe. Aga m akwudosi ocheeze gi ike ebebe.

Okwu nke Oseburuwa.

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

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

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

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

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

The Ogugu Nke Abu

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

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

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

Okwu nke Oseburuwa.

Mbeku! Abu. 84:4

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

Ozioma

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

Jekob mutara Josef di Maria bu nne Jesu, Jonye a na-akpo Kristi.

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.

Otu a ka e siri mụo Jesu Kristi; mgbe ndi ikwunibe kwekoritara na Josef ga-alu Maria nne Jesu, a huru na Maria di ime site na Mmụo Nso tupu ha ebikoo onu. Mana di ya bu Josef, bu onye eziumume, o choghi imenye ya ihere kama o kpebiru ichu ya na nzuzo. Mgbe o natule ihe ndi a n'obi ya, mmuooma nke Onyenweanyi biakwutere ya na nro, si ya, "Josef, nwa Devid, atula egwu ikporo Maria nwunye gi, n'ihina nwa o di ime ya sitere n'ike nke Mmụo Nso. O ga-amu nwa nwoke, i gaga ya Jesu, n'ihina o ga-azoputa ndi nke ya na njo ha niile. Ya mere, mgbe Josef tetara n'ura o mere dika mmuooma nke Onyenweanyi gwara ya, were kporo Maria nwunye ya.

Ozioma nke Oseburuwa.

Ekperé Nhunye

Anyi na-ario, O Onyenweanyi, dika Josef di aso jiri nledoanya di ihunaanya gbaara Otu Nwa I-Muru-Naani-Ya odibo, nke Vejiri 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, banyen'onu nke nna gi ukwu.

Ekpere A Natachaa Oriri Nso

Were nchedo di okpu lutara ha ogu, O Onyenweanyi, anyi na-ario, 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'afooma gi were enyemaka nke eluigwe chekwaba ndi chekwubere n'ebere gi. Site na Kristi Onyenweanyi.

20 March [Nkwo] Friday of Lent - Week 4 (Violet)

Entry Antiphon

O God, save me by your name; by your power, defend my cause. O God, hear my prayer; give ear to the words of my mouth.

Collect

O God, who have prepared fitting helps for us in our weakness, grant, we pray, that we may receive their healing effects with joy and reflect them in a holy way of life. Through our Lord.

First Reading

A reading from the book of Wisdom (2:1.12-22)

The godless say to themselves, with their misguided reasoning: 'Let us lie in wait for the virtuous man, since he annoys us and'

Ukwe Mbata

O Chineke, zoputa m site n'aha gi; were ike gi lutara m ogu. O Chineke, nuru ariri o m; chee nti n'okwu m na-agwa gi.

Ekpere Mmeghe

O Chineke, onye kwadobere maka anyi enyemaka ziri ezi n'adighi ike anyi, mee, anyi na-ario, ka anyi were onu na-anata ike ogwugwo ha ga were na-egosiputa ha na ndu idi aso. Site na Dinwenụ anyi.

Ihe Ogugu Nke Mbu

Ihe ogugu e wetara n'akwukwo Amamihe (2:1.12-22)

Ndi na-amaghi Chineke na-atuhieko echiche n'etiti onwe ha na-asị: Ngwanu ka anyi

opposes our way of life, reproaches us for our breaches of the law and accuses us of playing false to our upbringing. He claims to have knowledge of God, and calls himself a son of the Lord. Before us he stands, a reproof to our way of thinking, the very sight of him weighs our spirit down; his way of life is not like other men's, the paths he treads are unfamiliar. In his opinion we are counterfeit; he holds aloof from our doings as though from filth; and he proclaims the final end of the virtuous as happy and boasts of having God for his father. Let us see if what he says is true, let us observe what kind of end he himself will have. If the virtuous man is God's son, God will take his part and rescue him from the clutches of his enemies. Let us test him with cruelty and with torture, and thus explore this gentleness of his and put his endurance to the proof. Let us condemn him to a shameful death since he will be looked after - we have his word for it. This is the way they reason, but they are misled, their malice makes them blind. They do not know the hidden things of God, they have no hope that holiness will be rewarded, they can see no reward for blameless souls.

This is the word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm: Ps. 33:16.18.19-20.23. (R.v.19)

Response: The Lord is close to the broken-hearted.

1. The Lord turns his face against the wicked to destroy their remembrance from the earth. The just calls and the Lord hears and rescues them in all their distress. (R.)
2. The Lord is close to the broken-hearted; those whose spirit is crushed he will save. Many are the trials of the just man but from them all the Lord will rescue him. (R.)
3. He will keep guard over all his bones, not one of his bones shall be broken. The Lord ransoms the souls of his servants. Those who hide in him shall not be condemned. (R.)

Acclamation! Mt.4:4

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 John (7:1-2.10.25-30)

After this Jesus stayed in Galilee; he could not stay in Judaea, because the Jews were out to kill him.

As the Jewish feast of Tabernacles drew near, after his brothers had left for the festival, 46

cherenu ezigbo mmadu n'ihina o na-akpasu anyi iwe, na-emeigide usoro anyi si ebi ndu, n'ihina anyi na-emebi iwu, na-ata anyi uta na anyi anaghi eso usoro ndu e jiri zuputa anyi. O na-egosi na ya maara Chineke, bia na-akpo oniwe ya nwa nke Onyenweanyi. O kwuchiiri anyi uzo, buru ihe uta n'ebe usoro echiche anyi di. Naani ihu ya anya nia-eme ka obi juo anyi oyi. Ugoro ndu ya adighi ka nke ndiozo. O na-eleda anyi anya dika ihe ruriaru na-asokwa uzo anyi si ebi ndu. O na-akowaputa na njedebe ndu onye ezionume na-abu so anuri; na-etu onu na Chineke bu nna ya. Ka anyi nwakelenu ya mara ma ihe o na-ekwu o bu eziokwu. Ka anyi hu ka njedebe ndu ya ga-adi. O buru na onye ezionume bu nwa nke Chineke n'ezie, Chineke n'onwe ya ga-enyere ya aka, ma zoputa ya n'onya niile nke ndiuru ya. Ka anyi werenu imesi ike na ahuhu nwalee ya, ka anyi choputa nke oma udi umeala ya nke a, ka anyi tinyenu ndidi ya n'ime onwunwa. Ka anyi manu ya ikpe onwu ihere, ebe o bu na o kwuru na a ga-echekwaba ya. Otu a ka ha si eche echiche, kama echiche ha ezighi ezi. Omume ojoo ha mechiri ha anya. Ha enwekwaghi ike imata ihe nzuzo niile nke Chineke mobu hu ugwo diiri ibi ndu di aso. Mobu kwenye na-ugwo mmuo na-enweghi ntupe na-erite.

Okwu nke Oseburuwa.

Abuomana Aziza: Abu.34.16.18.19-20.23. (Az.19)

Aziza: Onyenweanyi na-ano ndi obi loghara elogha nso.

1. Mana Onyenweanyi na-agbaru ihu n'ebe ndi ajoomume no, O na-eme ka a gharu ichetakwa ha n'uwa. Ndi ezionume kpokuru Onyenweanyi, O za ha, wee zoputa ha na nsogbu ha niile. (Az.)
2. Onyenweanyi na-ano ndi obi loghara elogha nso, na-enyere ndi dara mba na mmuo aka. O bu eziokwu na nsogbu onye ezionume kariri akari, mana Onyenweanyi na-esi na ha niile zoputa ya. (Az.)
3. O na-echekwaba okpukpu ya niile; O nweghi nke obula n'ime ha ga-agbaji agbaji. Onyenweanyi na-azoputa ndu ndiodibo ya, ndi niile gbabara na ya agaghi akwu ugwo obula. (Az.)

Mbeku! Mat. 4:4

Obugh nani site na nri ka mmadu si adi ndu, kama site n'okwu obula nke si n'onu Chineke puta.

Ozioma

Ihe ogugu nke a si n'Ozioma di aso nke Jon dere (7:1-2.10.25-30)

Mgbe nke a gachara Jesu gaghariri na Galili. O choghi igaghari na judia n'ihina ndiisi ndi Juu na-acho uzo igbu ya. Emume Tabanakul ndi Juu adila nso.

Mgbe umunne ya jebchara Jerusalem

Jesus went up as well, but quite privately, without drawing attention to himself.

Meanwhile some of the people of Jerusalem were saying, 'Isn't this the man they want to kill? And here he is, speaking freely, and they have nothing to say to him! Can it be true the authorities have made up their minds that he is the Christ? Yet we all know where he comes from, but when the Christ appears no one will know where he comes from.'

Then, as Jesus taught in the Temple, he cried out: 'Yes, you know me and you know where I came from. Yet I have not come of myself; no, there is one who sent me and I really come from him, and you do not know him, but I know him because I have come from him and it was he who sent me.' They would have arrested him then, but because his time had not yet come no one laid a hand on him.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Prayer Over The Offerings

May this sacrifice, Almighty God, cleanse us by its mighty power and lead us to approach its source with ever greater purity. Through Christ our Lord.

Communion Antiphon

In Christ, we have redemption by his Blood, and forgiveness of our sins, in accord with the riches of his grace.

Prayer After Communion

Grant, we pray, O Lord, that, as we pass from old to new, so, with former ways left behind, we may be renewed in holiness of mind. Through Christ our Lord

Prayer Over The People

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

maka Emume ahụ, Jesu n'onwe ya jebekwara. O megħi ka ndi mmadu mara, kama o jebere na nzuzo.

Ufodu n'ime ndi obodo Jerusalem na-aju si, "O'bugħi n'woke a bu onye ha na-acho igbu? Leenu ebe o no na-ekwu okwu n'ihu oha ma o digħi ihe obula ha siri ya. O ga-abu na ndiisi amarala n'ezie na onye a bu Kristi ahụ? Ma otu o di, anyi ma ebe n'woke a si puta, ma mgbe Kristi ga-abia o digħi onye ga-ama ebe o si puta. Jesu wee kwuwaputa, mgbe o na-akuzi nkuzi n'ulonso si: "Unu ma m, marakwa ebe m si puta? Abiagħi m n'ike aka m, onye nke zitere m bu onye eziokwu ahụ, unu amagħi onye o bu, Mu onwe m ma ya, n'ihina esi m na ya bia, O bu ya onwe ya zitere m." Ha choro ijide ya, ma o digħi onye obula meturu ya aka n'ihina oge ya erubegħi.

Ozioma nke Oseburuwa

Ekpere Nhunye

Ka aja nke a, Chineke ji ike niile, sachaa anyi site na ike di ebube ya, were duga anyi ijiwanye obi ocha n'enwegħi uto zute isimmiri ya. Site na Kristi Onyenweanyi.

Ukwe Oriri Nso

N'ime Kristi, anyi enweela mgbaputa site n'obara ya, na mgbaghara mmehie anyi, dika uba amara ya siri diga.

Ekpere A Natachaa Oriri Nso

Mee, anyi na-ario, O Onyenweanyi, ka o ga-abu, anyi na-esi na mmadu ochie aburu mmadu oheru, ka uzọ ochie na-agafe n'azu, anyi ewere gbanwoo n'idiaso nke

Ekpere Maka Oha Mmadu

Lekwasa umuodibo gi anya, O Onyenweanyi, lka i site na afooma gi were enyemaka nke eluigwe chedo ndi tukwasara nchekwube n'ebere gi. Site na Kristi Onyenweanyi.

21 March [Eke] Saturday of Lent - Week 4 (Violet)

Entry Antiphon

The waves of death rose about me; the pains of the netherworld surround me. In my anguish I called to the Lord and from his holy temple he heard my voice.

Collect

May the working of your mercy, O Lord, we pray, direct our hearts aright, for without your grace we cannot find favour in your sight. Through our Lord.

Ukwe Mbata

Uzu nke onwu malitere maka m; mgbu nke alammuo gbara m gburugburu. N'ime aliji m ka m kpokuru Onyenweanyi, o si n'ulo nso ya nuru olu m.

Ekpere Mmeghe

Onyenweanyi, duzie obi anyi n'uzo gi site n'ebere gi; n'ihina ewezuga amara gi, anyi apugħi ime ihe ga-amasi gi. Site na Dinwenu anyi.

First Reading

A reading from the prophet Jeremiah (11:18-20)

The Lord revealed it to me; I was warned. Lord, that was when you opened my eyes to their scheming. I for my part was like a trustful lamb being led to the slaughter-house, not knowing the schemes they were plotting against me. 'Let us destroy the tree in its strength, let us cut him off from the land of the living, so that his name may be quickly forgotten!' But you, Lord of hosts, who pronounce a just sentence, who probe the loins and heart, let me see the vengeance you will take on them, for I have committed my cause to you.

This is the word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm: Ps. 7:2-3,9-12.(R.v.2)

Response: **Lord God, I take refuge in you.**

1. Lord God, I take refuge in you. From my pursuer save me and rescue me, lest he tear me to pieces like a lion and drag me off with no one to rescue me. (R.)
2. Give judgment for me, Lord; I am just and innocent of heart. Put an end to the evil of the wicked! Make the just stand firm, you who test mind and heart, O just God!(R.)
3. God is the shield that protects me, who saves the upright of heart. God is a just judge slow to anger; but he threatens the wicked every day. (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 John (7:40-52)

Several people who had been listening to Jesus said, 'Surely he must be the prophet', and some said, 'He is the Christ', but others said, 'Would the Christ be from Galilee? Does not scripture say that the Christ must be descended from David and come from the town of Bethlehem?' So the people could not agree about him. Some would have like to arrest him, but no one actually laid hands on him.

The police went back to the chief priests and Pharisees who said to them, 'Why haven't you brought him? The police replied, 'There has never been anybody who has spoken like him.' 'So' the Pharisees answered 'you have been led astray as well?'

Ihe Ogugu Nke Mbụ

Ihe ogugu e wetara n'onye amuma Jeremaya (11:18-20)

Dinwenụ mere ka m mara maka onya ha na-ekwere m; nke mere na o gosiri m ihe ojoo niile ha mere. Adi m ka nwaaturu akpụ ąga igbu egbu, mana amaghị m nà ọ bu m ka ha na-agbara izu ojoo na-asi. "Ka anyi mebie osisi ahu na mkpuru ya; ka anyi gbupu ya n'ala ndi di ndu, ka a hapu icheta aha ya ozo." Kama Chineke ji ike niile, onye na-ekpe ikpe ziri ezi, onye na-enyocha uche na obi, mee ka m hu iwe gi n'ebe ha no, maka na ọ bu na gi ka m tukwasara obi m.

Okwu nke Oseburuwa.

Abụoma na Aziza: Abụ.7:1-2,8-12.(Az.1)

Aziza: **Onyenweanyi na Chineke m, ana m agbaba na nchedo gi.**

1. Onyenweanyi na Chineke m, ana m agbaba na nchedo gi. Zoputa m n'aka ndi na-esogbu m, I meghi otu a, ha ga-adogbu m dika agu, dorichaa m ebe o nweghi onye ga-azoputa m.(Az.)
2. Kpee m ikpe Onyenweanyi, dika eziumume m na ugwu m si di. Bibie ajo echiche ndi ajo mmadu niile. Mee ka onye eziokwu kwusie ike, ngi Chineke nke ikpe nkhumoto, onye nanyocha ime mmuo na mkpurujobi. (Az.)
3. Chineke bu ota nke na-echedo m, o na-ehekwa ndi obi ha kwu oto. Chineke bu onye ikpe nkhumoto; O naghị ewe iwe osooso. Mana o bu Chineke na ewesara ndi niile juru ncheghari iwe mgbe obula. (Az.)

Mbeku Lk.8:15

Ngozi diiri ndi nuru okwu Chineke, were ikwesi ntukwasiohi na obi di mma jidesie ya ike, werekwa ndidi miputa mkpuru.

Ozioma

Ihe ogugu nke a si n'Ozioma di aso nke Jon dere(7:40-52)

Otu ndi mmadu nuru okwu Jesu kwuru, siri, "Onye a bu onye amuma ahu n'ezie." Ndi ozo siri "Onye a bu Kristi ahu." Ma ufodu juru si, "Kristi ahu o ga-esi na Galili puta? O bu na Akwukwo Nso ekwughị na Kristi ga-esi n'agburu Devid puta; na o ga-esi na Betlehem bu onumara Devid?" Nke a mere nkewa jiri daputa n'etiti ndi mmadu banyere ya. Ufodu choro ijide ya, ma o nweghi onye obula meturu ya aka.

Ndi nche laghachikwuuru ndiisi nchujaja na ndi Farisii, ndi juru ha si, "Gini mere unu akputaghi ya?" Ndi nche ahu zara ha si, "O dibeghi onye kwuru okwu di ka nwoke a!" Ndi Farisii ahu juru ha si, "E duhiekwuola

Have any of the authorities believed in him? Any of the Pharisees? This rabble knows nothing about the Law - they are damned.' One of them, Nicodemus - the same man who had come to Jesus earlier - said to them, 'But surely the Law does not allow us to pass judgement on a man without giving him a hearing and discovering what he is about?' To this they answered, 'Are you a Galilean too? Go into the matter, and see for yourself: prophets do not come out of Galilee.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Prayer Over The Offerings

Be pleased, O Lord, we pray, with these oblations you receive from our hands, and, even when our wills are defiant, constrain them mercifully to turn to you. Through Christ our Lord.

Communion Antiphon

By the precious blood of Christ, the blood of a spotless and unblemished Lamb, we have been redeemed.

Prayer After Communion

May your holy gifts purify us, O Lord, we pray, and by their working render us fully pleasing to you. Through Christ our Lord.

Prayer Over The People

Look upon your people, O Lord, and, as they draw near to the coming festivities, bestow them abundance of the heavenly grace, that helped by the consolations of this world, they may be impelled more readily towards higher goods that cannot be seen. Through Christ our Lord.

unu onwe unu uzo? O dila onye obula n'ime ndiisi mobu n'ime ndi Farisiu kwere na ya? Mana igwe mmadu a bu ndi na-amaghi iwu bu ndi a buru onu." Nikodemus, otu onye n'ime ha bu onye biakwutere Jesu na mbu gwara ha si, "Iwu anyi o na-ama mmadu ikpe n'ebughi uzo nu olu ya wee mata ihe o mere?" Ha zaghachiri ya si, "I bukwu onye Galili? Nyochaa Akwukwo Nso, i ga-achoputa na o nweghi onye amuma ga-esi na Galili puta.

Ozioma nke Oseburuwa.

Ekpere Nhunye

Onyenweanyi, ka onyinye anyi na-erunyere gi kpalite ebere gi n'ebe anyi no; mee ka obi anyi kpochiri akpochi malite ihu gi n'anya. Site na Kristi Onyenweanyi.

Ukwe Oriri Nso

Ejirila obara Kristi gbaputa anyi, Edika nke nwaaturu na-ebughi ntupe.

Ekpere A Natachaa Oriri Nso

Ka sakramenti a anyi natara, O Onyenweanyi, sachaa obi anyi, site na ire ha di mee ka anyi dizuere gi mma. Site na Kristi Onyenweanyi.

