

**ASH MONDAY
LITURGY**

General Instructions

1. This ceremony is to be conducted at the beginning of the Great Lent.
2. This ceremony shall be conducted with Qurbana or independent of Qurbana.
3. The ashes shall be prepared using the palms of the previous year.

C: Celebrant

S – Server

A - Assembly

ENTRANCE HYMN

Congregation stands

C: As our Lord commanded
On the feast of Passover
Let us gather in his holy name
In unity, let us offer this sacrifice

A: Let us be reconciled
And prepare a new altar
With the love of the Lord Jesus
Let us offer this Qurbana

C: Glory to God in the highest (3 times)

A: Amen

C: Peace and hope to people on earth always
and forever

A: Amen

C: Our Father (continues with community) who
art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy
kingdom come. Holy, Holy, thou art Holy.

Our Father who art in heaven, heaven and
earth are full of thy glory. Angels and men
sing out thy glory, "Holy, Holy, thou art Holy."

Our Father who art in heaven, Hallowed be
thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be
done on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us trespasses as we forgive those who our trespass against us. Lead us not into temptation. But deliver us from the evil.

For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

S: Let us pray. Peace be with us.

C: God rich in love and mercy to the contrite, look kindly upon these sinners at your presence. We watch for your blessings as the humble tax-collector. May this Great Lent lead us to contrition, conversion, and renewal of our lives. Help we, your chosen people to wash away our sins with tears of contrition and to live a virtuous life. Make us worthy to offer this sacrifice with Messiah in humility and purity of heart. The Lord of all, forever.

A: Amen

PSALMODY
PS. 15

C: O LORD, who shall sojourn in thy tent?
Who shall dwell on thy holy hill?
(*canona*) Lord, shower your grace to seek your
ways
And to be led by your life-giving Words.
Teach us to seek and learn your holy will.

community prays in two groups

1. He who walks blamelessly, and does what is
right,
And speaks truth from his heart;
2. Who does not slander with his tongue,
And does no evil to his friend,
Nor takes up a reproach against his neighbor;
1. In whose eyes a reprobate is despised,
But who honors those who fear the LORD;
Who swears to his own hurt and does not
change;
2. Who does not put out his money at interest,
And does not take a bribe against the
innocent.
He who does these things shall never be
moved.

PS. 16

1. Preserve me, O God,
For in you I take refuge.
2. I say to the LORD, "You are my Lord;
Have no good apart from you."
1. As for the saints in the land, they are the
noble,
In whom is all my delight.

2. Those who choose another god multiply
their sorrows;
Their libations of blood I will not pour out
Or take their names upon my lips.
1. The LORD is my chosen portion and my cup;
You hold my lot.
2. The lines have fallen for me in pleasant
places;
Yea, I have a beautiful heritage.
1. I bless the LORD who gives me counsel;
In the night also my heart instructs me.
2. I keep the LORD always before me;
Because he is at my right hand,
I shall not be moved.
1. Therefore my heart is glad,
And my soul rejoices
My body also dwells secure.
2. For thou dost not give me up to Sheol,
Or let thy godly one see the pit.
1. Thou dost show me the path of life;
In thy presence there is fullness of joy,
In thy right hand are pleasures for evermore.

C: Glory be to the Father, to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.

A: From the eternity and forever. Amen

C: *(canona)* Lord is my cup and my share!
He ever remains in front of my eyes
My share is in his hands;
And he shows me the path of life.

S: Let us pray, Peace be with us.

INCENSING

Celebrant blesses the incense

C: *Lord our God, perfect our faith in your Holy Trinity. May we become worthy to offer you praise, homage, thanksgiving, and adoration. The Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, the Lord of all, forever.*

S: *Amen*

C: Lord our God, when the sweet fragrance of your love wafts over us, and when our souls are enlightened with the knowledge of your truth, may we be found worthy to receive your beloved Son as he appears from the heaven. May we also glorify you and praise you unceasingly in your Church, crowned like a spouse with every goodness and grace. For you are the Lord and Creator of all forever and ever.

