## Liturgy of the Word

First reading	Joel	David Cloyd
Gospel	Matthew	D. Jane
Canticle	Homily	Kerrie

## **Giving of Ashes:**

O Nameless One, bless your children who ask for your mercy and bless all

those + who receive these ashes. May they keep this Lenten season in

preparation for the joy of Easter. We ask this through Jesus Christ, the

Lord. AMEN

Jane and I invite those who wish to receive ashes to come up.

We then place ashes on those who come forward saying to each:

"Remember, you are from Light and to Light you shall return."

After the distribution of the ashes, one of the deacons will say: Jesus said to his disciples, peace I leave you, my peace i give to you. May the peace of Christ be with you always.

Let us offer each other a sign of peace.

Deacons return to the altar while peace is still under way. Place Ciborium and pic on corporal.

The Lord is with you

Lift up your hearts

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

Creator God, by these holy gifts we offer, make holy those you gather together here in your name. May we be faithful in keeping our vows and may we serve you with undivided hearts. We ask this in Jesus' name. AMEN.

All-holy and ever living god, we do well always and everywhere to give you thanks through Jesus Christ our brother. Gather us in unity, connected to all of your creation as one. You call us beloved, and this Lent we bring our praises in gratitude for your beauty that is rising up in us and in Your world.

Creator and savior, in your generous self-giving, you revealed the heart of the holy life. In offering yourself, you showed us the creativity of sacrificial living. In thanking God and sharing bread, you gave us the transforming power of this sacred story and ritual. In memory of Christ's death and resurrection, we offer you, God, source of all being this life-giving bread. We thank you for creating us worthy to be in your presence and serve you. May all who share in the body and blood of Christ be united to your holy spirit. Welcome into your reign all of our sisters and brothers who have gone to their rest to share in your glory (pause and bow)

May your grace embrace us all. You have made us ready to share in your holy light because we are your creation, flesh of your flesh, heart of your heart, along with Mary the Mother of Jesus, Mary of Magdala and with all the saints who have modeled your will throughout the ages. We treasure the hope of Christ's return and offer you thanks for this Sacrament that brings us closer to you.

D. JANE AND D.ROSEAN RAISE THE ELEMENTS (CIBORIUM AND PIC)

TOGETHER NOW WE SAY:

## THROUGH HIM, WITH HIM, IN HIM IN THE UNITY OF THE HOLY SPIRIT, ALL GLORY AND HONOR IS YOURS ALL LOVING GOD FOREVER AND EVER.

LET US PRAY TOGETHER IN THE WORDS OUR BROTHER JESUS GAVE TO US: OUR FATHER...

THEN PLACE HALF THE COMMUNION WAFERS FROM THE CIBURIUM ON TO THE PATENT AND SAY..

THIS BREAD, BLESSED AS YOU BLESSED IT BY YOUR DISCIPLE AND OUR

VICAR MICHAEL, HAS BECOME FOR US BOTH YOUR BODY AND YOUR LIFE'S BLOOD, WHICH WE OFFER TO ALL IN CELEBRATION OF YOUR GENEROUS LIVING PRESENCE.

THIS IS THE LAMB OF GOD WHO TAKES AWAY THE SINS OF THE WORLD. BLESSED ARE THOSE WHO ARE CALLED TO HIS SUPPER.

LORD I AM WORTHY TO RECEIVE YOU BECAUSE YOU HAVE SAID THE WORDS AND I AM HEALED.

MAY THE BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST BRING US TO EVERLASTING LIFE.

## INVITATION TO COMMUNION

THE ECUMENICAL CATHOLIC CHURCH PRACTICES EUCHARISTIC HOSPITALITY. THIS CELEBRATORY MEAL IS FOR THE PEOPLE OF GOD--INCLUDING EACH AND EVERY ONE OF US. YOU ARE WELCOME HERE AT THIS TABLE. GLUTEN FREE HOSTS ARE ALSO OFFERED.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

LET US PRAY

AMMA/ABBA GOD, THROUGH THE GIVING OF THIS BREAD AND WINE

MAY OUR LENTEN PRACTICE GIVE YOU GLORY

AND STIR OUR HEARTS TO LOVE MORE GENEROUSLY

WE ASK THIS IN THE NAME OF JESUS THE LORD.

FINAL BLESSING:

PLEASE BOW YOUR HEADS AS WE ASK FOR GOD'S BLESSING.

DURING THIS LENTEN SEASON, MAY OUR BELOVED GOD WOO OUR DEADNESS BACK TO LIFE. WE ASK FOR THIS BLESSING NOW, IN THE NAME OF THE THREE IN ONE: THE FATHER, THE SON AND THE HOLY SPIRIT. AMEN

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