Ekpere Maka Oha Mmadu

Lekwasa ndi nke gi anya, O Onyenweanyi, ka ha na-akpudebe nso n'oriri na-abia abia, hukwasa ha uba amara eluigwe, ka o ga-abu ha na-enweta enyemaka nkasiobi nke uwa a, ha adi njikere inweta idimma di elu nke adighi ahụ anya. Site na Kristi Onyenweanyi.

5TH SUNDAY OF LENT (A) 22 March 2023 [Orie] (Violet)

Office: Week 1

The three readings centre on the new life that God provides for His people. The First Reading presents God's promise of life beyond the grave, marked by restoration of Israel and enlightenment. In the Gospel, Jesus uses the raising of Lazarus from the dead to declare that he is the resurrection and life-giving Lord to transform death. Reminding Christians of the Spirit of God and author of life dwelling in them, St Paul charges them to be spiritual and life-giving. The Responsorial Psalm ascribes the privilege of new life to the mercy God who forgives and does not mark men's guilt.

Entry Antiphon

Give me justice, O God, and plead my cause against a nation that is faithless. From the deceitful and cunning rescue me, for you, O God, are my strength.

Collect

By your help, we beseech you, Lord our God, may we walk eagerly in that same charity with which, out of love for the world, your Son handed himself over to death. Through our Lord.

Ukwe Mbata

Chineke m, kpeziere m ikpe; gbatarara m oso ogu n'ebe ndi ojoo no. Zoputa m n'aka onye aruru ala na onye aghughu n'ihu na Gi bu Chukwu m na ike m.

Ekpere Mmeghe

Dinwenụ Chineke anyi, Nwa Gi huru uwa n'anya nke ukwu nke na O weere onwe Ya nye n'onwu iji gbaputa uwa. Biko, nyere anyi aka ka anyi were udi ihunaanya ahụ na-aga njem anyi n'ụwa a. Site na Dinwenụ anyi.

First Reading

A reading from the prophet Ezekiel (37:12-14)

The Lord says this: I am now going to open your graves; I mean to raise you from your graves, my people, and lead you back to the soil of Israel. And you will know that I am the Lord, when I open your graves and raise you from your graves, my people. And I shall put my spirit in you, and you will live, and I shall resettle you on your own soil; and you will know that I, the Lord, have said and done this - it is the Lord God who speaks.

The word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm. Ps. 129. (R.v.7)

Response: **With the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption.**

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

Second Reading

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans (8:8-11)

People who are interested only in unspiritual things can never be pleasing to God. Your interests, however, are not in the unspiritual, but in the spiritual, since the Spirit of God has made his home in you. In fact, unless you possessed the Spirit of Christ you would not belong to him. Though your body may be dead it is because of sin, but if Christ is in you then your spirit is life itself because you have been justified; and if the spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, then he who raised Jesus from the dead will give life to your own mortal bodies through his Spirit living in you.

The word of the Lord.

Acclamation! Jn 11:25.26

I am the resurrection and the life, says the Lord; whoever believes in me will never die.

The Ogugu Nke Mbu

Ihe ogugu e wetara n'onye amuma Izikel (37:12-14)

Oseburuwa Chineke kwuru: Lee ana m aga imepe ili unu ma site n'ime ya kpoputa unu, unu ndi nke m, aga m edula unu n'ala nke Izrel. Unu ga-amatakwa na m bu Dinwenu mgbe m mepere ili unu ma kpoputa unu site n'ime ya, unu ndi nke m. Aga m etinye mmuo m n'ime unu, unu ga-adikwa ndu, a ga edote unu n'ala nke aka unu, mgbe ahụ unu ga-amata na m bu Dinwenu ekwuola ma meekwa nke a, o bu Dinwenu na-ekwu.

Okwu nke Oseburuwa.

Abuoma na Aziza: Abu. 130 (Az.7)

Aziza: **N'ihina ihunaanya Onyenweanyi di okpu, n'ime ya ka nnukwu nzoputa di.**

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

The Ogugu Nke Abu

Ihe ogugu e wetara n'akwukwozi Pol di aso degaara ndi Rom (8:8-11)

Ndi na-erubere anuahụ ha isi apughị ime ihe na-amasi Chineke. Ma otu o di, unu onwe unu anaghị ebizi ndu n'usoro nke anuahụ, kama unu na-ebi n'usoro nke Mmuo Nso n'ihina Mmuo Nso nke Chineke bi n'ime unu. Onye obula na-enweghi mmuo nke Chineke abughị nke ya. O buru na Kristi bi n'ime unu, o bu eziokwu na anuahụ nwuru anwu n'ihina njo, mana mmuo unu di ndu n'ihina a guola unu na ndi ezio mume. O buru na mmuo nke Chineke onye mere ka Kristi si n'onwu bilie biri n'ime unu, onye ahụ mere ka Kristi si n'onwu bilie ga-enye ahụ unu ndu site na Mmuo Nso nke bi n'ime unu. Okwu nke Oseburuwa.

Mbeku! Jon.11:25.26

Abụ m mbilite n'onwu na ndu, onye obula kwere na M agaghị anwu anwu.

Gospel

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John (11:1-45)

There was a man named Lazarus who lived in the village of Bethany with the two sisters, Mary and Martha, and he was ill. It was the same Mary, the sister of the sick man Lazarus, who anointed the Lord with ointment and wiped his feet with her hair. The sisters sent this message to Jesus, "Lord, the man you love is ill". On receiving the message, Jesus said, "This sickness will end, not in death but in God's glory, and through it the Son of God will be glorified".

Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus; yet when he heard that Lazarus was ill he stayed where he was for two more days before saying to the disciples, "Let us go to Judea." The disciples said, "Rabbi, it is not long since the Jews wanted to stone you; are you going back again?" Jesus replied: "Are there not twelve hours in the day? A man can walk in the daytime without stumbling because he has the light of this world to see by; but if he walks at night he stumbles, because there is no light to guide him."

He said that and then added, "Our friend Lazarus is resting, I am going to wake him". The disciples said to him, "Lord, if he is able to rest he is sure to get better". The phrase Jesus used referred to the death of Lazarus, but they thought that by "rest" he meant "sleep", so Jesus put it plainly, "Lazarus is dead; and for your sake I am glad I was not there because now you will believe. But let us go to him." Then Thomas - known as the Twin - said to the other disciples, "Let us go too, and die with him".

On arriving, Jesus found that Lazarus had been in the tomb for four days already. Bethany is only about two miles from Jerusalem, and many Jews had come to Martha and Mary to sympathise with them over their brother. When Martha heard that Jesus had come she went to meet him. Mary remained sitting in the house. Martha said to Jesus, "If you had been here, my brother would not have died, but I know that, even now, whatever you ask of God, he will grant you". "Your brother" said Jesus to her "will rise again". Martha said, "I know he will rise again at the resurrection on the last day". Jesus said: "I am the resurrection. If anyone believes in me, even though he dies he will live, and whoever lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?" "Yes, Lord," she said "I believe that you are the Christ, the Son

Ozioma

Ihe ogugu nke a si n'Ozioma di aso nke Jon dere (11:1-45)

Mgbe ahu, ahu adighi otu nwoke a na-akpo Lazaros, onye Betani nke bu obodo Meri na Mata nwanne ya. O bu Meri bu onye ahu tere Onyenweanyi nmanu, werekwa ntutuisi ya hichaa ukwu ya, ka nwanne ya Lazuros dara n'oria. Nke a mere umunne ya nwaanyi ndi a jiri zigara Jesu ozi, si ya, "Onyenweanyi, onye ahu nke i huru n'anya no n'oria." Mgbe Jesu nuru ya, o si, "Oria nke a, abughi nke onwu, kama o bu maka otito nke Chineke, ka e wee nwee ike too Nwa nke Chineke, site na ya.

Jesu huru Mata na nwanne ya nwaanyi na Lazuros n'anya. Mgbe o nuru na Lazuros no n'oria, o nokwuru mkpuru ubochi abuo n'ebe o no. Ka nke a gachara, o siri nidi na-eso uzo ya, "Ka anyi gaanu Judia ozo. Ha gwara ya si, "Rabai (onyenkuzi) o tebeghi aka ndi Juu jiri choo itu gi okwute, i na-ejekwa ebe ahu ozo?" Jesu azaa si, "O bu na o bughi elekere iri na abuo di n'oge chi ka di?" Onye obula na-agaghari n'ehihe anaghi akpobi ukwu n'ihina o ji the nke uwa a ahu uzo. Ma onye obula na-agaghari n'abali na-akpobi ukwu n'ihina ihe adighi n'ime ya." Mgbe Jesu kwuchara ihe ndi a, O siri ndi na-eso uzo ya, "Enyi anyi Lazuros na-arahu ura. Ana m eje ikpote ya n'ura." Ndi na-eso uzo ya zara ya si, "Onyenweanyi o buru na o di n'ura, o ga-eteta." Mgbe Jesu kwuru banyere onwu Lazuros, ndi na-eso uzo ya chere na o na-ekwu banyere izu ike nke ura. Jesu agwa ha hoocha si, "Lazuros anwuola.

Ma n'ihini unu ana m anuri onu na anoghi m n'ebe ahu mgbe o nwuru, ka unu wee kwere. Ngwa, ka anyi jekwurunu ya." Tomos onye a na-akpo ejima gwara ndi na-eso uzo ibe ya si, "Ngwanu ka anyi sorokwa gaa, ka anyi nwee ike iso ya nwuo."

Mgbe Jesu biarutere, O choputara na ozu Lazuros anoola mkpuru ubochi ano n'ime ili. Betani di Jerusalem nso, ihe dika mail abuo. Otutu ndi Juu biara ka ha kasie Mata na Meri obi maka onwu nwanne ha nwoke. Mgbe Mata nuru na Jesu na-abia, o gara zute ya, ma Meri noduru n'ulo. Mata gwara Jesu si, Onyenweanyi, o buru na i no n'ebe a, nwanne m nwoke akaraghi inwu. O buladi ugbu a, ama m na Chineke ga-enye gi ihe obula i rioro site n'aka ya. Jesu gwara ya si, "Nwanne gi nwoke ga-ebili ozo." Mata aza si ya, "A ma m na o ga-ebili ozo na mbilite n'onwu n'ubochi ikpeazu." Jesu wee si ya, "Abu m mbilite n'onwu na ndu, onye obula kwere na m o buladi na o nwuru anwu, o ga-adi ndu. Ma onye obula nke di ndu, kwerekwa na m, agaghi anwu ma oli. I kwere nke a?" O zara Jesu

of God, the one who was to come into this world.”

When she had said this, she went and called her sister Mary, saying in a low voice, “The Master is here and wants to see you”. Hearing this, Mary got up quickly and went to him. Jesus had not yet come into the village; he was still at the place where Martha had met him. When the Jews who were in the house sympathising with Mary saw her get up so quickly and go out, they followed her, thinking that she was going to the tomb to weep there.

Mary went to Jesus, and as soon as she saw him she threw herself at his feet, saying, “Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died.” At the sight of her tears, and those of the Jews who followed her, Jesus said in great distress, with a sigh that came straight from the heart, “Where have you put him?” They said, “Lord, come and see”. Jesus wept; and the Jews said, “See how much he loved him!” But there were some who remarked, “He opened the eyes of the blind man, could he not have prevented this man’s death?” Still sighing, Jesus reached the tomb: it was a cave with a stone to close the opening. Jesus said, “Take the stone away”. Martha said to him, “Lord, by now he will smell; this is the fourth day”. Jesus replied, “Have I not told you that if you believe you will see the glory of God?” So they took away the stone. Then Jesus lifted up his eyes and said: “Father, I thank you for hearing my prayer. I knew indeed that you always hear me, but I speak for the sake of all these who stand round me, so that they may believe it was you who sent me.”

When he had said this, he cried in a loud voice, “Lazarus, here! Come out!” The dead man came out, his feet and hands bound with bands of stuff and a cloth round his face. Jesus said to them, “Unbind him, let him go free”.

Many of the Jews who had come to visit Mary and had seen what he did, believed in him.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Prayer Over The Offerings

Hear us, almighty God, and, having instilled in your servants the teachings of the Christian faith, graciously purify them by the working of this sacrifice. Through Christ our Lord.

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Communion Antiphon

Everyone who lives and believes in **E**me will not die for ever, says the Lord.

si, “Ee, Onyenweanyi, ekwere m na i bu Kristi ahu, Nwa Chineke, onye nke ga-abia n’ime uwa.”

Mgbe Mata kwuchara nke a, o gara kpoo nwanne ya nwaanyi bu Meri jiri nwayo si ya, “Onyenkuzi no ebe a, O na-akpo gi.” Mgbe Meri nuru ya, o biliri osiso gakwuru Jesu. Jesu abjarubeghi n’ onumara ahu, kama o ka no n’ ebe Mata zuterè ya. Mgbe ndi Juu ndi ha na Meri no n’ulo, ndi na-akasikwa ya obi huru ka Meri biliri ngwa ngwa puo, ha sochiri ya n’azu, n’ihina ha chere na o na-aga n’ili ebe akwa n’ ebe ahu. Mgbe Meri biaruru n’ ebe Jesu no, wee hu ya, O dara n’ukwu Jesu, si ya; “Onyenwe m, O buru na i no n’ ebe a, nwanne m nwoke akaraghi inwu.” Mgbe Jesu huru Meri ka o na-ebe akwa, na mgbe o hukwara ndi Juu so ya ka ha na-ebe akwa, o meturu ya n’obi, wutekwa ya nke ukwu. O juru ha si, “Olee ebe unu liri ya?” Ha asi ya, “Onyenwe m bia ka i hu.” Jesu ebee akwa. Nke a mere ndi Juu ji kwuo si, “Leenu otu o si hu ya n’anya.” Ufodu n’ime ha kwuru si, “O bu na onye a megheere anya ndi kpuru isi, apughi ime ka nwoke a ghara inwu?”

Ka o meturu Jesu ozo n’obi, O biaruru n’ili ahu. O bu ogba nke e ji nkume mechie onu ya. Jesu asi, “Bupunu nkume ahu.” Ma Mata nwanne nwaanyi onye ahu nwuru anwu asi, “Onyenwe m o ga na-esi isi ugbu a, n’ihina o nwuru kambe mkpuru ubochi ano.” Jesu asi ya, “O bu na agwaghi m gi na o buru na i kwere i ga-ahu ebube nke Chineke?” Ha bupuru nkume ahu. Jesu wee welie anya elu si, “Nna, ana m ekele gi n’ihina i nuru olu m. Ama m na i na-anu olu m mgbe niile, ma n’ihi igwe mmadu ndi kwu n’ ebe a ka m ji ekwu nke a, ka ha mara na o bu gi zitere m.”

Mgbe o kwuchara nke a, o were oke olu tie mkpu si, “Lazuro, puta! Onye ahu nwuru anwu putara. E jiri akwaozu kee ya ukwu na aka werekwa akwa ichafu kechie ya ihu. Jesu asi ha, “topunu ya ka o laa.”

Mgbe otutu ndi Juu so Meri bia n’ili ebe ahu huru ihe Jesu mere, ha kwenyere na ya. Ozioma nke Oseburuwa.

Ekpere Nhunye

Onyenweanyi, Nna ji ike niile, I nyela anyi amamihe ndi otu Kristi. Biko, chee nti, nuru ekpere anyi bu ndi ezi na ulo Gi ji akpoku Gi. Mee ka aja nke a anyi na-achunyerè Gi wetara anyi idi mma n’ihu Gi. Site na Kristi Dinwenụ anyi.

Ukwe Oriri Nso

Onye obula bi n’ime m ma kwerekwa na m agaghi anwu ebebe ebebe, Dinwenụ na-ekwu.

Prayer After Communion

We pray, almighty God, that we may always be counted among the members of Christ, in whose Body and Blood we have communion. Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

Prayer Over The People

Bless, O Lord, your people, who long for the gift of your mercy, and grant that what, at your prompting, they desire, they may receive by your generous gift. Through Christ our Lord.



23 March [Afo] Monday of Lent - Week 5 (Violet)

St. Turibius of Mongrovejo, Bishop (Opt. Comm.)

Entry Antiphon

Have mercy on me, O God, for people Hassail me; they fight me all day long and oppress me.

Collect

O God, by whose wondrous grace we are enriched with every blessing, grant us so to pass from former ways to newness of life, that we may be made ready for the glory of the heavenly Kingdom. Through our Lord.

First Reading

A reading from the prophet Daniel (13:41-62)

Susanna was condemned to death. She cried out as loud as she could, 'Eternal God, you know all secrets and everything before it happens; you know that they have given false evidence against me. And now have I to die, innocent as I am of everything their malice has invented against me?'

The Lord heard her cry and, as she was being led away to die, he roused the holy spirit residing in a young boy named Daniel who began to shout, 'I am innocent of this woman's death!' At which all the people turned to him and asked, 'What do you mean by these words?' Standing in the middle of the crowd he replied, 'Are you so stupid, sons of Israel, as to condemn a daughter of Israel unheard, and without troubling to find out the truth? Go back to the scene of the trial: these men have given false evidence against her.'

All the people hurried back, and the elders said to Daniel, 'Come and sit with us and tell us what you mean, since God has

Ekpere ANatachaa Oriri Nso

Chineke Nna ji ike niile, I nyela anyi ahu na obara Nwa Gi n'oriri nso. Biko, anyi nario, meekwa ka a gunye anyi n'akuku ahu Kristi ahu mgbe niile, site na Kristi Onyenweanyi.

Ekpere Maka Oha Mmadu

Gozie ndi nke gi, O Onyenweanyi, ndi na-acho onyinye ebere gi, mee ka ihe ndi ha na-achoga site na ntuziaka gi, ka ha nweta ha site n'onyinye ihunaanya gi. Site na Kristi Onyenweanyi.

Film Show on

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Ukwe Mbata

Meere m ebere, Chineke, mgbe ndi Mmadu na-ebuso m agha, ubochi niile ha na-ebu agha megide m.

Ekpere Mbido

O Chineke, onye anyi sitere n'amara ya di itunaanya were baa uba ngozi niile, mee ka anyi site n' uzo ochiega gafete na ndu ohuru, ka e were mee anyi idi njikere maka otito nke Alaeze eluigwe. Site na Dinwenụ anyi.

The Ogugu Nke Mbu

Ihe ogugu e wetara n'akwukwo onye amuma Daniel (13:41-62)

A mara Suzana ikpe onwu. Suzana tiri mkpu, tisie ike, si, "O Chineke di ebebe, o nweghi ihe zoro ezo n'ebe i no. Gi onwe gi maara ihe niile tupu ha emee. I maara na ndi nwoke a gbara ama ugha gbagide m. Lee, ugbu a, ana m eje inwu, mana aka m di ocha. O nweghi nke m mere n' ihe ojoo niile a ndi a kwuru kwugide m."

