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4th Sunday of Lent

Catholic Centre
Broadcast

Good morning to you once again, from the small chapel at the Catholic Centre where in a few moments the Mass for today will be beginning. We'd like to welcome you to join in spirit with the people here this morning in their prayer and worship — and especially if you're ill yourself, and for that reason are unable to be with fellow-Christians of yours in community prayer and celebration today. This is the 4th Sunday in the season of Lent, preparing for Easter, just three weeks away now. As a traditionally preparation time for Baptism, and the renewing of baptismal commitment to the risen Christ, the season of Lent presents us (in the choice of scripture readings at Mass) with images of what our Baptism means, what it is to be a Christian. God's faithful love despite human unworthiness, the gift of God that our faith is, the light of life that faith gives us: these are themes in today's three scripture readings in the first part of the Mass. But first we prepare our hearts to listen to God's word, in a short preparatory rite of prayer and repentance.... This begins now, as the priest and assistants come to the altar, while an Entry Song is sung by the choir, which today is from St Francis chapel, Waterloo Rd parish, Shumshuipo. St Ignatius

CHOIR

Intro.: Kyrie: ORATIO

The Assembly Prayer for this 4th Sunday of Lent. Priest and congregation now sit down, to listen to the first (O.T.) scripture reading; and this is followed by a responsory from Ps 136.

CREED: After the scriptures and the homily given by the celebrant here, Fr Derek Reid, all now stand to recite together a profession of faith in God, the Creed.

OFFERTORY: The Prayers of General Intercession ^{today especially for the Church in China} conclude the first part of the Mass. Now going to the centre of the altar, the priest begins the preparation-rite for the second part, the celebration of the Eucharist. He takes from the assistants the bread and wine brought to him, in the name of us all, and recites a prayer of blessing over these gifts which are to be offered in the action of the Eucharist to become for us Christ's Body and Blood.

CHOIR

PREFACE: The Prayer over the Gifts, for today's celebration. And now begins the central prayer and action of the Eucharist, with an introductory dialogue and special Lenten preface prayer.

Per Ipsum: The concluding praise to God at the end of the prayer of the Eucharist. Now in preparation for the sacrament of the Eucharist, we pray together the Lord's Prayer, 'Our Father'.

COMMUNION. Now it's the communion time. At the altar, raising the sacred Host for the congregation's adoration, the priest himself first receives the Body and Blood of Christ in Holy Communion. And as he does so, the people here who wish also to share in this sacrament of the Eucharist begin to go up to the altar-rail at the front of the chapel. In a moment or two, the priest will come to begin giving holy communion: and as the people then return to their places in the chapel for some minutes of personal prayer and reflection, perhaps you as you listen to your radio may like to join them in spirit, in making your

own private prayer in communion with Christ our Lord. You may like to reflect again on the readings of scripture we heard earlier; or reflect and pray with this old hymn for Communion-time, which keeps us specially in mind of the Passion of Christ which we'll be especially celebrating in a few weeks' time just before (and as part of) Easter.

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CHOIR

The giving of Holy Communion is now over, and the priest returns to the altar, to put away in the Tabernacle the sacred Hosts that remain over. He then cleans the chalice and ~~paten~~ paten used in the action of the Eucharist. After a few moments for his own personal reflection and prayer, he will recite the final Thanksgiving Prayer, and then give the Blessing.

END The Blessing and Dismissal conclude the celebration of Mass for this Sunday, the 4th in Lent. And as the people begin to leave the chapel here, and a recessional song is sung by the choir from St Francis of Assisi parish, we end this broadcast which you've been listening to direct from the chapel at the Catholic Centre in Connaught Rd. Central.