A: Amen

HYMN OF RESURRECTION

A: Lord of all we bow and praise you
Jesus Christ, we glorify you
For you give man glorious resurrection
And you are the one who saves his soul.

S: Let us pray, Peace be with us.

C: My Lord, you are truly the one who raises
our bodies. You are the savior of our souls,
and the preserver of our lives. We are bound
always to thank, adore, and glorify you. The
Lord of all, forever.

A: Amen

TRISAGION

S: Brothers and sisters, raise your voices and
glorify the living God.

A: Holy God,
Holy Mighty One,
Holy Immortal One,
Have mercy on us.

S: Let us pray, Peace be with us.

C: Glorious, mighty, immortal, and holy God,
You are pleased to dwell in the holy ones.
We beseech you. Look upon us, pardon us,
and show us compassion according to your

nature. The Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, the Lord of all, forever.

A: Amen

READINGS

First and second readings are read from the podium kept on the left side of the celebrant

S: Brothers and sisters, please be seated and listen attentively.

Congregation sits

FIRST READING GENESIS 03:01-19

S: A reading from the book of Genesis.

S: Bless me my Lord (bowing to the celebrant)

C: May God bless + you.

Now the serpent was subtler than any other wild creature that the LORD God had made. He said to the woman, "Did God say, 'You shall not eat of any tree of the garden'?" And the woman said to the serpent, "We may eat of the fruit of the trees of the garden; but God said, 'You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree which is in the midst of the garden, neither shall you touch it, lest you die.'" But

the serpent said to the woman, "You will not die. For God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil." So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate; and she also gave some to her husband, and he ate. Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together and made themselves aprons. And they heard the sound of the LORD God walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God among the trees of the garden. But the LORD God called to the man, and said to him, "Where are you?" And he said, "I heard the sound of thee in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked; and I hid myself." He said, "Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten of the tree of which I commanded you not to eat?" The man said, "The woman whom thou gavest to be with me, she gave me fruit of the tree, and I ate." Then the LORD God said to the woman, "What is this that you have done?" The woman said, "The serpent beguiled me, and I ate." The LORD God said to the serpent, "Because you have done this, cursed are you above

all cattle, and above all wild animals; upon your belly you shall go, and dust you shall eat all the days of your life. I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your seed and her seed; he shall bruise your head, and you shall bruise his heel." To the woman he said, "I will greatly multiply your pain in childbearing; in pain you shall bring forth children, yet your desire shall be for your husband, and he shall rule over you." And to Adam he said, "Because you have listened to the voice of your wife, and have eaten of the tree of which I commanded you, `You shall not eat of it, 'cursed is the ground because of you; in toil you shall eat of it all the days of your life; thorns and thistles it shall bring forth to you; and you shall eat the plants of the field. In the sweat of your face you shall eat bread till you return to the ground, for out of it you were taken; you are dust, and to dust you shall return."

A: Praise be to the Lord, our God

SECOND READING
JONAH 03:01-10

S: A reading from the book of Jonah.

S: Bless me my Lord (bowing to the celebrant)

C: May God bless + you.

Then the word of the LORD came to Jonah the second time, saying, "Arise, go to Nin'evah, that great city, and proclaim to it the message that I tell you." So Jonah arose and went to Nin'evah, according to the word of the LORD. Now Nin'evah was an exceedingly great city, three days' journey in breadth. Jonah began to go into the city, going a day's journey. And he cried, "Yet forty days, and Nin'evah shall be overthrown!" And the people of Nin'evah believed God; they proclaimed a fast, and put on sackcloth, from the greatest of them to the least of them. Then tidings reached the king of Nin'evah, and he arose from his throne, removed his robe, and covered himself with sackcloth, and sat in ashes. And he made proclamation and published through Nin'evah, "By the decree of the king and his nobles: Let neither man nor beast, herd nor flock, taste anything; let them not feed, or drink water, but let man and beast be covered with sackcloth, and let them cry mightily to God; yea, let every one turn from his evil way and from the violence which is in his hands. Who knows, God may yet repent and turn from his fierce anger, so that we perish not?" When God saw what they did, how they turned from their evil way, God repented of the evil which he had said he would do to them; and he did not do it.