Chineke nuru olu ya. Ka a na-edupu ya ka e gbuo, Chineke kpalitere mmuo nso di n'ime otu nwokorobia a na-akpo Daniel. O wee tie oke mkpu si, "Aka m adighikwa n'obara nwaanyi a."

Ka o kwuru nke a, mmadu niile tughariri n'ebe o no si, "Kedu ihe okwu ndi a i na-ekwu putara?" O kwuru n'etiti ha si, "Unu o buzi ndi nzuzu nke otu a, umu Izrel? Kedukwanu ka unu si maa nwaada Izrel ikpe onwu 'enyochaghi enyocha choputa ihe mere eme? Laghachinu azu ebe a noro kpee ikpe. Maka na ndi nwoke a agbaala ama asi gbagide nwaanyi a."

Igwe mmadu laghachiri azu osooso. Ndi okenyee wee gwa Daniel si, "Bia nodu ala n'etiti

given you the gifts that elders have.’ Daniel said, ‘Keep the men well apart from each other for I want to question them.’ When the men had been separated, Daniel had one of them brought to him. ‘You have grown old in wickedness,’ he said, ‘and now the sins of your earlier days have overtaken you, you with your unjust judgements, your condemnation of the innocent, your acquittal of guilty men, when the Lord has said, “You must not put the innocent and the just to death.” Now then, since you saw her so clearly, tell me what tree you saw them lying under?’ He replied, ‘Under a mastic tree.’ Daniel said, ‘True enough! Your lie recoils on your own head: the angel of God has already received your sentence from him and will slash you in half.’ He dismissed the man, ordered the other to be brought and said to him, ‘Spawn of Canaan, not of Judah, beauty has seduced you, lust has led your heart astray! This is how you have been behaving with the daughters of Israel and they were too frightened to resist; but here is a daughter of Judah who could not stomach your wickedness! Now then, tell me what tree you surprised them under?’ He replied, ‘Under a holm oak.’ Daniel said, ‘True enough! Your lie recoils on your own head: the angel of God is waiting, with a sword to drive home and split you, and destroy the pair of you.’

Then the whole assembly shouted, blessing God, the saviour of those who trust in him. And they turned on the two elders whom Daniel had convicted of false evidence out of their own mouths. As prescribed in the Law of Moses, they sentenced them to the same punishment as they had intended to inflict on their neighbour. They put them to death; the life of an innocent woman was spared that day.

This is the word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm: Ps. 22. (R.v.4)

Response: **If I should walk in the valley of darkness no evil would I fear, for you are there.**

1. The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want. Fresh and green are the pastures where he gives me repose. Near restful waters he leads me, to revive my drooping spirit. (R.)

2. He guides me along the right path; he is true to his name. If I should walk in the valley of darkness no evil would I fear. You are there with you crook and your staff; with these you give me comfort. (R.)

anyi kowaara anyi isi okwu gi, ebe o bu na Chineke enyela gi onyinye ndi okenye.” Daniel wee kwuo si, “Kewaanu ndi okenye abuo a, dobe ha ebe di icheiche di anyi, ka m nyocha ha n’otu n’otu.”

Mgbe e kewara ha, Daniel kporo otu n’ime ha, si ya, “Ginwa, i noola na njo mee okenye, mana ugbu a, ajo ndu gi gara aga eribidola gi: ikpe ezighi ezi i na-ekpe, ndi eziomume i na-ama ikpe, ndikpe mara i na-ahapu ka ha laba n’udo, n’agbanjeghi na Onyenweanyi kwuru si, ‘E gbukwala onye aka ya di ocha na onye eziomume’. Ngwa, o bu ru ezie na i huru nwaanyi a, gwa m: kedu udi osisi ha dinara n’okpuru ya wee na-amaku onwe ha oge i huru ha?’ O zara ya si, “N’okpuru osisi mastik”. Daniel wee si ya, o di mma, i siala asi sigide onwe gi. Lee mmuoozi nke Chineke anatala ozi ikpe omuma gi n’aka, Chineke, ya bu mmuoozi ga-egbuwa gi abuo.”

O kporuru ya n’akuku, wee gwa ha ka a kpobata onye nke ozo ngwangwa. Daniel gwara onye okaikpe nke a si, “Nwa Kanan ka i bu, i bughi nwa Juda; mma ahu eduhiela gi uzo; oke aguu nke anuah eziela gi obi. Otu a ka unu abuo si eme umunwaanyi Izrel, ma ujo ekweghi ha si unu mba, ma lee nwaanyi Juda a anabataghi ajoomume unu. Ngwa; gwa m: olee udi osisi ha no n’okpuru ya na-amaku onwe ha mgbe i jidere ha?” O wee zaa, “n’okpuru osisi ook.” Daniel gwara ya si, “o di mma! Gi onwe gi asiala asi sigide onwe gi. Lee mmuoozi nke Chineke ka o na-eche, jiri mmagha o ga-eji kwobie gi abuo, laa unu abuo n’iyi.” Ndi nzuko ahu niile weeré oke olu tie mkpu tobe Chineke onye na-azoputa ndi tukwasara obi ha na ya. Ha wee bilie jide ndi okenye abuo ahu n’ihina Daniel esila n’onu ha choputa na ha agbaala ama asi. Ha mere ndi okenye a ihe ojoo ahu ha onwe ha kwadoro ime mmadu ibe ha. Dika iwu Mosis si kwu, ha gburu ha. Otu a ka e siri zoputa n’ubochi ahu, ndu nwaanyi enweghi ajo ihe o mere.

Okwu nke Oseburuwa.

Abuoma na Aziza: Abu. 23. (Az.4)

Aziza: **Oburugodu na m na-aga na ndagwurugwu nke onwu, egwu obula agaghi atu m n’ihina Chineke nonyeere mu.**

1. Chineke bu onyenche m o nweghi ihe m ga-achọ. O na-eme ka m zuru ike ebe ahihia ndu di. O na-eduga m na mmiri, ebe ahu ka O na-enye m ike. (Az.)

2. O na-edu m n’uzo eziomume; n’ihi aha ya. Oburugodu na m na-aga na ndagwurugwu nke onwu, egwu obula agaghi atu m; i ji mkpara na ngu gi nodebe m, O bu ha na-enye agbamume. (Az.)

3. You have prepared a banquet for me in the sight of my foes. My head you have anointed with oil; my cup is overflowing. (R.)

4. Surely goodness and kindness shall follow me all the days of my life. In the Lord's own house shall I dwell for ever and ever. (R.)

Gospel

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John (8:1-11)

Jesus went to the Mount of Olives. At daybreak he appeared in the Temple again; and as all the people came to him, he sat down and began to teach them.

The scribes and Pharisees brought a woman along who had been caught committing adultery; and making her stand there in full view of everybody, they said to Jesus, "Master, this woman was caught in the very act of committing adultery, and Moses has ordered us in the Law to condemn women like this to death by stoning. What have you to say?" They asked him this as a test, looking for something to use against him. But Jesus bent down and started writing on the ground with the finger. As they persisted with their question, he looked up and said, "If there is one of you who has not sinned, let him be the first to throw a stone at her." Then he bent down and wrote on the ground again. When they heard this they went away one by one, beginning with the eldest, until Jesus was left alone with the woman, who remained standing there. He looked up and said, "Woman, where are they? Has no one condemned you?" "No one, sir," she replied. "Neither do I condemn you", said Jesus "go away, and don't sin any more."

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Prayer Over The Offerings

Grant, we pray, O Lord, that preparing to celebrate the holy mysteries, we may bring before you as the fruit of bodily penance, a joyful purity of heart. Through Christ our Lord.

Communion Antiphon

Has no one condemned you, woman? No one, Lord. Neither shall I condemn you. From now on, sin no more.

Prayer After Communion

Strengthened by the blessing of your Sacraments, we pray, O Lord, that through them we may constantly be cleansed of our faults and, by following Christ, hasten our steps upward towards you. Through Christ our Lord.

3. I na-akwadoro m nri n'ihu ndiiri m. I teela isi m mmanu, iko m ejula n'onu na-agbofu. (Az.)

4. N'ezie, obioma na ebere ga na-eso m, ubochi ndu m niile. Aga m ebi n'ulo nke Chineke ebebe ebebe!. (Az.)

Ozioma

Ihe ogugu nke a si n'Ozioma di aso nke Jon dere (8:1-11)

Jesu gabara n'ugwu Oliv, n'isi ututu O biakwara ozo n'ulonso. Mmadu niile biakwutere ya, o nodu ala kuziere ha ihe. Ndi odeakwukwo na ndi Farisii kputara otu nwaanyi e jidere ebe o na-akwa iko, kwuba ya oto n'etiti mmadu niile. Ha siri ya, "Onyenkuzi, e jidere nwaanyi a ebe o na-akwa iko. Iwu Mosis nyere anyi ikike ka e were okwute tugbuo onye mere ihe di otu a. Kedu ihe i kwuru maka nwaanyi a?" Ha kwuru nke a iji nwalee ya, iji nweta ihe ha gaeji bo ya ebubo. Jesu hulatarala ala, were mkpisiaka ya debe ihe n'ala. Ka ha nogidere na-aju ya ajuju, Jesu hulitere gwa ha si, "Onye obula n'ime unu nke na-emehebeghi mbu buru uzo tuo nwaanyi a okwute." O hulatakware ozo, were mkpisiaka ya debe ihe n'ala. Mgbe ha nuru nke a, ha niile malitere puba n'otu n'otu, bido na ndi kacha okenye. Ha hapuziri Jesu na nwaanyi ahu kwu n'ihu ya. Jesu welitere anya elu juo ya si, "Nwaanyi, olee ebe ha no? O bu na o nweghi onye mara gi ikpe?" Nwaanyi ahu zara si ya, "O dighi onye obula Onyenweanyi." Jesu wee si, "Mu onwe m amaghikwa gi ikpe, gaba, emekwala njo ozo."

Ozioma nke Oseburuwa.

Ekpere Nhunye

Mee, anyi na-ario, O Dinwenu, ka anyi na-akwado mimemme ihe omimiga, ka anyi bute n'ihu gi dika ukpuru opipia nke anuahu, idiocha n'obi eji onu adi. Site na Kristi Onyenweanyi.

Ukwe Oriri Nso

O bu na o nweghi onye mara gi ikpe, nwaanyi? O dighi onye obula, Onyenweanyi. Mu onwe m amaghikwa gi ikpe. Bido ugbu a gaba, emekwala njo ozo.

Ekpere A Natachaa Oriri Nso

Ka anyi nwetarala ike site na ngozi nke Sakramenti giga, anyi na-ario, O Dinwenu, ka anyi site na ha na-enweta mgbe dum mwuchapu mmehie anyiga, ka site n'iso Kristi, ka anyi zolie ije ososo irogote n'ebe Ino. Site na Kristi Onyenweanyi.

Prayer Over The People

Set free from their sins, O Lord, we pray, the people who call upon you, that living a holy way of life, they may be kept safe from every trial. Through Christ our Lord.

Ekpere Maka Oha Mmadu

Tohapu ha na mmehie haga, O Dinwenu, anyi na-ario, ndi nke gi na-akpoku gi, ka site n'ibi ndu di aso, ha enweta nchedo n'ebe onwunwa obula di. Site na Kristi Onyenweanyi.

24 March [Nkwo] Tuesday of Lent - Week 5 (Violet)

Entry Antiphon

Wait for the Lord; be strong; be stouthearted, and wait for the Lord!

Collect

Grant us, we pray, O Lord, perseverance in obeying your will, that in our days the people dedicated to your service may grow in both merit and number. Through our Lord.

First Reading

A reading from the book of Numbers (21:4-9)

The Israelites left Mount Hor by the road to the Sea of Suph, to skirt the land of Edom. On the way the people lost patience. They spoke against God and against Moses, 'Why did you bring us out of Egypt to die in this wilderness? For there is neither bread nor water here; we are sick of this unsatisfying food.'

At this God sent fiery serpents among the people; their bite brought death to many in Israel. The people came and said to Moses, 'we have sinned by speaking against the Lord and against you. Intercede for us with the Lord to save us from these serpents.' Moses interceded for the people, and the Lord answered him, 'make a fiery serpent and put it on a standard. If anyone is bitten and looks at it, he shall live.' So Moses fashioned a bronze serpent which he put on a standard, and if anyone was bitten by a serpent, he looked at the bronze serpent and lived.

This is the word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm: Ps. 101:2-3,16-21.(R.v.2)

Response: **O Lord, listen to my prayer and let my cry for help reach you.**

1. O Lord, listen to my prayer and let my cry for help reach you. Do not hide your face from me in the day of my distress. Turn your ear towards me and answer me quickly when I call. (R.)

2. The nations shall fear the name of the Lord and all the earth's kings your glory, when the Lord shall build up Zion again and appear in all his glory. Then he will turn to the

Ukwe Mbata

Cherenu Onyenweanyi; obi sie unu ike; Cnwekwaanu ntachi obi; chere Onyenweanyi!

Ekpere Mmeghe

Nye anyi, anyi na-ario, O Onyenweanyi, nkwudosiike n'irubere uche gi isi, ka ndi nke gi n'oge nke anyi kwudosiri ike n'igbara gi odibo na-etowanye ma n'ikwesị ekwesị ma n'onu-ogu. Site na Dinwenu anyi.

Ihe Ogugu Nke Mbu

Ihe ogugu e wetara n'akwukwo Onuogugu (21:4-9)

Ndi Izrel siri n'ugwu Hoo bilie ije, si n'uzo osimiri Mediterenia gaa Edom gburugburu. Ma mgbe ha na-aga n'uzo, ha nwere nkolopu obi. Ha tamuru megide Chineke na Mosis si, 'Gini mere i ji kpoputa anyi n'Ijpt, ka anyi nwuchaa n'ikpa ebe a?' Ihe oriri adighi na ya. Ihe onuun adighikwa. Otutu ndi nri nke a na-atu buriburi agbula anyi!' Ya mere Onyenweanyi zitere n'etiti ha otutu agwo n'acha ka oku nke nwekwara elo ojoo. Agwo ndi a tagburu otutu n'ime ha. Ya mere, umu Izrel biakwuterè Mosis si ya, 'Anyi emehiela. N'ihina anyi kwutoro gi na Dinwenu. Biko rioro anyi Dinwenu, ka o wepuru anyi agwo ndi a.' Mosis kpeere ndi Izrel ekpere. Dinwenu gwara Mosis ka o were ola, kpuo agwo na-acha ka oku, kokwasa ya n'okporo osisi okoloto, ka onye obula agwo ahu tara lere anya na ya wee di ndu. Ya mere, Mosis kpuru agwo olaoku kokwasa ya n'okporo osisi okoloto. Onye obula agwo ahu tara, legidekwara agwo olaoku ahu anya, nwetakwara ahu ike.

Okwu nke Oseburuwa.

Abuoma na Aziza: Abu. 102:1-2,15-20 (Az.1)

Aziza: **Onyenweanyi nuru ekpere m, ka mkpu akwa m ruo gi nti.**

1. Onyenweanyi nuru ekpere m, ka mkpu akwa m ruo gi nti. Ewepukwala ihu gi n'ebe m no mgbe m no na nsogbu. Gee m nti, mgbe m kporo gi zaa m osooso! (Az.)

2. Mba niile ga-atu aha nke Onyenweanyi egwu, ndieze uwa niile ga-asopuru otito gi; N'ihina Onyenweanyi ga-arughari Zayon' mekwaa ka a hu ebube ya. O ga-aza ekpere ndi ogbenye, o gaghi aju ariri ha. (Az.)

prayers of the helpless; he will not despise their prayers. (R.)

3. Let this be written for ages to come that a people yet unborn may praise the Lord; for the Lord leaned down from his sanctuary on high. He looked down from heaven to the earth that he might hear the groans of the prisoners and free those condemned to die. (R.)

Acclamation Jn 8:12

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

Gospel

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John (8:21-30)

Jesus said to the Pharisees: 'I am going away; you will look for me and you will die in your sin. Where I am going, you cannot come.'

The Jews said to one another, 'Will he kill himself? Is that what he means by saying, "Where I am going, you cannot come"?' Jesus went on: 'You are from below; I am from above. You are of this world; I am not of this world. I have told you already: You will die in your sins. Yes, if you do not believe that I am He, you will die in your sins.'

So they said to him, 'Who are you?' Jesus answered: 'What I have told you from the outset. About you I have much to say and much to condemn; but the one who sent me is truthful, and what I have learnt from him I declare to the world.'

They failed to understand that he was talking to them about the Father. So Jesus said: 'When you have lifted up the Son of Man, then you will know that I am He and that I do nothing of myself: what the Father has taught me is what I preach; He who sent me is with me, and has not left me to myself, for I always do what pleases him.' As he was saying this, many came to believe in him.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Prayer Over The Offerings

We offer you, O Lord, the sacrifice of conciliation, that, being moved to compassion, you may both pardon our offences and direct our wavering hearts. Through Christ our Lord.

Communion Antiphon

When I am lifted up from the earth, I will draw all men to myself, says the Lord.

3. Ka e debaa ihe ndi a n'akwukwo maka agburu ndi ga-abia n'ihu, ka ndi niile amubeghi amu were nwee ike too Onyenweanyi. Onyenweanyi sitere n'ebe nke ya di aso were ledata anya, O sitere n'eluwgwe na-ele uwa anya ka o were nuru ude ndi no na mkporo na-asu, ka o were tohapu ndi a mara ikpe onwu. (Az.)

Mbeku Jon. 8:12

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

Ozioma

Ihe ogugu nke a si n'Ozioma di aso nke Jon dere (8:21-30)

Jesu gwakwara ndi Farisii ozo si, "Aga m apu, unu ga-achokwa m, ma unu ga-anwu na mmehie unu; ebe m na-aga, unu enweghi ike ibia."

Ndi Juu wee kwuo si, "O ga-egbu onwe ya? Ebe o bu na o si, 'Ebe m na-aga unu enweghi ike ibia?'" O gwara ha si, "Unu si n'ala, ma esi m n'elu, unu bu nke uwa a, ma abughi m nke uwa a. Agwara m unu na unu ga-anwu na mmehie unu, unu ga-anwu na mmehie unu, beluso ma unu kwenyere na m bu onye ahu."

Ha juru ya si, "Onye ka i bu?" Jesu zara ha si, "Abu m ihe ahu m na-agwa unu site na mbu. Enwere m ofutu ihe m ga-ekwu na otutu ihe m ga-ekpe banyere unu. Ma onye zitere m bu onye eziokwu. Ihe m nuru n'aka ya ka m na-ekwuputara uwa."

Ha aghotaghi na Jesu na-agwa ha banyere Nna ya. Jesu siri ha, "Mgbe unu gawelitecha Nwa nke mmadu elu, unu gamata na abu m onye ahu; na adighi m eme ihe obula n'ike aka m, kama ana m ekwu dika Nna si kuziri m. Onye nke zitere m nonyeere m. O hapubeghi so m, n'ihina ana m eme ihe na-amasi ya mgbe niile." Mgbe o na-ekwu okwu ndi a, otutu mmadu kwenyere na ya.

