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

Greetings
In the name of the Father ……..Amen. The Lord be with you. And with your spirit.

PENITENTIAL ACT
I confess to almighty God and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have greatly sinned, in my thoughts and in my words, in what I have done and in what I have failed to do. Through fault of my own, through my fault, through my most grievous fault, therefore I ask blessed Mary ever-Virgin, all the Angels and Saints, and you, my brothers and sisters, to pray for me to the Lord our God. May almighty God have mercy on us. ……..Amen.

OPENING PRAYER
Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy. And with your spirit.

FIRST READING
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, sight made pure, we may rejoice to inwardly by your word, that, with spiritual

RESPONSORIAL PSALM
Ps. 115:10-15:9
R. I will walk in the presence of the Lord in the land of the living.
1. I trusted, even when I said: ‘I am alone and poor.’ (R)
2. Your servant, Lord, your servant am I: you have loosed my bonds. (R)
3. My vows to the Lord I will fulfil before all his people, in the courts of the house of the Lord, in your midst, O Jerusalem. (R)

SECOND READING
Romans 8:31-34
A reading from the letter of St. Paul to the Romans. With God on our side who can be against us? Since God did not spare his own Son, but gave him up for all, he may be certain, after such a gift, that he will not refuse anything he can give. Could anyone accuse those that God has chosen? When God acquires, could anyone condemn? Could Christ Jesus, the Son, the first-born, the one to whom all the brothers are subject, not also be subject? No! He not only died for us - he rose from the dead, and there at God’s right hand he stands, for us and for you.

THE WORD OF THE LORD.
Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION
Glory and praise to you, O Christ! From the bright cloud the Father’s voice was full of every sound. So we always bless ourselves in the name of our Three Special

GOSPEL
Mark 9:2-10
A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark
Jesus took with him Peter and James and John and led them up a high mountain. And there he was transfigured before them. Their presence in their place was transfigured: his clothes became dazzling white, whiter than any earthly bleacher could make them. Elijah appeared to them with Moses; and they were talking with Jesus. Then Peter spoke to Jesus, ‘Rabbi,’ he said ‘it is wonderful for us to be here, so let us make three tents, one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.’ He did not know what to say; they were so frighted. And a cloud came, covering them in shadow; and there came a voice from the cloud: This is my Son, the Beloved. Listen to him. ‘They suddenly, when they looked round, they saw no one any more but only Jesus. As they came down from the mountain he warned them to tell no one what they had seen, until after the Son of Man had risen from the dead. They observed the warning faithfully, though among themselves they discussed what rising from the dead could mean.

The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

PRAYER AFTER THE GOSPEL
As we receive these glorious mysteries, we make thanksgiving to you, O Lord, for the glory of your Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, to be partakers even now of the things of heaven. Through Christ our Lord.

EUCHARISTIC PRAYER
The Lord be with you. And with your spirit. Lift up your hearts.
We lift up to the Lord our God.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right and just.

SANCTUS
Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts!

AFTER THE CONSECRATION
The mystery of faith.
We proclaim your Death, O Lord, and your Resurrection until you come again.

THE SIGN OF PEACE
The peace of the Lord be with you always.
And with your spirit.

INVITATION TO HOLY COMMUNION
Behold the Lamb of God, ……..Amen.
Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.

COMMUNION ANTPHON
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 the glory of your Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, to be partakers even now of the things of heaven. Through Christ our Lord.

PRAYER BEFORE THE PEOPLE
Bless your faithful, we pray, O Lord, with a blessing that endures for ever, and keep them faithful to the Gospel of your Only Begotten Son, so that they may always desire and at last attain that glory whose beauty he showed in his own Body to the amazement of his Apostles. Through Christ our Lord.

CONCLUDING RITE
The Lord be with you.
May the blessing of almighty God, the Father and the Son, and the Holy Spirit, come down on you and remain with you for ever.

Go in peace.
Thanks be to God.

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Jesus is glorified by his father and receives his mission from him. Jesus’ transfiguration encourages us to be confident that we shall be with God eternally if we are faithful to him now.

Her son had died a few months ago and her grief was obvious. She was praying as best she could, and the simplicity and innocence of what had happened and for peace of mind. Although she was being helped by many, she knew she had a long journey to go to consolation and comfort. The mountain to climb was high and would be hard. In the gospel of climbing the mountain today, I thought of her as someone at the foot of the mountain, knowing it was to be a long climb – but willing to believe in times of comfort and consolation along the way. We face grief and anxiety in many forms – bereavement, illness of a parent or ourselves, worry about the children. Some people spend a lot of time at the foot of the mountain, looking around to see if they can find a short cut. Others also – the homeless, the neglected ones, the children who can lose faith. We can fall exams, lose jobs. That’s all on the journey. What keeps us going? As we travel up the mountain, we have Jesus with us. And others. Can you remember times you were there? And who helped? Jesus is the companion. He is always there – open to a bit of prayer. Others come at times and we would be lost without them. Thank God for them. Everyone here I would say has been a companion to someone else. In this time of spiritual communication, of being at the mercy of so much hardship outside our control, we need to have times of good listening and loving communication. We need time to talk to one another throughout the day. And in Lent we can give time to the better things in life like prayer, friends, family, and what gives a sense of joy and peace in your life.

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