A: Praise be to the Lord, our God

HYMN OF PRAISE

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C: Lord our God, illumine our hearts and minds to hear and understand the sweet voice of your life-giving and divine commandments. In your mercy and grace, grant that they bear in us the fruits of love, hope, and salvation beneficial to our body and soul and that we may constantly praise You. The Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, the Lord of all, forever

A: Amen

Epistle (third reading) is read from the podium kept on the right side of the celebrant

EPISTLE
ROMANS 12:01-15

S: A reading from the letter of St. Paul to the Romans

S: Bless me my Lord (bowing to the celebrant)

C: May Christ bless + you.

I appeal to you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. Do not be conformed to this world but be transformed

by the renewal of your mind, that you may prove what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect. For by the grace given to me I bid every one among you not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think, but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith which God has assigned him. For as in one body we have many members, and all the members do not have the same function, so we, though many, are one body in Christ, and individually members one of another. Having gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, let us use them: if prophecy, in proportion to our faith; if service, in our serving; he who teaches, in his teaching; he who exhorts, in his exhortation; he who contributes, in liberality; he who gives aid, with zeal; he who does acts of mercy, with cheerfulness. Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; love one another with brotherly affection; outdo one another in showing honor. Never flag in zeal, be aglow with the Spirit, serve the Lord. Rejoice in your hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer. Contribute to the needs of the saints, practice hospitality. Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep.

A: Praise be to Christ, our Lord

Congregation stands

HYMN OF HALLELUIAH

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Celebrant goes to the altar with servers and carries the Gospel to the bema in procession

GOSPEL

MATTHEW 05: 01-12

(OR MATTHEW 03:01-12)

S: Let us stand and listen attentively to the Holy Gospel

C: Peace be with you.

A: With you and with your spirit.

C: The holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ as announced by St. Matthew.

A: Glory to you Christ, our Lord.

Seeing the crowds, he went up on the mountain, and when he sat down his disciples came to him. And he opened his mouth and taught them, saying: "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. "Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted. "Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth. "Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied. "Blessed are the merciful, for they

shall obtain mercy. "Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God. "Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God. "Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. "Blessed are you when men revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for so men persecuted the prophets who were before you."

A: Glory to You Christ, Our Lord.

HOMILY

Congregation sits

The celebrant goes to table with Ashes after the homily

Congregation stands

HYMN OF CONTRITION

A Hymn may be sung

S: Let us pray, Peace be with us.

C: O merciful Lord, open the door of your abounding mercy to these penitents. We thank you for sanctifying us in the sacrament of Baptism. Help us to die to the world and to live our lives to your glory. O Lord who led the Ninevites in sackcloth and ashes,

kindly make this Great Lent an occasion of true conversion and renewal of our lives. We accept that we are dust and unto dust we go back. O Lord, bless us by forgiving our sins. Bless and sanctify these ashes that we receive as an external sign of our repentance. The Lord of all, forever.

A: Amen

The celebrant sprinkles the Holy Water on the ashes and incenses the ashes

Congregation sits

The celebrant puts ashes on his own forehead and then on the faithful. If concelebrants are present one of the concelebrants puts ashes on the forehead of the celebrant.

HYMN

The celebrant washes his hands

KAROSUTHA

Congregation stands

S: Let us pray with repentance and diligence
“Lord have mercy on us.”

A: Lord have mercy on us.

S: Lord, rich in mercy and our consolation, we pray to you.

A: Lord have mercy on us.

S: Lord, our savior, provider and giver of all gifts, we pray to you.

A: Lord have mercy on us.

S: Lord, we pray for peace, unity, and endurance of all Churches and the whole world.

A: Lord have mercy on us.

S: Lord, we pray for the wellbeing of our Holy Father Pope Mar _____, the head of the universal Church, our Major Archbishop Mar _____, the father and head of our Church, our Bishop Mar _____, the father and head of our diocese, all other bishops and their fellow ministers.

A: Lord have mercy on us.

S: Lord, who gave us the example of fast for forty days and nights, we pray to you.