Ozioma nke Oseburuwa.

Ekpere Nhunye

Anyi ehunyerere gi, O Onyenweanyi, aja mkpezi, ka o ga-abu, o na-akpalite omiiko ebere gi, I gbaghara anyi mmehie anyi ga, ma duzie obi anyi na-ama peke peke. Site na Kristi Onyenweanyi.

Ukwe Oriri Nso

Oge esiri n'uwa bulie m elu, a ga m adota mmadu niile nye onwe m, Onyenweanyi na-ekwu.

Prayer After Communion

Grant, we pray, Almighty God, that, ever seeking what is divine, we may always be worthy to approach these heavenly gifts. Through Christ our Lord.

Prayer Over The People

O God, who choose to show mercy not anger to those who hope in you, grant that your faithful may weep, as they should, for the evil they have done, and so merit the grace of your consolation. Through Christ our Lord.



25 March [Eke] Wednesday of Lent - Week 5 (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 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.

Ekpere ANatachaa Oriri Nso

Mee, anyi na-ario, Chineke ji ike niile, Mka, anyi na-acho ihe nke mmuo, ka anyi na-etosiwanye ikpudebe onyinye nke eluigwe ndia. Site na Kristi Onyenweanyi.

Ekpere Maka Oha Mmadu

O Chineke, onye kpebiri igosi ebere, o bughi iwe n'ebe ndi chekwubere na gi no, mee ka ndi kwere na gi bee akwa otu o kwesiri maka ajoihe ha megara, were kwesi amara nkasioji gi. Site na Kristi Onyenweanyi.

Ukwe Mbata

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

Ekpere Mmeghe

O Chineke, onye o soro ka Okwu ya
were anu ahụ ezie n'afọ Vejiri Maria,
mee, anyi na-ario, ka, anyi bu ndi na-
ekwuputa na Onye Nzoputa anyi bu
Chineke na mmadu, na-etosi etosi iketa oké
udi ya ka Chukwu. Onye di ndu na-achi...

The Ogugu Nke Mbu

The ogugu e wetara n'onye amuma Aizaya
(7:10-14.8:10)

Dinwenu gwakwara Ahaz ozo si ya, "Rio
Dinwenu Chineke gi akara obula; o
sokwa, ya buru nke si n'ala mmuo mobu nke si
n'eluigwe." Mana Ahaz kwuru si, "Mba,
agaghi m ario ihe obula, agakwaghi m anwale
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'ihie nke a,
Dinwenu n'onwe ya ga-enye gi akara. Lee, otu
nwaagboghho na-amaghi nwoke ga-aturu ime
muta nwa nwoke; aha o ga-akpo ya bu Immanuel,
nke putara "Chineke nonyeere anyi".

Okwu nke Oseburuwa.

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.

Acclamation Jn 1:14

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

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

Aziza: **Ano m ebe a, O Onyenweanyi, abjara m ka m mee uche gi.**

1. I naghị acho ichu aja mobu ihe nrunye kama nti ghe oghe. I naghị acho aja nsureoku mobu aja maka njo. Kama ekwuru m si, "Ano m ebe a, ana m abia. (Az.)

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

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

4. O nwebeghi mgbe m juru ikwuputa eziumume gi, kama ekwuputala m nkwdosiike na enyemaka nzoputa gi. Ahapubeghi m ikwuputa ihunaanya na nkwdosiike gi n'ihu nnukwu ogbako. (Az.)

Ihe Ogugu Nke Abuo

Ihe ogugu e wetara n' akwukwo ozi e degaara ndi Hibru (10:4-10)

Obu ihe agaghi ekwe omume na obara oké ehi na ewu ga-asachapu njo. N'ihu nke a, mgbe Kristi biara n'uwa o kwuru si, "O bughị 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, abjara 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, abjara m ime uche gi." Chineke emebiela aja mbu iji malite nke abuo. Site n'ime ya bu uche Chineke, e mere ka anyi di ocha site n'aja ahụ Jesu ji onwe ya wee chuo naani otu ugboro.

Okwu nke Oseburuwa.

Mbeku Jon. 1:14

Okwu ahụ were ahụ, binyere anyi, anyi hukwara ebube 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 kwekoritarara na otu nwoke aha ya bu Josef, nke si n'agburu David, ga-alu. Aha nwaagbogho ahụ bu Maria. Mmuooma ahụ biakwute Maria si ya, "Ekéle, i juputara na grasia, Oseburuwa nonyeere gi!" Obi loro ya mmiri nke ukwuu

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 Virgin Mary is true God and true man, we may, through the saving power of his Resurrection, merit to attain eternal joy. Through Christ our Lord.

Prayer Over The People

Atend, almighty God, to the prayers of your people, and, as you endow them with confident hope in your compassion, let them feel as ever the effects of your mercy. Through Christ our lord.

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 ezinụlọ Jekob ebebe; 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’ihi 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, abu 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’iwereahụ nke Otu Nwa gi i hurunaanya, n’aria na ime mmemme iheomimi ya n’ime Nnukwu Oriri a. Gi onye di ndu na-achi.

Ukwe Oriri Nso

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

Ekpere A Natachaa Oriri Nso

Guzosie ike n’ime mmuo anyi iheomimi nke ezi okwukwe, anyi na-ario, O Onyenweanyi, ka o ga-abu anyi na-ekwuputa na onye ahụ aturu ime ya na Vejin Maria bu Chukwu na mimadu ezie, anyi esite n’ike nzoputa nke mbilite n’onwu ya kwesi inweta anuri ebighiebi. Site na Kristi Onyenweanyi.

Ekpere Maka Oha Mmadu

Chee nti, Chineke ji ike niile, n’aririo ndi nke gi, dika I nyere ha nchekwube ejiaka n’omiiko ebere gi, mee ka ha mata mgbe niile uzuzu ebere gi. Site na Kristi Onyenweanyi.

26 March [Orie] Thursday of Lent - Week 5 (Violet)

Entry Antiphon

Christ is the mediator of a New Covenant, so that by means of his death, those who are called may receive the promise of an eternal inheritance.

Ukwe Mbata

Kristi bu onye ogbugbo nke Ogbugbandu Oheru, nke mere na site n’onwu ya, ndi a kporo ga-enweta ihe nkwa nke akụ nketa di ebighi ebi.

Collect

Be near, O Lord, to those who plead before you, and look kindly on those who place their hope in your mercy, that, cleansed from the stain of their sins, they may persevere in holy living and be made full heirs of your promise. Through our Lord.

First Reading

A reading from the book of Genesis (17:3-9)

Abram bowed to the ground and God said this to him, 'Here now is my covenant with you: you shall become the father of a multitude of nations. You shall no longer be called Abram; Your name shall be Abraham, for I will make you father of a multitude of nations. I will make you most fruitful. I will make you into nations, and your issue shall be kings. I will establish my Covenant between myself and you, and your descendants after you, generation after generation, a Covenant in perpetuity, to be your God and the God of your descendants after you. I will give to you and to your descendants after you the land you are living in, the whole land of Canaan, to own in perpetuity, and I will be your God.'

God said to Abraham, 'You on your part shall maintain my Covenant, yourself and your descendants after you, generation after generation.'

This is the word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm: Ps. 104:4-9. (Rv.8)

Response: **The Lord remembers his covenant for ever.**

1. Consider the Lord and his strength; constantly seek his face. Remember the wonders he has done, his miracles, the judgements he spoke. (R.)

2. O children of Abraham, his servant, O sons of the Jacob he chose. He, the Lord, is our God; his judgements prevail in all the earth. (R.)

3. He remembers his covenant for ever, his promise for a thousand generations, the covenant he made with Abraham, the oath he swore to Isaac. (R.)

Acclamation! Ps. 94:8

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

Gospel

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John (8:51-59)

Jesus said to the Jews: 'I tell you most solemnly, whoever keeps my word will never see death.'

The Jews said, 'Now we know for certain that you are possessed. Abraham is dead, and the

Ekpere Mmeghe

Nodebe, O Onyenweanyi, ndi na-ekpere gi n'ihu gi, ma were afooma lekwasara anya ndi tukwasara nchekwubè ha n'ebere gi, ka, awuchapuchaa ha atutu njo ha, ha akwudosie ike n'ibi ndu di aso, e were mee ha ndi ga-eketa nkwa gi n'uju. Site na Dinwenu.

The Ogugu Nke Mbu

Ihe ogugu e wetara n'akwukwo nke Jenesis (17:3-9)

Abram kporo isi ala nye Chineke; Chineke wee gwa ya okwu ndi a si, i ga-abu nna nke otutu mba. A gaghì akpokwa gi Abram ozo; aha gi ga-abu Abraham n'ihina ana m eme gi ka i buru nna nke otutu mba. Aga m eme gi ka i muo umu nke ukwu. Aga m esi na gi nweta mba di icheiche, umu gi ga-abu ndieze. Aga m eme ka ogbugbandu mu na gi rute umuumu gi ndi ga-esochi gi, site na ndudugandu ruo na ndudugandu, dika ogbugbandu di ebebe, ibu Chineke gi na Chineke nke umuumu gi ndi ga-esochi gi. Aga m enye gi na umuumu gi ala ebe a i bi ugbu a, ala Kanaan ahu niile, ka unu ga-enwere ebebe; aga m abukwa Chineke unu.

Chineke gwakwara Abraham si, "N'akuku nke gi, i ga-edoberiri ogbugbandu m, gi na umuumu gi ndi ga-esochi gi site na ndudugandu ruo na ndudugandu.

Okwu nke Oseburuwa.

Abuoma na Aziza: Abu. 105:4-9 (Az.8)

Aziza: **Onyenweanyi na-echeta ogbugbandu ya ebebe.**

1. Chobanu Onyenweanyi na ike ya, chobanu ihu nke Onyenweanyi mgbe niile. Chetanu oru ebube niile o ruru, oru itunaanya ya niile, na ikpe niile si n'onu ya puta. (Az.)

2. Unu umu Abraham bu nwodibo ya, umu Jakob bu onye nke o hooro! O bu ya bu Onyenweanyi na Chineke anyi, lke ochichi ya gazuru uwa niile. (Az.)

3. O na-akpachapuru ogbugbandu ya anya ebebe, iwu nke o tiiri puku agburu gara aga, ogbugbandu ya na Abraham gbara na iyi nke o nuuru Azizik. (Az.)

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 Jon dere (8:51-59)

Jesu gwara ndi Juu si; N'igwa unu eziokwu, onye obula na-edebe okwu ni agaghì anwu ma oli." Ndi Juu gwara ya si, "Ugbu a o weele anyi anya na mmuo

prophets are dead, and yet you say, "Whoever keeps my word will never know the taste of death." Are you greater than our father Abraham, who is dead? The prophets are dead too. Who are you claiming to be?" Jesus answered: "If I were to seek my own glory that would be no glory at all; my glory is conferred by the Father, by the one of whom you say, "He is our God" although you do not know him. But I know him, and if I were to say: I do not know him, I should be a liar, as you are liars yourselves. But I do know him, and I faithfully keep his word. Your father Abraham rejoiced to think that he would see my Day; he saw it and was glad."

The Jews then said, "You are not fifty yet, and you have seen Abraham!" Jesus replied: "I tell you most solemnly, before Abraham ever was, I am."

At this they picked up stones to throw at him; but Jesus hid himself and left the Temple.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Prayer Over The Offerings

Look with favour, Lord, we pray, on these sacrificial offerings, that they may profit our conversion and the salvation of all the world. Through Christ our Lord.

Communion Antiphon

God did not spare his own Son, but handed him over for us all; with him, he has given us all things.

Prayer After Communion

Nourished by your saving gifts, we beseech your mercy, Lord, that by this same Sacrament, with which you feed us in the present age, you may make us partakers of life eternal. Through Christ our Lord.

Prayer Over The People

Be gracious to your people, Lord, we pray, that, as from day to day they reject what does not please you, they may be filled instead with delight at your commands. Through Christ our Lord.

27 March [Afo] Friday of Lent - Week 5 (Violet)

Entry Antiphon

Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I am in distress. Deliver me from the hands of my enemies and those who pursue me. O Lord, let me never be put to shame, for I call on you.

Collect

Pardon the offences of your peoples, we pray, O Lord, and in your goodness set us free from the bonds of the sins we have committed in our weakness. Through our Lord.

ojoo bi n'ime gi. Abraham na ndiamuma mechara nwuo, ma ugbu a i na-ekwu si, "O buru na onye obula edebe okwu m, o gaghi edetu onwu ire ma oli. I kariri nna anyi Abraham, onye nwuru anwu. Ndiamuma nwukwara anwu. Onyedi ka i na-eche na i bu?" Jesu agwa ha si, "O buru na m enye onwe m otito, otito nke m bu ihe efu, onye na-enye m otito bu Nna m, onye unu na-asi na o bu Chineke unu. Unu amatabeghi ya; ama m ya. O buru na m si na amaghi m ya, aga m abu onye asi dika unu, kama, ama m ya, na-edebekwa okwu ya. Abraham nna unu furiri ihu ubochi m, O huru ya wee nuria."

Ndi Juu wee si ya, "I rubeghi iri afo ise wee hula Abraham?" N'ezie, n'ezie, agwa m unu, "Tupu Abraham adi, ano m."

Ha weere okwute ka ha tuo ya, ma Jesu zoro onwe ya wee puo n'uloniso.

Ozioma nke Oseburuwa.

Ekpere Nhunye

Were mmasi lekwasị, Onyenweanyi, anyi na-arịo, n'onyinye aja ndi a, ka ha baara ncheghari anyi uru nya na nzoputa nke uwa niile. Site na Kristi Onyenweanyi.

Ukwe Oriri Nso

Chineke ahapughi Nwa ya, ma o were ya nyefee maka anyi niile; O soorola ya nye anyi ihe niile.

Ekpere A Natachaa Oriri Nso

Ebe azuworola anyi site n'onyinye nzoputa gi, anyi na-arịo ebere gi, Onyenweanyi, ka site n'otu Sakramenti a, nke iji azu anyi n'oge agburu a, ka I mee anyi ndi nketa oke ndu ebighiebi. Site na Kristi Onyenweanyi.

Ekpere Maka Oha Mmadu

Chawapu aka gi n'ebe ndi nke gi no, Onyenweanyi, anyi na-arịo, ka, kwa ubochi ha na-aju ihe ndi na-emegide gi, ha ejuputa na onu site na ntuziaka gi ga. Site na Kristi Onyenweanyi.

Ukwe Mbata

Meere m ebere, O Onyenweanyi, n'ih i na a no m na mbibi. Zoputa m n'aka ndi iro m na n'aka ndi n'achu m ochuchi nchugbu. O Onyenweanyi, ekwela ka ihere mee m, n'ih i na a na m etiku gi.

Ekpere Mmeghe

Baghara mmehie ndi nke gi ga, anyi na-arịo, O Onyenweanyi, were obioma gi mee ka anyi nwere onwe anyi n'ebe agbu nke njo anyi no ndi anyi megara n'adighike anyi. Site na Dinwenu anyi.

First Reading

A reading from the prophet Jeremiah (20:10-13)

I hear so many disparaging me, “terror from every side!” Denounce him! Let us denounce him!’ All those who used to be my friends watched for my downfall, ‘Perhaps he will be seduced into error. Then we will master him and take our revenge!’ But the Lord is at my side, a mighty hero; my opponents will stumble, mastered, confounded by their failure; everlasting, unforgettable disgrace will be theirs. But you, Lord of hosts, you who probe with justice, who scrutinise the loins and heart, let me see the vengeance you will take on them, for I have committed my cause to you. Sing to the Lord, praise the Lord, for he has delivered the soul of the needy from the hands of evil men.

This is the word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm: Ps. 17:2-7.(R.v.7)

Response: **In my anguish I called to the Lord and he heard my voice.**

1. I love you, Lord, my strength, my rock, my fortress, my saviour. My God is the rock where I take refuge; my shield, my mighty help, my stronghold. The Lord is worthy of all praise: when I call I am saved from my foes. (R.)

2. The waves of death rose about me; the torrents of destruction assailed me; the snares of the grave entangled me; the traps of death confronted me. (R.)

3. In my anguish I called to the Lord; I cried to my God for help. From his temple he heard my voice; my cry came to his ear. (R.)

Acclamation! Jn.6:63.68

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

Gospel

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John (10:31-42)

The Jews fetched stones to stone him, so Jesus said to them, ‘I have done many good works for you to see, works from my Father; for which of these are you stoning me?’ The Jews answered him, ‘We are not stoning you for doing a good work but for blasphemy: you are only a man and you claim to be God.’ Jesus answered: ‘Is it not written in your Law: I said, you are gods? So the Law used the word gods of those to whom the

Ihe Ogugu Nke Mbu

Ihe ogugu e wetara n’akwukwo onye amuma Jeremaya (20:10-13)

Na m anu ntamu, nsogbu nogidere m an’akuku niile. Ka anyi juu ya, ka anyi ju ya bu ihe ndi enyi m niile na-ekwu, ndi nke na-achọ nsogbu m na odida m. “E nwere ike anyi aghogbuo ya, merie ya, ma megwarakwa ya. Ma Chineke nonyeere m mgbe niile dika dike n’agha, ya mere, ndiuro m ga-adasi, ha agaghi emerikwa m ozo, ihere ga-emegbu ha, ma ha agaghi emerikwa. A gaghi echefukwa ihere ha. O Dinwenu nke igwe ndiagha, onye na-ekpe ikpe nkwmoto, onye na-ahuzu obi na echiche mmadu mee ka m hu obo i ga-abotara m n’isi ha, maka na o bu n’aka gi ka m tinyere ihe niile. Kweere Dinwenu ukwe, nye ya otito! Maka na o zoputala ndu nke onye ahụ nọ na mkpa n’aka ndi ome njo. Okwu nke Oseburuwa.

Abuoma na Aziza: Abu. 18:1-6 (Az.6)

Aziza: **Akpokuru m Oseburuwa mgbe no na nsogbu, o wee nu olu m.**

1. Ahuru m gi n’anya Oseburuwa, gi bu ike m. Oseburuwa bu nkume m na ebe nkwdosiike m. Onye nzoputa m bu Chineke m. N’ime Onyenweanyi, nkume m, ka m na-ezere mmiri, onye ogbugbo m, na ike nke nzoputa m, ebe nchedo m na ebe mgbaba m. Oseburuwa kwesiri inye otito. N’ihina akporo m ya, O zoputara m n’aka ndiuro m(Az.)

2. Eriri nke onwu agbaala m okirikiri, Ajoomume ndi mmadu na-akpagbu m. Eriri nke ala mmuo ekedosiala m ike, Ejila onwu kweere m onya. (Az.)

3. Akpokuru m Oseburuwa mgbe m no na nsogbu, bekuere Chineke m akwa enyemaka. O si n’ulonso ya wee nu olu m, mkpu akwa m wee ruo ya nti. (Az.)

Mbeku! Jon. 6:63.68

Okwu gi bu mmuo, Onyenweanyi, ha bu ndu; Inwere ozi nke ndu ebighiebi.

Ozioma

Ihe ogugu nke a si n’Ozioma di aso nke Jon dere (10:31-42)

Ndi Juu tutukwaara okwute ozo ka ha tuo ya ma Jesu gwara ha si, “Ezila m unu otutu ezi oru nke sitere n’aka Nina m. Olee nke o bu n’ime ndi a ka unu ga-eji tuo m okwute?” Ndi Juu azaa si ya, “Anyi anaghi atu gi okwute n’ihi ezi oru gi kama n’ihi nkwalu nke i na-ekwulu Chukwu; I bu naani mmadu nkiti, ma i na-emè onwe gi Chineke! Jesu zara ha si, “O bu na-edeghi ya n’Iwu unu si, ‘Ekwuru m, unu bu chi?’ Anyi makwa na ihe e dere n’Akwukwo

word of God was addressed, and scripture cannot be rejected. Yet you say to someone the Father has consecrated and sent into the world, "You are blaspheming," because he says, "I am the Son of God." If I am not doing my Father's work, there is no need to believe me; but if I am doing it, then even if you refuse to believe in me, at least believe in the work I do; then you will know for sure that the Father is in me and I am in the Father.

They wanted to arrest him then, but he eluded them. He went back again to the far side of the Jordan to stay in the district where John had once been baptising. Many people who came to him there said, 'John gave no signs, but all he said about this man was true'; and many of them believed in him.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Prayer Over The Offerings

Grant, O merciful God, that we may be worthy to serve ever fittingly at your altars, and there to be saved by constant participation. Through Christ our Lord.

Communion Antiphon

Jesus bore our sins in his own body on the cross, so that dead to sin, we might live for righteousness. By his wounds we have been healed.

Prayer After Communion

May the unfailing protection of the sacrifice we have received never leave us, O Lord, and may it always drive far from us all that would do us harm. Through Christ our Lord.

Prayer Over The People

Grant, we pray, almighty God, that your servants, who seek the grace of your protection, may be free from every evil and serve you in peace of mind. Through Christ our Lord.

28 March [Nkwo] Saturday of Lent - Week 5 (Violet)

Entry Antiphon

O Lord, do not stay afar off, my strength, make haste to help me! For I am a worm and no man, scorned by everyone, despised by the people.

Collect

O God, who have made all those reborn in Christ a chosen race and a royal priesthood, grant us, we pray, the grace to will and to do what you command, that the people called to eternal life may be one in the faith of their hearts and the homage of their deeds. Through our Lord.

Nso enweghi mgbanwe. Ndi Chineke ziteere okwu ya ka o kporo ndi bu chii. Unu na-asi na onye Chineke doro nso wee zite n'ime uwa, na-ekwulu Chineke n'ihina o si, 'Abu m Nwa Chineke?' O buru na m anaghi aru oru nna m, unu ekwela na m. Ma o buru na m, na-aruh, o buladi na a si na unu ekweghi na m, kwere nu n'oru ndi a, ka unu wee mata ma ghotu nke oma na Nna m bi n'ime m, m biri n'ime Nna.' Ha chokwara ijide ya ozo, ma o siri n'aka ha mipu.

Jesu laghachiri azu ozo, n'ofe osimiri Jodan n'ebe Jon na-eme mimirichukwu na mbu, O nogidekwara ebe ahu. Otutu mmadu biakwutere ya, na-asi, "Jon arughi oruebube ma ihe niile o kwuru banyere nwoke a bu eziokwu. Otutu ndi no ebe ahu kwenyere na ya.

Ozioma nke Oseburuwa.

Ekpere Nhunye

Mee O Chineke di ebere, ka anyi tosi Igbara gi odibo n'uzo kwesiri ekwesi n'ekwuaja gi ga, ka anyi nweta nzoputa site na isonye n'ofufe nru ha mgbe nile. Site na Kristi Onyenweanyi.

Ukwe Oriri Nso

Jesu buuru mmehie anyi n'ahu ya n'elu Obe, ka o ga-abu anyi nwuo n'ebe mmehie di, anyi ebiwe ndu kwuoto. Site na onya ya ka anyi jiri nweta ogwugwo.

Ekpere A Natachaa Oriri Nso

Ka nchedo aja nke anyi natarala enweghi Kmgbo ghara ihapu anyi, O Onyenweanyi, ka o chuttee aka n'ebe anyi no ihe niile puru imekpa anyi ahu. Site na Kristi Onyenweanyi.

Ekpere Maka Oha Mmadu

Mee, anyi na-ario, Chineke ji ike niile, ka umuodibo gi ga, ndi na-acho amara nchedo gi, niwere onwe ha n'ebe ajoihe di ma were udo nke mmuo gbaara gi odibo. Site na Kristi Onyenweanyi.

Ukwe Mmeghe

O Onyenweanyi, a notela aka n'ebe m no, ike m, gbata oso nyere m aka gi! N'ihina a dizi m ka esu, adighizi m ka mmadu, ihe e ji akpa ochi na onye a na-eleda anya.

Ekpere Mmeghe

O Chineke, onye mere ndi niile a muworo na Kristi agburu a hotara ahota and ndi ukochukwu no n'ocheeze, nye anyi, anyi na-ario, amara iji kpebie ma sowe iwu I tiri, ka ndi a kporo na ndu ebighiebi buru otu n'ime okwukwe di n'obi ha na udi agwa omume ha na-egosiga. Site na Dinwenu anyi.

First Reading

A reading from the prophet Ezekiel (37:21-28)

The Lord says this: 'I am going to take the sons of Israel from the nations where they have gone. I shall gather them together from everywhere and bring them home to their own soil. I shall make them into one nation in my own land and on the mountains of Israel, and one king is to be king of them all; they will no longer form two nations, nor be two separate kingdoms. They will no longer defile themselves with their idols and their filthy practices and all their sins. I shall rescue them from all the betrayals they have been guilty of; I shall cleanse them; they shall be my people and I will be their God. My servant David will reign over them, one shepherd for all; they will follow my observances, respect my laws and practise them. They will live in the land that I gave my servant Jacob, the land in which your ancestors lived. They will live in it, they, their children, their children's children, forever. David my servant is to be their prince forever. I shall make a covenant of peace with them, an eternal covenant with them. I shall resettle them and increase them; I shall settle my sanctuary among them forever. I shall make my home above them; I will be their God, they shall be my people. And the nations will learn that I am the Lord the sanctifier of Israel, when my sanctuary is with them forever. This is the word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm: Jer. 31:10-13 (R.v.10)

Response: **The Lord will guard us as a shepherd guards his flock.**

1. O nations, hear the word of the Lord, proclaim it to the far-off coasts. Say: 'He who scattered Israel will gather him and guard him as a shepherd guards his flock.' For the Lord has ransomed Jacob, has saved him from an overpowering hand. (R.)

2. They will come and shout for joy on Mount Zion, they will stream to the blessings of the Lord, to the corn, the new wine and the oil, to the flocks of sheep and the herds. (R.)

3. Then the young girls will rejoice and will dance, the men, young and old, will be glad. I will turn their mourning into joy, I will console them, give gladness for grief. (R.)

Ihe Ogugu Nke Mbu

Ihe ogugu e wetara n' akwukwo onye amuma Izikel (37:21-28)

Dinwenu Chineke kwuru: Lee aga m akpokota umu Izrel niile site n' obodo ndiozo ebe niile ha gbasara, aga m akpobata ha n' ala nke ha; aga m eme ha otu mba n' ime ala ahu n' elu ugwu niile nke Izrel, otu eze gachi ha niile, ha agaghikwa abụ obodo abụ ozo, ha agaghi ekewa ozo buru alaeze abụ. Ha agaghi emerukwa onwe ha ozo site n' ikpere arusi na otutu ihe aru ha ndiozo, mọbu site na njehie ha obula, kama aga m azoputa ha site na ndaghachi azu niile nke ha jiri mehie m, aga m asacha ha, ha ga-abu ndi nke m, m ga-abu Chineke ha.

"Nwodibo m Devid ga-aburu ha eze, ha niile ga-enwe naani otu onye ncheaturu. Ha ga-eso ukpuru m niile ma kpachara anya n' idobe ntuzi aka m niile. Ha ga-ebi n' ala ahu ebe nnanna ha biri, nke m nyere nwodibo m Jekob; ha na umu ha, na umuumu ha ga-ebi ebe ahu ebeebe, Devid nwodibo m ga-abukwa eze ha ebeebe. Mu na ha ga-agba ndu nke udo, o ga-abu ogbugba ndu ebeebe nke mu na ha, aga m agozi ha, meekwa ka ha bawanye n' onuogugu, aga m edobe ebe nso m n' etiti ha ebeebe. Ebe obibi m ga-adinyere ha, aga m abu Chineke ha, ha ga-abu ndi nke m. Mgbe ebe nso m ga-adi n' etiti ha, mba niile ga-amata na mu onwe m bu Chineke edoola Izrel nso.

Okwu nke Oseburuwa.

Aboma na Aziza: Jer. 31:10-13 (Az.10)

Aziza: **Dinwenu m ga-echekwaba anyi dika onye ncheaturu si echekwaba igwe aturu ya.**

1. Geenu nti n' okwu nke Dinwenu, unu mba niile, meenu ka a nu ya n' uwa niile, kwuonu si na onye nke kposara Izrel, ga-ekpokotakwa ya onu ozo, o ga-echekwa ya dika onye ncheaturu si echekwaba igwe aturu ya. Maka na Dinwenu agbaputala Jekob, mee ka o nwere onwe ya n' aka ndi na-akpagbu ya. (Az.)

2. Ha ga-abia buo abu na-adasi uda ike n' elu Zayon. Ha ga na-egbuke site n' afooma na imamma Chineke, maka mkpuru osisi ihe oriri di icheiche, mmanya, na mmanu na umu ewu na aturu na igwe anu ndiozo. (Az.)

3. Mgbe ahu unuagbogho ga-agba egwu onu, umuokorobia na ndi okenye ga-eputakwa n' anuri. Aga m agbanwe iru uju ha ma mee ka ha nwee anuri, aga m atasị ha obi were obi anuri gbanwee ahuhu ha. (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 John (11:45-56)

Many of the Jews who had come to visit Mary and had seen what Jesus did believed in him, but some of them went to tell the Pharisees what he had done. Then the chief priests and Pharisees called a meeting. 'Here is this man working all these signs' they said 'and what action are we taking? If we let him go on in this way everybody will believe in him, and the Romans will come and destroy the Holy Place and our nation.' One of them, Caiaphas, the high priest that year said, 'you don't seem to have grasped the situation at all; you fail to see that it is better for one man to die for the people, than for the whole nation to be destroyed.' He did not speak in his own person, it was as high priest that he made this prophecy that Jesus was to die for the nation - and not for the nation only, but to gather together in unity the scattered children of God. From that day they were determined to kill him. So Jesus no longer went about openly among the Jews, but left the district for a town called Ephraim, in the country bordering on the desert, and stayed there with his disciples.

The Jewish Passover drew near, and many of the country people who had gone up to Jerusalem to purify themselves looked out for Jesus, saying to one another as they stood about in the Temple, 'what do you think? Will he come to the festival or not?' The chief priests and Pharisees had by now given their orders: anyone who knew where he was must inform them so that they could arrest him.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Prayer Over The Offerings

May the gifts we offer from our fasting be acceptable to you, O Lord, we pray, and, as an expiation for sins, may they make us worthy of your grace and lead us to what you promise for eternity. Through Christ our Lord.

Communion Antiphon

Christ was handed over, to gather into one the scattered children of God.

Post After Communion

We entreat your majesty most humbly, O Lord, that, as you feed us with the nourishment which comes from the most holy Body and Blood of your Son, so you may make us sharers of his divine nature. Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

Mbeku! Izik.18:31

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

Ozioma

Ihe ogugu nke a si n'Ozioma di aso nke Jon dere (11:45-56)

Otu ndi Juu biara ileta Meri huru ihe Jesu mere ma kwerekwa na ya. Ufodu n'ime ha jekwuru ndi Farisii kooro ha ihe Jesu mere. Nke a mere, ndiisi nchujaja na ndi Farisii ji kpoo nnokoikpe ha, na-atule si, "Gini ka anyi gae-me?" N'ihina nwoke a na-aru otutu oruebube. O buru na anyi hapu ya otu a mmadu niile gae-kwere na ya. Ndi Rom ga-abajakwa imebie ma Ebe Nso anyi ma obodo anyi. Ma otu onye n'ime ha aha ya bu Kaifas, bu onyeisi nchujaja n'afu ahu siri ha, "unu amaghi ihe obula. Unu aghotaghi na o kara unu mima na otu onye ganwu n'ihu mmadu niile, ka obodo niile ghara ila n'iyi." O kwughi nke a site n'onwe ya, kama, ebe o bu onyeisi ncheaja n'afu ahu, o buru amuma na Jesu gaje inwu n'onodu ndi Juu. O bughị soso ndi Juu, kama ka o kpokota umu Chineke ndi gbāsara n'ebe niile. Bido n'ubochi ahu ndi Juu gbabara izu otu ha ga-esi gbuo Jesu. N'ihu nke a, Jesu anaghizi agaghari ebe oha ndi Juu ga-ahu ya. Kama o siri n'ebe ahu puo, gaa n'obodo ebe nke di n'akuku ozara, ruo obodo a na-akpo Ifrem. Ya na ndi na-eso uzo ya noduru n'ebe ahu.

Mgbe Emume Ngabiga ruru nso, otutu si n'obodo gbagobe Jerusalem tupu emume Ngabiga ka ha wee doo onwe ha ocha. Ha na-acho Jesu, na-ajurita ibe ha mgbe ha guzo n'ulonso si, "Gini ka unu na-eche?" Unu na-eche na o'gaghi abia n'emume a?" Ndiisi nchujaja na ndi Farisii enyelari iwu ka onye obula maara ebe Jesu no, mee ka ha mara ka ha wee jide ya.

Ozioma nke Oseburuwa.

Ekpere Nhunye

Ka onyinye ndi a anyi si n'ebumonu anyi, ehunye masi gi I nara, O Onyenweanyi, anyi na-ario, ka ha buru mmari maka njo, ka ha mee ka anyi tosi amara gi were duruo anyi n'ihe ndi I kwere na nkwa di ebighiebi. Site na Kristi Onyenweanyi.

Ukwe Oriri Nso

E nyeferela Kristi n'onwu ka o were kpokota n'otu umu Chineke gbāsachara agbasa.

Ekpere A Natachaa Oriri Nso

Anyi ji obi kacha umeala ario ukpoeze gi, O Onyenweanyi, ka, dikā I siri zuo anyi nri nke sitere na Ahu na Obara kachasi nso nke Nwa gi, si otu ahu mee ka anyi keta okē n'udi ya ka Chukwu. Gi onye di ndu na-achi ebighiebi, ebighiebi.

Prayer Over The People

Have mercy, Lord, on your Church, as she brings you her supplications, and be attentive to those who incline their hearts before you: do not allow, we pray, those you have redeemed by the Death of your Only Begotten Son, to be harmed by their sins or weighed down by their trials. Through Christ our Lord.

Ekpere Maka Oha Mmadu

Meere Nzuko gi ebere, Onyenweanyi, ka o na-akosara gi mkpa ya ga, ka I chee nti n'ebe ndi hudara obi ha n'ihu gi: e kwelaa, anyi na-ario, ka ndi I jiri Onwu nke Otu Nwa Gi I-Huru-N'anya gbaputa meruo ahụ site na njo ha maobu buru ndi onwunwa ga-anyida. Site na Kristi Onyenweanyi.

PASSION/PALM SUNDAY (A) 29 March 2025 [Eke] (Red)

Office: Week 2

Commemoration of the Entry of Our Lord into Jerusalem

The blessing of the palms can take place in another Church or place from where the procession leads to the Church where the Mass is to be celebrated. The congregation assembles carrying palm branches. The Priest and the Ministers put on red vestments for Mass and proceed to the place where the people are assembled. The Priest may wear a cope instead of a chasuble. When all is set the choir or a cantor sings the following antiphon:

Antiphona: Mt. 21:9

Hosanna filio David: benedictus qui venit in nomine Domini, Rex Israel: Hosanna in excelsis.

Antiphon: Mt.21:9

Hosanna to the Son of David, blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord, the king of Israel. Hosanna in the highest.

Ukwe Mbata: Mat. 21:9

Ebube na otito diri Nwa nke David: O di Ngozi bu onye biara n'aha Dinwenu, Eze ndi izrel; ebube na otito diri ya n'elu kacha elu.

Then the Priest salutes the people in the usual way and gives a brief introduction inviting them to take a full part in the celebration. He may use these or similar words:

Dear brethren, since the beginning of Lent until now we have prepared our hearts by penance and charitable works. Today we gather together to herald with the whole Church the beginning of the celebration of our Lord's paschal mystery, that is to say, of his Passion and Resurrection. For it was to accomplish this mystery that he entered his own city of Jerusalem. Therefore, with all faith and devotion, let us commemorate the Lord's entry into the city for our salvation, following in his footsteps, so that, being made by his grace partakers of the Cross, we may have a share also in his Resurrection and in his life.

Umunne m m huru n'anya, kengbe izu uka ise oge ncheta ahuhu Kristi jiri bido, anyi ji oru nke ihunaanya na ime opipia were na-akwado onwe anyi maka emume ihe omimi nke onwu na mbilite n'onwu Onyenweanyi. Taa, anyi zukotara ebe a iso Nzuko Kristi n'akuku uwa niile, mee ya bu emume. Kristi jiri ebube banye n'obodo nke ya bu Jerusalem ka O ruzuo oru ya ka Onye Nzoputa anyi: nke bu ita ahuhu, nwuo onwu biakwa bilite ozo. Ebe anyi ji okwukwe na ezi obi echeta mbanye nke a wetaara anyi nzoputa, ngwanu ka anyi sowe Dinwenu. O buru na anyi akwunyere ya n'ije obe ya, anyi ga-esoro keta oke na mbilite n'onwu ya, na ndu oheru ya.

After this admonition the priest says the following prayer:

Oremus

Omnipotens sempiternus Deus, hos palmites tuae benedictione + sanctifica, ut nos, qui Christum regem exultando prosequimur, per ipsum valeamus ad aeternam Jerusalem pervenire. Qui vivit et regnat in saecula saeculorum. Amen.

Let us Pray

Almighty ever-living God, sanctify + these branches with your blessing, that we, who follow Christ the King in exultation, may reach the eternal Jerusalem through him. Who lives and reigns for ever and ever. Amen.

Ka Anyi Rio Aririo

Chineke ji ike niile, Nna di ebighi ebi, biko were ngozi gi doo + igu ndi a nso; mee ka anyi bu ndi so na-eto Kristi Eze anyi, nwee ike iso ya banye na Jerusalem di ebighi ebi. Site na Kristi Onyenweanyi. Amen.