A: Lord have mercy on us.

S: Lord, who came to this world to fulfill the will of the heavenly Father and to establish his kingdom, we pray to you.

A: Lord have mercy on us.

S: Lord, who said through the prophets that the real fast is to share the bread with the hungry, to clothe the naked, to provide

shelter to the homeless, and not to turn away from our community, we pray to you.

A: Lord have mercy on us.

S: Lord, who taught us through the prophet that the fast you desire is to untie the bonds of wickedness and to deliver the oppressed, we pray to you.

A: Lord have mercy on us.

S: Lord, who desire not the destruction of the sinners but guiding them in the righteous path, we pray to you.

A: Lord have mercy on us.

S: Lord, who pardoned with affection the repentant thief, we pray to you.

A: Lord have mercy on us.

S: Lord, who said that there will be greater joy in heaven on the repentant sinner, we pray to you.

A: Lord have mercy on us.

S: Lord, who taught us “whenever you served these little ones you serve me,” we pray to you.

A: Lord have mercy on us.

S: Lord, who taught that the man lives not by bread alone but by the Word of God, we pray to you.

A: Lord have mercy on us.

S: Lord, who created and sustained the nature and all its living and entrusted us to use them for common good, we pray to you.

A: Lord have mercy on us.

S: Lord, who exhorted us to seek first your kingdom and its righteousness so as to receive everything else we need, we pray to you.

A: Lord have mercy on us.

S: Let us commend ourselves and one another to the Father, to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.

A: Lord our God, we commend ourselves to you.

C: Lord, you who exhorted us to repent and believe in the gospel, help us to observe this lent of self-denial, conversion of heart, and reconciliation. May we join those who are hungry and thirsty for justice in their fight against the evil. Lord, strengthen us to lead an eschatological life by accepting our sufferings and by doing reparation for

our sins through prayer, fasting, and acts of mercy. The Lord of all, forever.

A: Amen

The Qurbana continues with prayers of Imposition of Hands

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HYMN OF MYSTERIES

Be vigilant not to sin

O disciples of the Messiah and partakers of his mysteries, be prudent not to loose your faith and thereby make the baptism you received futile through your fellowship with those who ruin the body and soul and do evil.

You all are the sons of the most high

O disciples of the Messiah and partakers of his mysteries, be prudent not to loose your faith and thereby make the baptism you received futile through your fellowship with those who ruin the body and soul and do evil.

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HYMN OF EUCHARISTIC PRAISE

A: Messiah our savior has prepared for us his spiritual banquet. Let us approach him with

devotion, love, and awe. Let us receive his body and blood. May he please in us. Let us adore the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.

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COMMUNION INVITATION

S: Come let us get strengthened by fasting and repentance that wash away our sins. Let us receive his most holy body and blood with devotion, love, and awe.

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THANKSGIVING PRAYERS

C: Lord God, you blessed us to grow in the sense of sin and the attitude of reparation through your word. You made us worthy of eternal life through your most holy body and blood. We are not worthy enough to thank you for this great gift. The Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, the Lord of all, forever.

A: Amen. Bless us, Lord.

C: Lord who pardons our sins and heals our ailments, you made us worthy to come to your presence with repentance and to participate in this propitiatory sacrifice. Strengthen us

to proclaim forever your mercies. The Lord of all, forever.

A: Amen.

PRAYER OF SEALING

C: Lord our God who desires the salvation and fullness of life for the entire human race, we bless your mercy that sent forth your only begotten son to our midst for the renewal and redemption of human race. He announced the gospel of your kingdom and gave us the message of repentance and conversion. Enable us to bear fruits of prayer, reparation, and love in this season of Lent and to see the justice of your Kingdom. Oh people of God, may the cross of our messiah strengthen you to conquer temptations and to abide by the Word of God. Now, always and forever.

A: Amen

FAREWELL PRAYER

Praise to you, Altar of sanctification. Praise to you, the sepulcher of our Lord. May the holy qurbana that I have received from you, be for me unto the forgiveness of my debts and the remission of my sins. I know not, whether I shall come again to offer another sacrifice.