The Priest sprinkles the palms with holy water in silence. The Priest or a Deacon reads the Gospel.

Gospel:

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew. (21:1-11)

When they were near Jerusalem and had come in sight of Bethphage on the mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, saying to them, “Go to the village facing you, and you will immediately find a tethered donkey and a colt with her. Untie them and bring them to me. If anyone says anything to you, you are to say: “The Master needs them and will send them back directly.” This took place to fulfil the prophecy: Say to the daughter of Zion; Look, your king comes to you, he is humble, he rides on a donkey and on a colt, the foal of a beast of burden. So the disciples went out and did as Jesus had told them. They brought the donkey and the colt, then they laid their cloaks on their backs and he sat on them. Great crowds of people spread their cloaks on the road, while others were cutting branches from the trees and spreading them in his path. The crowds who went in front to him and those who followed were all shouting: “Hosanna to the Son David! Blessings on him who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest heavens!”

And when he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was in turmoil. “Who is this?” People asked, and the crowds answered, “This is the prophet Jesus from Nazareth in Galilee”.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Ozioma

Ihe ogugu nke a si n’Ozioma di aso nke Matiu dere (21:1-11)

Ka ha biaruru nso na Jerusalem, wee rute na Bétfeg nké di n’ugwu oliv, Jesu zipuru ndi na-eso uzo ya mmadu abuo, si ha, “Gaanu n’onumara nke cheritara unu ihu. Ozigbo, unu ga-ahu otu inyinyaibu e libere n’osisi, nke ya na nwa ya no; Topunu ha, kputaranu m ha. O nwee onye kwuru ihe obula, gwanu ya si, ‘Nna anyi ukwu choro ha.’ O ga-ezighachitakwa ha oso oso.” Nke a mere iyi mezuu okwu nke onye amuma kwuru si, “Gwanu ada nke Zayon si: Lee, eze gi na -abiakwute gi. O di umeala, nokwasakwa n’elu inyinyaibu, na n’elu nwa inyinyaibu, bu nwaanu nke na-ebu ibu.” Ndi na-eso uzo ya gara mee dika Jesu si gwa ha. Ha kputaara ya nne inyinya ahu na nwa ya, wukwasa uwe n’elu ha, Jesu wee nokwasa. Otutu n’ime igwe mmadu ahu gbasara akwa ha n’okporo uzo, ndi ozo gbujiri alaka osisi tuokwa n’uzo ahu. Igwe mmadu ahu, ndi no ya n’ihu na ndi na-eso ya n’azu na-eti na-asi, “Hozana diri Nwa nke Devid! Ngozi diri onye biara n’aha Onyenweanyi! Hozana n’elu kacha elu!”

Mgbe o batara na Jerusalem, mkpotu juputara n’obodo ahu niile. Ha na-aju si, “Onye bu onye a?” Igwe mmadu ahu zara si, “Onye a bu Jesu onye amuma onye Nazaret nke Galili.

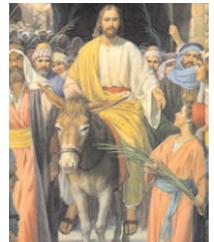
Oziomanke Oseburuwa.

The Priest may now give a short homily and then he or one of the ministers may address the people in these or similar words:

Dear brethren, like the crowds who acclaimed Jesus in Jerusalem, let us go in peace.

Umunna m, m huru n’anya, ka anyi nomienu igwe mmadu na-akpo mkpu eso Jesu. Ka anyi gabanu n’udo.

The Procession to the Church where Mass will be celebrated then begins. The Thurifier goes first with lighted censer followed by Cross-bearer between two ministers with lighted candles. Then the Priest and the ministers follow them; finally the congregation carrying palms in their hands. Choir and people sing the following or other suitable hymns during the procession.



Antiphona

Pueri Hebraeorum, portantes ramos olivarum, obviaverunt Domino, clamantes et dicentes: Hosanna in excelsis.

Antiphon

The children of the Hebrews, carrying olive branches, went to meet the Lord, crying out and saying: Hosanna in the highest.

Ukwe

Umuaka ndi Hibru jicha ngalaba osisi Oliv n’aka oge ha jere zute Dinwenu. Ha na-eti mkpu na-asi, ‘Ebube na otito n’elu kacha elu.

(This Antiphon may be repeated between verses of Psalm 24)

Psalmus 23

Domini est terra et plenitudo eius,* orbis terrarum et qui habitant in eo.

Quia ipse super maria fundavit eum,* et super flumina firmavit eum.

Quis ascendet in montem Domini,* aut quis stabit in loco sancto eius?

Innocens manibus et mundo corde,* qui non accipit in vanum nomen eius, nec iuravit in dolum.

Hic accipiet benedictionem a Domino,* et iustificationem a Deo salutari suo.

Haec est generatio quaerentium eum,* quaerentium faciem Dei Jacob.

Attolite, portae, capita vestra,† et elevamini, portae aeternales,* et introibit rex gloriae.

Quis est iste rex gloriae? Dominus fortis et potens, Dominus potens in praelio.

Attolite, portae, capita vestra,† et elevamini, portae aeternales,* et introibit rex gloriae.

Quis est iste rex gloriae? Dominus virtutum ipse est rex gloriae.

Psalm 23

The Lord's is the earth and its fulness,* the world, and those who dwell in it.

It is he who set it on the seas;* on the rivers he made it firm.

Who shall climb the mountain of the Lord?* The clean of hands and pure of heart, whose soul is not set on vain things,* who has not sworn deceitful words.

Blessings from the Lord shall he receive.* and right reward from the God who saves him.

Such are the people who seek him,* who seek the face of the God of Jacob.

O gates, lift high your heads;* grow higher, ancient doors.

Let him enter, the king of glory.* Who is the king of glory?

The Lord, the mighty, the valiant,* the Lord, the valiant in war.

O gates, lift high your heads;* grow higher, ancient doors.

Let him enter, the king of glory!* Who is this king of glory?

He, the Lord of hosts,* he is the king of glory.

Abuoma 24

Dinwenu nwe uwa na ihe niile di n'ime ya.* uwa na mmadu niile bi na ya.

N'ihì na ya toro nto ala ya n'elu osimiri;* meekwa ka o guzosie ike n'elu mmiri.

Onye ga-arigo n'ugwu nke Dinwenu,* ma o bu kwuru n'ebe ya di nso?

Onye kwu oto n'omume di ocha n'obi;* onye na-etinyeghi uche ya n'ìhe efu, ma o bu were aghughò ñuò iyi.

Onye ahù ga-anata ngozi nke Dinwenu,* n'ugwò nke Chukwu Onye Nzoputa ya.

Ndi a bu agburu na-achò ya;* agburu na-achò Chukwu nke Jakob!

Megheenu uzo, megheenu uzo di okpu,* ka Eze nke otito wee bata!

Kedu onye bu Eze nke otito? O bu Dinwenu di ike, di egwu. Dinwenu nke igwe ndi agha.

Megheenu uzo, megheenu uzo di okpu,* ka Eze nke otito wee bata!

Kedu onye bu Eze nke otito? O bu Dinwenu nke igwe ndiaghà. O bu ya bu Eze nke otito!

The Priest on reaching the Altar, venerates it and may also incense it. He goes to his seat, takes off the cope and puts on the Chasuble. He begins the Collect immediately and Mass continues as usual.

The Mass

Opening Prayer

Almighty everlasting God, who as an example of humility for the human race to follow caused our Saviour to take flesh and submit to the cross, graciously grant that we may heed his lesson of patient suffering and so merit a share in his Resurrection. Who lives and reigns.

First Reading

A reading from the prophet Isaiah (50:4-7)

The Lord God has given me a disciples' tongue, so that I may know how to reply to the wearied. He provides me with speech. Each morning he wakes me to hear, to listen like a disciple. The Lord God has opened my ear. For my part, I made no resistance, neither

Ekpere Mmeghe

Onyenweanyi, Chineke ji ike niile, Nna di ebighiebi, o bu Gi nyere uwa Jesu Kristi Onye Nzoputa anyi. I mere ka O were ahù n'udi anyi biakwa taa ahuhu nke obe iji tooro anyi ukpuru nke obi umeala. Biko, nyere anyi aka ka anyi na-eso nzo ukwu ya n'obi ndidi o tooro anyi, biakwa tozuo isoro keta oke n'ahuri nke mbilite n'onwu ya. Site na Dinwenu anyi.

The Ogugu Nke Mbu

The ogugu e wetara n'onye amuma Aizaya (50:4-7)

Dinwenu Chineke enyela m ire nke ndi a zuru azu ka m wee mara ka e si eji okwu agba onye ume dara mba ike. Ututu obula, o na-akpolite m, ka m nuru ihe, ka m gee nti dika onye a na-akuziri ihe. Oseburuwa Chineke emegheela nti m, enupughi m isi, alaghi m azu.

did I turn away. I offered my back to those who struck me, my cheeks to those who tore at my beard; I did not cover my face against insult and spittle. The Lord God comes to my help, so that I am untouched by the insults. So, too, I set my face like flint; I know I shall not be shamed.

The word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm: Ps. 21:8-9.17-20.23-24.(R.v.2)

Response: **My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?**

1. All who see me deride me. They curl their lips, they toss their heads. 'He trusted in the Lord, let him save him; let him release him if this is his friend.' (R.)
2. Many dogs have surrounded me, a band of the wicked beset me. They tear holes in my hands and my feet. I can count every one of my bones. (R.)
3. They divide my clothing among them. They cast lots for my robe. O Lord, do not leave me alone, my strength, make haste to help me (R.)
4. I will tell of your name to my brethren and praise you where they are assembled. 'You who fear the Lord give him praise; all sons of Jacob, give him glory. Revere him, Israel's sons. (R.)

Second Reading

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians (2:6-11)

Christ Jesus, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, but emptied himself, taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. And being found in human form he humbled himself and became obedient unto death, even death on a cross. Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name which is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

The word of the Lord.

Acclamation! Phil. 2:8-9

Christ was humble yet, even to accepting death, death on a cross. But God raised him high and gave him the name which is above all names.

Enyere m ndi na-aku m ihe azu m, nye ndi na-ado m aka n'afonon, agba m. Ezoghi m ihu m maka mkpari na aso ha na abu m. Maka na Oseburuwa Chineke na-enyere m aka, ya mere, na adaghi m mba. Edotere m ihu m ka okwute, ama m na ihere agaghi eme m.

Okwu nke Oseburuwa.

Abuoma na Aziza: Abu. 22:7-8.16-19.22-23.(Az.1)

Aziza: **Chineke m, Chineke m, ginị mere i ji gbahapu m?**

1. Ndi niile huru m na-akpari m. Ha na-efufe isi ha, na-atamu na-asi, "O tukwasiriobi ya n'Onyenweanyi, Onyenweanyi ahụ zoonu ya! O buru na Onyenweanyi bu enyi ya, ya zoputanu ya!" (Az.)
2. Otutu umu nkita agbaala m gburugburu. Otu ndi ajoomume agbaala m okirikiri. Ha ejirila ihe kpopuo aka m na ukwu m, Enwere m ike iguta okpukpu m onu. (Az.)
3. Ha ekeriela uwe m n'etiti onwe ha. Ha efeela nza maka akwa m; a notela aka n'ebe m no, Gi bu ike m, gbata oso nyere m aka. (Az.)
4. A ga m ekwuputa aha gi n'ebe umunna m no. A ga m eto gi na nnukwu ogbako; unu ndi na-atu Onyenweanyi egwu, jaanu ya mmia! Agburu Jekob niile, toonu ya! Umu Izrel niile, sopuru nu ya! (Az.)

The Ogugu Nke Abu

Ihe ogugu e wetara n'akwukwozi Pol di aso degaara ndi Filipi (2:6-11)

Jesu Kristi agbanyeghi na o di n'udi Chukwu, mana O weghe onwe ya na ya na Chukwu ha dika ihe a ga-ejide aka. O buturu onwe ya ala, were onwe ya n'onodu odibo, a muo ya n'udi mmadu. A huru ya n'udi nke mmadu, O buturu onwe ya ala wee rube isi ruo n'onwu, onwu n'elu obe. N'ih i nke a, Chineke buliri ya elu, nye ya aha kacha aha niile, ka o wee buru na n'aha Jesu ka ikpere niile ga-egbu n'ala, ma n'eluigwe, ma n'uwa ma n'okpuru uwa, ire niile ga-ekwuputa na Jesu Kristi bu Dinwenu maka ofito nke Chukwu Nna.

Okwu nke Oseburuwa.

Mbeku! Fil. 2:8-9

Kristi buturu onwe ya ala, wee rube isi ruo n'onwu, onwu n'elu obe. N'ih i nke a, Chineke buliri ya elu, nye ya aha kacha aha niile.

Then the Passion is read or sung

YEAR A

Akukọ maka Ahuhụ Dinwenụ anyị Jesu Kristi dika Matiu siri dee ya (26:14 - 27:66)

N - Narrator + - Christ C - The People

N - Mgbe ahu otu onye n'ime umuazu iri na abuo ahụ a na-akpo Judas Izkariot jekwuru ndiisi nchujaja juo ha si:

C - Gini ka unu ga-enye m ma m rara ya nye unu?

N - Ha wee kwuo ya iri ego oloocha ato. Bidozie n'oge ahụ gaba, Judas malitere choba uzo o ga esi rara ya nye. Na-ubochi mbu nke oriri Achicha a na-ekogheko, ndi na-eso uzo Jesu biakwutere ya juo ya si:

C - Olee ebe i ga-achọ ka anyi kwadooro gi maka oriri Ngabiga?

N - Jesu siri ha:

+ - Gakwurunu otu nwoke n'ime obodo, gwanu ya na onye nkuzi kwuru si: 'Oge m adila nso, mu na ndi na-eso uzo m ga-eri oriri Ngabiga n'ulo gi.'

N - Ndi na-eso uzo ya mere ihe Jesu gwara ha. Ha wee kwadoo oriri Ngabiga. N'uhuruchi ya, ya na ndi umuazu ya iri na abuo ahụ no n'оче nri. Mgbe ha na-eri nri, Jesu siri ha:

+ - 'Ana m agwa unu eziokwu, otu onye n'ime unu ga-arara m nye.

N - Okwu a wutere ha nke ukwu, ha wee malite juba n'otu n'otu si:

C - Onyenweanyi, o bu m?

N - O zara ha si:

+ - Onye mu na ya manyekotara aka n'efere nri ga-arara m nye. Nwa nke Mmadu na-ala dika Akwukwo Nso kwuru banyere ya. Ma ahuhụ ga-adiri onye ahụ, onye a ga-esite n'aka ya rara Nwa nke Mmadu nye. O gaara ikara ya mma ma a si na a mughị ya amu.

N - Judas onye ahụ raara ya nye juru ya si:

C - O bu m, Nnamukwu?

N - O zara ya si:

+ - Ikwuola ya n'onwe gi.

N - Mgbe ha no na-eri nri, Jesu weere achicha, gozie, nyawaa ya, nye ya ndi umuazu ya, si ha:

+ - Naranu nke a, rienu ya, nke a bu ahụ m.

N - O burukwaara iko mmanya, ma mgbe o nyechara ekele, o bunye ya umuazu ya si ha:

+ - Nnuonu nke a unu niile. Nke a bu obara m nke ogbugba ndu ohuru, nke a gbafuru maka otutu ka e were gbaghara njo. Agwa m unu, agaghi m anukwa mmanya sitere na mkpuru osisi vain ozo, wee ruo ubochi ahụ mu na unu ga-anu ya ohuru, n'alaeze nke Nna m.

N - Mgbe ha kwechara ukwe, ha puru gaba n'ugwu Oliv. Jesu gwara umuazu ya si:

+ - N'abalı taa unu niile ga-ahapu m gbalaga. N'ihina e deela ya si, A ga m akugbu onye ncheaturu, igwe aturu ya ga-agbasasikwa. Ma mgbe e mere ka m si n'onwu bilie, a ga m eburu unu uzo gaa Galili.

N - Pita gwara ya si:

C - O burugodu na ha niile agbalaga n'ihı gi, agaghi m ahapu gi.

N - Jesu gwara ya si:

+ - N'ezikwu agwa m gi, n'abalı taa, tupu okeokpa akwaa, i ga agonahu m ugboro ato.

N - Pita zaghachiri ya si:

C - O buladi na m ga-esoriri gi anwu, agaghi m agonahu gi.

N - Otu a kwa ka ndi na-eso uzo ya ndi ozo si kwuo. Mgbe ahụ, Jesu na umuazu ya biaruru n'otu ogige a na-akpo Getsemani. O gwa ha si:

+ - Nodunu n'ebe a ka m gaa n'ofe nke ozo kpee ekpere.

N - Ka o kporochara Pita na umu Zebedii abuo, o bidoro nwebe iru uju na mwute nke obi. O wee si ha:

+ - O na-ewute m nke ukwu ganye n'onwu. Nodunu n'ebe a, soronu m na-eche nche.

N - Mgbe ọ gaturu ntakiri, o kpudoro ihu n'ala kpe ekpere si:

+ - Nna m, o buru na o ga-ekwe mee, ka iko a gabiga, ka o sinadi, o bughị uche nke m ka a game, kama ka e mee uche gi.

N - Mgbe ọ laghachitekuru ndi na-eso uzo ya, o huru na ha na-arahu ura. O juru Pita si:

+ - O bu na unu enweghi ike isoro m chee nche naani otu elekere? Na-echenu nche, na-ekpekwanu ekpere ka unu ghara i daba n'onwunwa. N'ihina Mmuo kwere ekwe n'ezie ma na anu ahụ adighi ike.

N - O hapuru ha ozo jee ikpe ekpere nke ugboro abuo si:

+ - Nna m, o buru na iko a agaghi agafe ma o buru na m anughị ya, ka e mee uche gi.

N - Ka o biaghachikwara ozo, o huru na ha no n'oke ura n'ihina ura jisiri ha ike. O hapuru ha ozo, je kpee ekpere nke ugboro ato na-ekwukwa otu okwu ahụ. Mgbe o laghachitekuru ndi na-eso uzo ya, o si ha:

+ - Unu ka na-arahu ura, na-ezuru ike? Lee, oge eruola nso, mgbe a ga-arara Nwa nke mmadu nye n'aka ndi njo. Bilienu, ka anyi puo, lee onye na-arara m nye no nso!.

N - Mgbe Jesu ka kpu okwu n'onu, Judas otu onye n'ime ndiozi iri na-abuo ahụ, na oke igwe mmadu ndi chi mmaagha burukwa okpiri batara. Ma onye nranye ahụ enyebuola ha akara si:

C - "Onye obula m ga esusu onu bu ya, jidenu ya".

N - Ngwa ngwa Judas biakwutere Jesu si ya:

C - "Ekele diri gi Nnamukwu".

N - O wee susuo ya onu. Jesu ajuo ya si:

+ - "Enyi m, gini mere i jiri bia ebe a"?

N - Mgbe ahụ ha biara jide Jesu. Ozigbo ahụ, otu onye n'ime ndi ha na Jesu no miputara mmaagha, mapu otu ndi onye ohu nke onye nnukwu ukochukwu. Mgbe ahụ Jesu siri ya:

+ - "Mighachi mmaagha gi n'obo! N'ihina ogbu mma na-esi na mma ala. I chere na enweghi m ike iri Nna m maka enyemaka ka o zitere m igwe ndi mmuoma ihe kariri usuu iri na abuo n'otu ntabi anya. Olee otu a ga-esi emezu ihe e dere n' Akwukwo Nso, na o ga-adiriri otu a"?

N - N'oge ahụ, Jesu gwara igwe mmadu ahụ si:

+ - "Unu ji ube na okpiri bia ijide m dika onye ohu? Ana m ano n'uloika na-akuzi ihe ubochi niile ma unu ejideghị m".

N - Ma ugbo a, ihe ndi a niile si otu a na-eme ka e mezuo ihe ndiamuma dere n' Akwukwo Nso. Mgbe ahụ, ndi na-eso uzo ya hapuru ya gbalaga. Ndi ahụ jidere Jesu kpuga ya n'ulo Kaifas onyeisi nchujaja, ebe ndi odeakwukwo na ndi okenye gbakoro. Pita na-eso ya, ma o no ebe di anya. O sogidere ha ruo n'obi onyeisi nchujaja. Ka o batara n'ime obi, o nonyeere ndi nche iji hu otu ihe ga-esi gaa. Ndiisi nchujaja na ndi okaikpe ahụ niile gbara mbọ ichota ebubo ugha ha ga-eji ma ya ikpe onu. Ma o dighi nke ha huru, n'agbanyeghi na otutu ndi akaebe ugha putara. N'ikpeazu, mmadu abuo n'ime ha putara kwuo si:

C - "Nwoke a kwuru si: 'Enwere m ike ikwada ulonso nke Chukwu, wukwaa ya n'ubochi ato'".

N - Onyeisi nchujaja wee bilie oto juo Jesu si:

C - "O bu na onweghi ihe i ga-aza? Gini bu akaebe ndi a na-agba megide gi"?

N - Jesu gbara ya nkiti. Onyeisi nchujaja ahụ jukwara ya si:

C - "Gwa anyi n'aha Chineke di ndu, i bu Kristi nwa nke Chukwu"?

N - Jesu zara ya si:

+ - "Gi onwe gi kwuru ya. Ma agwa m unu, site ugbo a gaba unu ga-ahu Nwa nke Mmadu ka o no n'aka nri nke Onyejiikeniile, sikwa n'urukpu nke eluigwe na-abia".

N - Mgbe ahụ onyeisi nchujaja dowara uwe ya si:

C - "Okwuola aru. Kedu ihe anyi na-achokwara ndi akaebe? Ugbo a unu anula nkwulu ya. Gini bu uche unu"?

N - Ha zara ya si:

C - "Okwesiri inwụ anwụ"!

N - Mgbe ahụ, ha busara ya asọ n'ihu, kukwaa ya ihe. Ufodu makwara ya ura na-asi:

C - "Buoro anyi amuma, gi Kristi, onye tiri gi ihe"?

N - Mgbe ahụ, Pita noduru ala na mbara ezi nke obi ahụ. Otu nwaagboghọ na-eje ozi biakwutere ya si:

C - "Gi na Jesu onye Galili na-esobu".

N - Ma Pita gorọ n'ihu mmadu niile no ebe ahụ si

C - "Amaghi m ihe i na-ekwu".

N - Mgbe Pita puru, jee nodu n'uzo mbata, nwaagboghọ ozo huru ya wee gwa ndi guzoro ebe ahụ, si::

C - "Nwoke a na-esobu Jesu onye Nazaret".

N - Pita furu iyi ozo si:

C - "Amaghi m onye nwoke ahụ bu".

N - Ka nwa oge gachara ndi kwu n'akuku biakwutere Pita si ya:

C - "N'ezikwu, i buriri otu onye n'ime ha, n'ihina asusu gi agbaala gi ama".

N - Mgbe ahụ Pita malitere idu onwe ya ikwu na anu iyi na-asi:

C - "Amaghi m nwoke ahụ".

N - Ozigbo ahụ okeokpa akwaa akwa. Pita wee cheta ihe Jesu gwara ya si "Tupu okeokpa akwaa, i ga-agonahu m ugboro ato. Pita puru bee akwa nke ukwu. Mgbe chi foro, ndiisi nchujaja niile na ndi okenye ndi Juu gbara izu megide Jesu otu ha ga-esi gbuo ya. Ha wee kee ya agbu duru ya puo, rara ya nye n'aka Paillet bu govano. Mgbe Judas, onye rere Jesu huru na a mala ya ikpe onwu, o cheghariri weghachiri ndiisi nchujaja na ndi okenye iri ego olocha ato ahụ si:

C - "Emehiela m site na irara onye aka ya di ocha nye n'onwu".

N - Ha siriyi ya,

C - "Nke a agbasaghi anyi, okwu aka gi ka o bu".

M - Judas wusara ego olocha ahụ niile n'ulo nzuko wee puo ga kwuo udo. Ndiisi nchujaja chiri ego ahụ, si:

C - "Ego a bu ego obara o kwesighi ka e tinye ya n'akpaego ulonso".

N - Ha kwekoritarara jiri ego ahụ zuta ala ubi onye okpuita maka iji na-eli ndi obia. N'ihina nke a a na-akpo ala ahụ Ala Obara ruo taa. Mgbe ahụ ka e ji mezuo ihe onye amuma Jeremaya kwuru si, "Ha naara iri ego olocha ato, bu onu ahia onye ahụ nke ufodu n'ime umu Izrel kpebiri ihe a ga-ere ya. Ha weere ego ahụ zuta ala ubi onye okpuita dika Dinwenu nyere m n'iwu". Mgbe Jesu guzoro n'ihu Paillet bu Govano, onye ochichi ahụ juru ya si:

C - "I bu eze ndi Juu"?

N - Jesu azaa ya si:

+ - "Ngi kwuru ya".

N - Ma mgbe ndiisi nchujaja na ndi okenye na-ebo ya ebubo, Jesu atupurughi ha onu. Paillet ajuo ya si:

C - "I na-anukwa ebubo niile a na-ebo gi"?

N - Jesu azaghi o buladi otu mkpuru okwu n'ebubo ndi ahụ. Ihe a gbagwojuru Govano ahụ anya nke ukwu. N'oge emume Ngabiga obula, Govano na-atohapuru oha ndi Juu otu onye mkporo obula ha chorọ ka o hapu. N'oge ahụ o di otu onye mkporo oha niile maara uru ya nke oma a na-akpo Barabas. Mgbe igwe mmadu ahụ gbakotara, Paillet juru ha si:

C - "Onye ka unu chorọ ka m tohapuru unu, Barabas ka o bu Jesu onye a na-akpo Kristi"?

N - N'ihina Paillet maara nke oma na o bu maka ihi anyaufu ka ha ji kputara ya Jesu. Nke ozokwa, mgbe Paillet no n'ochi ikpe, nwunye ya zigaara ya ozi si:

C - "Aka gi adikwala n'onwu nwoke ahụ na-emeghi ihe ojoo obula, n'ihina atara m ahuhu buru ibu na nro taa maka ya".

N - Ndiisi nchuaja na ndi okenye kwanyere igwe mmadu ahụ niile ka ha riọ Paillet ka o hapuru ha Barabas ma kpogbuo Jesu. Govano juru ha ozo si:

C - “Onye ka unu choro ka m hapuru unu?”

N - Ha azaa ya si:

C - “Barabas!”

N - Paillet wee juo ha, si:

C - “Oleekwanu ihe m ga-eme Jesu onye a na-akpo Kristi”.

N - Ha niile zara ya si:

C - “Kpogbuo ya!”

N - Ma Paillet juru ha si:

C - “Maka gini? kedu ihe o joo o mere?”

N - Ha tisiri mkpu ike si:

C - “Ka a kpogbuo ya n’obe”.

N - Mgbe Paillet huru na o nweghi uru o na-erite site n’ajuju ya, kara na uzu na ogbaaghara na-amalite, o buuru mmiri kwoo aka ya n’ihu igwe mmadu ahụ si:

C - “Aka m dighikwa n’obara nwoke a. Jinu aka unu hu maka ya!”

N - Igwe mmadu ahụ kwuru si:

C - “Obara ya diri n’isi anyi na n’isi umu anyi!”

N - Mgbe ahụ ka Paillet jiri tohapuru ha Barabas. Ma mgbe o piachara Jesu ihe, o raara ya nye ka a kpogbuo ya n’obe. Mgbe ahụ, ndiagha nke Paillet bu Govano kpooro Jesu banye n’ebe ndiagha bi, nke a na-akpo Pritorium. Ha yipuru ya uwe ya, yinye ya uwe na-acha uhie uhie. Ha kpara okpu ogwu, kpube ya n’isi, werekwa mpiampia mkpo kpaba ya n’aka nri. Ha na-esekpuru ya, na-eme ya akaja na-asi:

C - “Ekele eze ndi Juu!”

N - Ha buru ya aso, narakwa ya mkpo ahụ kuo ya n’isi. Mgbe ha mechara ya akaja, ha yipuru ya uwe uhie uhie ahụ, were uwe nke ya onwe ya yikwasa ya, kpuru ya gaa ikpogbu ya. Mgbe ha du Jesu na-apu, ha zutere otu nwoke onye Sairin a na-akpo Saimon, manye ya ka o buru obe Jesu. Mgbe ha rutere ebe a na-akpo Golgota, nke putara “Ebe okpokoro isi.” Ha nyere Jesu mmanya vain a gwara ihe na-elu ilu. Ma mgbe o deturu ya onu, o kweghi ya onu. Mgbe ha kpodochara Jesu n’obe ha fere nza n’etiti onwe ha maka ikesa uwe ya. Ha nodukwara ala n’ebe ahụ na-eche ya nche. Ha dere n’elu obe ebubo ha boro ya si: “Onye a bu Jesu Eze Ndi Juu.” Akpogidekwara ya na ndi ohi abuo n’obe, otu n’aka nri ya, otu n’aka ekpe ya. Ndi na-agafe n’uzo na-ekwuto Jesu, na-efufekwa isi ha si,

C - “Gi onye ga-akwada ulonso Jerusalem wulitekwa ya na mkpuru ubochi ato! Zoputa onwe gi! O buru na i bu nwa Chineke si n’elu obe ridata!”

N - Otu aka ahụ, ndiisi nchuaja, ndi odeakwukwo na ndi okenye jikwa Jesu mere ihe ochi, na-asi:

C - “O zoputara ndi ozo; ma o nweghi ike izoputa onwe ya. O bu eze ndi Izrel; ya si n’elu obe ridata ugbu a, anyi ga-ekwerekwa na ya. O tukwasiri Chineke obi, o buru na o masiri Chineke, ya zoputa ya ugbu a n’ihina o kwuru si” “Abu m Nwa nke Chukwu.”

N - Otu aka ahụ ka ndi ohi ahụ a kpogidere ya na ha n’obe si akpari ya. Site n’elekere nke iri na abuo n’ehihie ruo n’elekere nke ato n’ehihie ochichiri gbara n’ala ahụ niile. N’elekere ato nke ehihie Jesu tiri mkpu n’oke olu si:

+ - “Eloj, Eloj, lama sabaktani”?

N - Nke putara, “Chineke m, Chineke m, gini mere i ji hapu m?

Mgbe ufodu n’ime ndi guzo nso nuru mkpu a, ha kwuru si:

C - “Nwoke a na-akpo Elajia”.

N - Ngwa, ngwa, otu onye n’ime ha gbaara oso ga weta ogbo tinye ya n’ime mmanya gbakara agbaka, kpafanye ya na mpiampia osisi were nye ya ka o nuo. Ma ndiozo na-ekwu si:

C - “Cherenu ka anyi hu ma Elaija o na-abia izoputa ya”.

N - Ozokwa Jesu tiri oke mkpu wee kubie.

Pause for a while

N’otu ntabi anya ahu, akwa mgbochi nke di n’ulonso Jerusalem gbawara abuo site n’elu ruo n’ala. Ala mara jijiji, oke nkume gbawasikwara. Ala ili wee meghee, e si n’onwu kpolite otutu ndi nso nwuru anwu. Ka Jesu bilitechara n’onwu ha si n’ala ili puta banye n’ime obodo nso, gosikwa otutu mmadu onwe ha. Mgbe onyeisi ndiagha na ndi ya na ha na-eche Jesu nche huru ala omajijiji na ihe ndi ozo merenu, oke egwu turu ha. Ha wee kwuo si:

C - “N’eziokwu, onye a bu Nwanke Chukwu!”

N - Otutu umunwaanyi nokwa n’ebe ahu guzoro n’ebe di anya na-ele ihe na-aganu. Umunwaanyi ndi a siri na Galili soro Jesu na-ajekwara ya ozi. Ufodu n’ime ha bu Meri onye Magdala, Meri nne Jemis na Josef, na nne umu Zebedi. N’oge mgbede, otu ogaranya onye Arimatia a na-akpo Josef biara, o bukwa onye na-eso uzo Jesu. O jekwuru Pailet, rio ya ka e bunye ya ozu Jesu. N’ihi ya Pailet nyere iwu ka e bunye ya Josef. Josef buuru ozu Jesu, kechie ya akwa ocha, wee lie ya n’ili nke o gwuuru onwe ya n’okwute ma kwara otu nnukwu okwute mechie onu ili ahu wee puba. Meri onye Magdala na Meri nke ozo noduru n’ihu ili ahu. N’echi ya, nke bu ubochi na-eso ubochi Nkwadebe, ndiisi nchujaja na ndi Farisii zukoro n’ihu Pailet, wee si ya,

C - “Nna anyi ukwu, anyi chetara na onye ugha ahu kwuru mgbe o di ndu, si, ‘Mgbe ubochi ato gachara, aga mesi n’onwu bilie.’ Ya mere, nye iwu ka e chesie ili ahu ike ruo n’ubochi nke ato, ka ndi na-eso uzo ya ghara ibia zuru ya laa, wee gwa ndi mmadu si; ‘O sila n’onwu bilie.’ Mgbe ahu, ugha nke ikpeazu adi njo karja nke mbu.

N - Pailet asi ha:

C - “Unu nwere usuu ndiagha na-eche nche. Gaanu kporo ha, chebenu ili ahu otu unu nwere ike”.

N - Ha gara mechisie ilie ahu ike, site n’iwere okwute mechie onu ya, ma dobekwa ndi nche.

Ozioma nke Oseburuwa.

Prayer Over The Offering

Through the Passion of your Only Begotten Son, O Lord, may our reconciliation with you be near at hand, so that, though we do not merit it by our own deeds, yet by this sacrifice made once for all, we may feel already the effects of your mercy. Through Christ our Lord.

Preface

It is truly right and just, our duty and our salvation, always and everywhere to give you thanks, Lord, holy Father, almighty and eternal God, through Christ our Lord.

For, though innocent, he suffered willingly for sinners and accepted unjust condemnation to save the guilty. His death has washed away our sins, and his Resurrection has purchased our justification.

And so, with all the Angels, we praise you as in joyful celebration we acclaim:

Communion Antiphon

Father, if this chalice cannot pass without my drinking it, your will be done.

Ekpere Nhunye

Chineke Nna ji ike niile, Onye ebere, biko were ahuhu nke so Otu Nwa Gi bu Jesu Kristi mee ka ihe anyi na-amasi Gi. A hapu nani anyi, anyi apughị ime ihe o bufa di mma. Biko, mee ka aja nke a zuru oke, wetara anyi ebere na ihunaanya Gi. Site na Kristi Onyenweanyi.

Mmalite Ekpere Inye Ekele

Okwesiri ezije burukwa ihe ziri ezi, bara uru, na-azo ndu, na anyi ga-enye Gi ekele, oge niile, na ebe niile, O Nna di Nso, Chineke ji ike niile, Onye di uwatuwa site na Kristi Dinwenụ anyi.

N’agbanyeghi na aka ya di ocha, O nabatarara ita ahuhu maka ndi ome mpu, ma nabatakwa ikpe asi a mara ya maka ndi mere aru. O hichapuru njo anyi site n’onwu ya, bia site na mbilite n’onwu ya wetara anyi mgbaputa.

N’ihi nke a, anyi onwe anyi na-eso ndi Mmuooma niile na-eto Gi, were mmemme onu na-etiku aha Gi, na-asi:

Ukwe Oriri Nso

Nna o buru na iko a agaghi agafe; na a ga m anuriri ya, ka e mee uche Gi.

Prayer After Communion

Nourished with these sacred gifts, we humbly beseech you, O Lord, that just as through the death of your Son you have brought us to hope for what we believe, so by his Resurrection you may lead us to where you call. Through Christ our Lord.

Prayer Over The People

Look, we pray, O Lord, on this your family, for whom our Lord Jesus Christ did not hesitate to be delivered into the hands of the wicked and submit to the agony of the Cross. Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.



Film Show on: Passion of the Lord

30 March [Orie] Monday of Holy Week (Violet)

Entry Antiphon

Contend, O Lord, with my contenders; fight those who fight me. Take up your buckler and shield; arise in my defense, Lord, my mighty help.

Collect

Grant, we pray, almighty God, that, though in our weakness we fail, we may be revived through the Passion of your Only begotten Son. Who lives and reigns with you...

First Reading

A reading from the prophet Isaiah (42:1-7)

Here is my servant whom I uphold, my chosen one in whom my soul delights. I have endowed him with my spirit that he may bring true justice to the nations. He does not cry or shout aloud, or make his voice heard in the streets. He does not break the crushed reed nor quench the wavering flame. Faithfully he brings true justice; he will neither waver, nor be crushed until justice is established on earth, for the islands are awaiting his law.

Thus says God, the Lord, he who created the heavens and spread them out, who gave shape to the earth and what comes from it, who gave breath to its people and life to the creatures that move in it; I, the Lord, have called you to serve the cause of right; I have taken you by the hand and formed you; I have appointed you as covenant of the people and light of the nations, to open the eyes of the blind, to free captives from prison, and those who live in darkness from the dungeon.

This is the word of the Lord.

Ekpere A Natachaa Oriri Nso

Onyenweanyi, Nna di nkwu ihunaanya, I jirila oriri nso nke a nyejuo anyi afo. Onwu nke Nwa Gi na-enye anyi nchekwube na mgbasi ike n'okwukwe. Biko meenu ka mbilite n'onwu ya wetara anyi ikwudosi ike, biakwa duruo anyi na ndu ebighi ebi. Site na Kristi Onyenweanyi. Amen.

Ekpere Maka Oha Mmadu

Lekwasi ezinaulo gi a anya, anyi na-arjo, O Onyenweanyi, nke Dinwenu anyi Jesu Kristi eleghi anya n'azu were onwe ya nyefee n'aka ndi ajo mmadu iji hu ahuhu nke Obe. Onye di ndu na-achi ebighiebi ebighiebi.

Ukwe Mbata

Kpee, O Onyenweanyi, ndi niile na-emegbu m ikpe; nuso ndi niile na-ebuso m agha ogu; were ngwaogu na ota gi, bilie ka i chedo m; Onyenweanyi, enyemaka m di ike.

Ekpere Mmeghe

Mee, anyi na-arjo, Chineke ji ike niile, Mobunaadi na anyi na-ada n'adighi ike, ka eguzokwa anyi ozo site n'Ahuhu nke Otu Nwa Gi I-Huru-N'anya. Onye gi na ya di ndu na-achi...

The Ogugu Nke Mbu

The ogugu e wetara n'akwukwo onye amuma Aizaya (42:1-7)

Nke a bu nwodibo m onye m ji eme onu, Onye m hooro, onye ihe ya na-amasi m. Etinyela m mmuo m n'ime ya. O ga-ewetara mba niile ikpe nkwumoto. O gaghi eti mkpu, mobu kwusie okwu ike, a gaghi anu olu ya n'okporo uzo. O gaghi agbaji osisi na-esighi ike, mobu menyuo oku na-acho inyu anyu. O ga-akwudosiike n'iweta ikpe nkwumoto. Ike agaghi agwu ya, O gaghi adakwa mba ruo mgbe O ga-akwuwa ikpe nkwumoto n'elu uwa. Mba niile bi n'akuku osimiri ga-echere nkuzi ya. Nke a ka Oseburuwa Chineke kwuru: onye kere eluigwe gbasaa ya, kekwaaw uwa na ihe niile di n'ime ya, onye nyere mmadu niile bi na ya ndu, tinyekwa mmuo n' ihe niile na-agaghari na ya. Mu onwe m bu Chineke, akpoola m unu ka unu buru ndi eziumume. Esekpuuru m unu n'aka nye unu onodu. Unu aburula ihe ogbugbandu mu na ndi mmadu, ihe nke mba niile. Unu ga-eme ka ndi kpuru isi hukwa uzo, mee ka ndi eji eji nwere onwe ha, mee ka ndi no n'ochichiri nweta ihe.

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Responsorial Psalm: Ps. 26:1-3.13-14 (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. When evil-doers draw near to devour my flesh, it is they, my enemies and foes, who stumble and fall. (R.)
3. Though an army encamp against me my heart would not fear. Though war break out against me even then would I trust. (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.)

Acclamation!

Hail to you, our King! You alone have had compassion on our sins.

Gospel

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John (12:1-11)

Six days before the Passover, Jesus went to Bethany, where Lazarus was, whom he had raised from the dead. They gave a dinner for him there; Martha waited on them and Lazarus was among those at table. Mary brought in a pound of very costly ointment, pure nard and with it anointed the feet of Jesus, wiping them with her hair; the house was full of the scent of the ointment. Then Judas Iscariot - one of his disciples, the man who was to betray him - said, 'Why wasn't this ointment sold for three hundred denarii, and the money given to the poor?' He said this, not because he cared about the poor, but because he was a thief; he was in charge of the common fund and used to help himself to the contributions. So Jesus said, 'Leave her alone; she had to keep this scent for the day of my burial. You have the poor with you always, you will not always have me.'

Meanwhile a large number of Jews heard that he was there and came not only on account of Jesus but also to see Lazarus whom he had raised from the dead. Then the chief priests decided to kill Lazarus as well, since it was on his account that many of the Jews were leaving them and believing in Jesus.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Abuoma na Aziza: Abu. 27:1-3:13-14. (Az.1)
Aziza: **Dinwenụ bu ihe m na nzọputa m.**

1. Dinwenụ bu ihe na nzọputa m, onye ka m ga-atụ egwu? Dinwenụ bu ide nke ndu m, onye ga-eyi m egwu! (Az.)
2. Mgbe ndi ajoomume na-achu m, ka ha dorie anu ahụ m, O bu ha, ndi iro m, bu ndi ga-akpobi ukwu, daa. (Az.)
3. Oburu godu na igwe ndi agha agbaa m gburugburu, egwu obula agaghi atu m. Obuladi na e busoro m agha, okwukwe m ka siri ike. (Az.)
4. Ekwere m na m ga-ahu idi mma nke Chineke, n'ala ndi di ndu. Chekwube na Dinwenu. Obi sie gi ike; tukwasị ya obi, chekwube na ya. (Az.)

Mbeku!

Ekele diri gi, Eze anyi! So gi nwerela mgbaghara miriemi maka njo anyi.

Ozioma

Ihe ogugu nke a si n'Ozioma di aso nke Jon dere (12:1-11)

Ka Emume Ngabiga foduru mkpuru Kubochi isii, Jesu gara Betani obodo nke Lazuros bu onye Jesu mere ka o si n'onwu bilie. Ha siiri ya nri anyasi n'ebe ahụ. Mata no na-eje ozi, ebe Lazuros so n'otu n'ime ndi ha na Jesu no na-eri nri. Meri weere otu mkpo ude na-esi isioma, nke dara oke onu, nke e ji ezi Naad mee, tee n'ukwu Jesu werekwa ntutuisi ya hichaa ya. Isi ude ahụ juputara n'ulo ha no n'ime ya. Ma Judas Iskariot, otu onye n'ime ndi na-eso uzo ya, onye ahụ ga-arara ya nye kwuru si, "Gini mere e reghi ude a nari dinari ato, were ego ya nye umuogbenye?" Nke a ka o kwuru, o bughị maka o kporo ndi ogbenye ihe, kama n'ihina o bu onye ohi. Dika onye na-ejide akpaego nke ndi otu, o na-ewebiri ihe e tinyere n'ime akpaego ahụ. Jesu siri, "Hapunu nwaanyi a, ka o dobe ya maka ubochi olili m. Unu na ndi ogbenye no mgbe obula, ma mu na unu anoghi n'udi a mgbe obula."

Mgbe otutu ndi Juu nuru na Jesu no na Betani, ha biara, o bughị naani ka ha hu Jesu, kama ka ha hukwuo Lazuros, onye o mere ka o si n'onwu bilie. Nke a mere ndiisi nchajaja ji gbaa izu ka ha gbukwuo Lazuros. N'ihina o bu n'ihini Lazuros ka otutu ndi Juu ji na-ahapu ndi ndu ha, na-ekwerekwa na Jesu.

Ozioma nke Oseburuwa.

Prayer Over The Offerings

Look graciously, O Lord, upon the sacred mysteries we celebrate here, and may what you have mercifully provided to cancel the judgment we incurred bear for us fruit in eternal life. Through Christ our Lord.

For Preface, see Usoro Emume Missa (2018 Edition) p. 42/43

Communion Antiphon

Do not hide your face from me in the day of my distress. Turn your ear towards me; on the day when I call, speedily answer me.

Prayer After Communion

Visit your people, O Lord, we pray, and with ever-watchful love look upon the hearts dedicated to you by means of these sacred mysteries, so that under your protection we may keep safe this remedy of eternal salvation, which by your mercy we have received. Through Christ our Lord.

Prayer Over The People

May your protection, O Lord, we pray, defend the humble and keep ever safe those who trust in your mercy, that they may celebrate the paschal festivities not only with bodily observance but above all with purity of mind. Through Christ our Lord.

Ekpere Nhunye

Were obioma lekwasanya, O Onyenweanyi, n'iheomimi di nso anyi na-eme ebe a, ka ihe ndi i jiri ebere gi debe ka ha kagbuo amamikpe diiri anyi mitara anyi ukpuru na ndu ebighiebi. Site na Kristi Onyenweanyi.

Ukwe Oriri Nso

Ewepukwala ihu gi n'ebe m no mgbe m no na nsogbu. Chee nti n'ebe m no; mgbe o bula m kpokuru gi, gbata oso zaa m.

Ekpere A Natachaa Oriri Nso

Leta ndi nke gi, O Onyenweanyi, anyi na-arijo, ka I site na nchedo ihunaanya gi di okpu ledo anya obi ndi sitere n'iheomimi nso ndi a asopuru gi, ka anyi site na nchedo gi jidesie ike enyemaka nzoputa ebighiebi nke a, nke anyi natarala site n'ebere gi. Site na Kristi Onyenweanyi.

Ekpere Maka Oha Mmadu

Ka nchedo gi, O Onyenweanyi, anyi narijo, nutara ndi umeala ogu chekwawa okputorokpu ndi tukwasara obi n'ebere gi, ka ha were mee mmemme oriri ngabiga obughi so n'usoro mmemme anuahụ kama iji obi di ocha were mee ha. Site na Kristi Onyenweanyi.

31 March [Afo] Tuesday of Holy Week (Violet)

Entry Antiphon

Do not leave me to the will of my foes, O Lord, for false witnesses rise up against me and they breathe out violence.

Collect

Almighty ever-living God, grant us so to celebrate the mysteries of the Lord's Passion that we may merit to receive your pardon. Through our Lord.

First Reading

A reading from the prophet Isaiah (49:1-6)

Islands, listen to me, pay attention, remotest peoples. The Lord called me before I was born, from my mother's womb he pronounced my name. He made my mouth a sharp sword, and hid me in the shadow of his hand. He made me into a sharpened arrow, and concealed me in his quiver.

He said to me, 'You are my servant (Israel) in whom I shall be glorified'; while I was thinking, 'I have toiled in vain, I have exhausted myself for nothing'; and all the while my cause was with the Lord, my reward with my God. I was honoured in the eyes of the Lord, my God was my strength.

Ukwe Mbata

Inyefela m n'atumatu ndi na-akpagide m, O Onyenweanyi, n'ih na ndi ajo osiarị na-emegide m, juputakwa n'onuma.

Ekpere Mmeghe

Chineke ji ike niile di ebighi ebi, nyere anyi aka ime mmemme iheomimi nke ahuhu nke Onyenweanyi ka anyi were kwesi ekwesi inata mgbaghara gi. Site na Dinwenu anyi.

Ihe Ogugu nke Mbu

Ihe ogugu e wetara n'akwukwo onye amuma Aizaya (49:1-6)

Geenu m nti, O ala ndi di n'akuku mmiri, Gunu ndi bi ebe tereaka, geenu nti. Chineke hooiro m site n'afọ nne m, o kporo m aha tupu a muo m. O meela onu m o di ka mmaagha. O zoro m n'okpuru aka ya; o mere m ka m buru aku a piri nke oma; o na-ehekwa m n'ime obọ ya. O siri m, "I bu nwaodibo m, Izrel, onye m ga-esi na ya nweta otito." Mana ekwuru m si, ataala m ahuhu lara n'iyi, emefuola m ike m n'ihe na-abaghi uru; mana ihe nketa m di n'Oseburuwa. Ugwo oru m di na Chineke. Ma ugbu a Chineke, onye kpuru m n'ime

And now the Lord has spoken, he who formed me in the womb to be his servant, to bring Jacob back to him, to gather Israel to him: 'It is not enough for you to be my servant, to restore the tribes of Jacob and bring back the survivors of Israel; I will make you the light of the nations so that my salvation may reach to the ends of the earth.'

This is the word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm: Ps. 70:1-6.15.17 (R.v.15)

Response: **My lips will tell of your help.**

1. In you, O Lord, I take refuge; let me never be put to shame. In your justice rescue me, free me; pay heed to me and save me. (R.)

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

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

4. My lips will tell of your justice and day by day of your help (though I can never tell it all). O God, you have taught me from my youth and I proclaim your wonders still. (R.)

Acclamation!

Hail to you, our King! Obedient to the Father, you were led to your crucifixion as a meek lamb is led to the slaughter.

Gospel

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John (13:21-33.36-38)

While at supper with his disciples, Jesus was troubled in spirit and declared, 'I tell you most solemnly, one of you will betray me.' The disciples looked at one another, wondering which he meant. The disciple Jesus loved was reclining next to Jesus; Simon Peter signed to him and said, 'ask who it is he means', so leaning back to Jesus' breast he said, 'Who is it, Lord?' 'It is the one' replied Jesus 'to whom I give the piece of bread that I shall dip in the dish.' He dipped the piece of bread and gave it to Judas son of Simon Iscariot. At that instant, after Judas had taken the bread, Satan entered him. Jesus then said, 'What you are going to do, do quickly.' None of the others at table understood the reason he said this. Since Judas had charge of the common fund, some of them thought Jesus was telling him, 'Buy what we need for the festival', or telling him to give something to the poor. As soon as Judas had taken the piece of bread he went out. Night had fallen.

afo nne m, ka m buru nwodibo ya, ka m kpoghachiri ya Jekob azu, ka m chikotara ya Izrel, maka na enwere in nsopuru n'ihia ya, onye bu ike m, kwuru si, "O bughị naani na i bu nwodibo m ka i were kpolitē agburu Jekob kpoghachi umu Izrel ndi fodurunū; Aga m eme gi ihe nke mba niile ka nzoputa were ruo na nsotu nke uwa.

Okwu nke Oseburuwa.

Abuoma na Aziza: Abu. 71:1-6.15.17. (Az.15)
Aziza: Onu m ga-ekwuputa eziumume gi.

1. Na gi, Onyenweanyi ka m gbabara, ekwela ka ihere mee m. N'eziumume gi gbaputa m, zoputa m, gee m nti ma zoputa m. (Az.)

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

3. N'ihina so gi, Onyenweanyi bu nchekwube m, Onyenweanyi, echekwubere m na gi bido na mgbe m di n'okorobia, atukwasara m gi obi bido na mgbe a muru m, I buru oke nke m site n'afonne m, o bu gi ka m na-eto mgbe niile. (Az.)

4. Onu m ga-ekwuputa eziumume gi na ike nke nzoputa gi ubochi niile. O Chineke, I kuziiri m bido na nwata m, aga m na-ekwuputa ru ebube gi. (Az.)

Mbeku!

Ekele diri gi, Eze anyi! N'ihubere Nna isi, e duuru gi kpogbue n'obe di ka aturu di nwayo a kpuru jee n'ebe a ga-egbu ya.

Ozioma

Ihe ogugu nke a si n'Ozioma di aso nke Jon dere (13:21-33.36-38)

Mgbe Jesu na ndi umuazu ya no na nri abali, mobu wutere ya nke ukwu. O wee kwuputa si, "N'igwa unu, ezio kwu, otu onye n'ime unu ga-arara m nye." Ndi na-eso uzo ya leritara onwe ha anya, na-atule onye n'ime ha o na-ekwu maka ya. Otu onye n'ime ndi na-eso uzo ya, onye Jesu huru n'anya dabere nso n'obi Jesu. Nke a mere Saimon Pita ji kweere ya n'isi si ya, "Juo ya onye o na-ekwu maka ya." Ebe o daberē nso n'obi Jesu o juru ya si "Onyenweanyi, onye ka o bu?" Jesu zara si, "O bu onye ahu m ga-esuru iberibe achicha ahu na mimanya nye." Mgbe o suuru iberibe achicha ahu na mimanya, o nyere ya Judas nwa Saimon Iskariot. Mgbe Judas richara iberibe achicha ahu, ekwensu banyere n'ime ya. Jesu asi ya, "Ihe obula i ga-eme, mee ya osiso." O dighi onye obula n'ime ndi so ha noro n'ochē nri matara ihe Jesu ji kwuo ofu a. Ebe o bu na Judas bu ojide ego, ufodu chere na Jesu na-asi ya, "Zuta ihe ndi di anyi mkpa maka emume a," mobu "Nye ndi ogbenye ihe." Mgbe Judas natachara iberibe

When he had gone Jesus said: 'Now has the Son of Man been glorified, and in him God has been glorified. If God has been glorified in him, God will in turn glorify him in himself and will glorify him very soon. My little children, I shall not be with you much longer. You will look for me, and, as I told the Jews, where I am going, you cannot come.'

Simon Peter said, 'Lord, where are you going?' Jesus replied, 'Where I am going you cannot follow me now; you will follow me later.' Peter said to him, 'Why can't I follow you now? I will lay down my life for you.' 'Lay down your life for me?' answered Jesus. 'I tell you most solemnly, before the cock crows, you will have disowned me three times.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Prayer Over The Offerings

Look favourably, O Lord, we pray, on these offerings of your family, and to those you make partakers of these sacred gifts grant a share in their fullness. Through Christ our Lord.

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Communion Antiphon

God did not spare his own Son, but handed him over for us all.

Prayer After Communion

Nourished by your saving gifts, we beseech your mercy, Lord, that by this same Sacrament, with which you have fed us in the present age, you may make us partakers of life eternal. Through Christ our Lord.

Prayer Over The People

May your mercy, O God, cleanse the people that are subject to you from all seduction of former ways and make them capable of new holiness. Through Christ our Lord.

achicha ahu, O puru ozigbo. Ochichiri agbaa. Mgbe Judas puru, Jesu siri, "Ugbu a ka e nyere Nwa nke mmadu otito. E nyekwara Chineke otito n'ime ya. O buru na e nye Chineke otito n'ime ya, Chineke ga-enyekwa ya otito n'ime onwe ya. O ga-enyekwa ya otito ahu ngwa ngwa. Umuntakiri, O foro nwantinti oge mu na unu ga-ano. Unu ga-acho m, ma ihe m gwara ndi Juu ka m na-agwa unu ugbu a. 'Ebe m na-aga, unu agaghi abiali ya.'

Saimon Pita juru ya si, "Onyenweanyi olee ebe i na-ala?" Jesu zara ya si, "Ebe m na-ala, i nweghi ike iso m ugbu a. Ma i ga-eso m ma e mechaa." Pita siri ya, "Onyenwe m gini mere na m apughi iso gi ugbu a? Aga m anwu n'ihu gi." Jesu zara ya si, "I ga-anwu n'ihu m?" N'igwa gi eziokwu, tupu okeokpa akwaa, i ga-agonahu m ugboro ato.

Ozioma nke Oseburuwa.

Ekpere Nhunye

Were mmasi lekwasanya, O Onyenweanyi, anyi na-ario, onyinye ezinaulo gi, ka i mee ka ndi i kweré ka ha keta oke n'onyinye nso ndi a nweta oke uju ha. Site na Kristi Onyenweanyi.

Ukwe Oriri Nso

Chineke ahapughi otu Nwa ya, kama o nyefere ya n'onwu n'ihu anyi niile.

Ekpere A Natachaa Oriri Nso

K'anyi nweterela ozuzu onyinye Kanzoputa gi ga, anyi na-ario ebere gi, Onyenweanyi, ka i site n'otu Sakramenti a nke I jiri zuo anyi n'oge a, mee ka anyi keta oke ndu ebighiebi. Site na Kristi Onyenweanyi.

Ekpere Maka Oha Mmadu

Ka ebere gi, O Chineke, wuchaa ndi nke gi ndi noo n'okpuru gi site na nrafu uzo ochie ga were nyekwa ha ike idi aso ga adi ohuru. Site na Kristi Onyenweanyi.



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