

# Liturgy Alive of Friday 2nd Week of Advent

## Introduction

“If you had only paid attention to what I have said,” complains the Lord through the prophet, for God wants our own good. Jesus complains that there are people who behave in a childish way when John the Baptist preaches repentance in preparation for the coming of the Messiah: they are like girls who refuse to dance when the flute plays joyful tunes or boys who refuse to mourn when people are weeping. The Lord is among us and asks for commitment so that we can lead the world to life, justice, and happiness. What is our faith worth if we do not practice it?

## Opening Prayer

Lord, our God,  
too often, we are deaf to your voice  
and to the presence of your Son  
among us, his people.  
Inspire us by your prophets and your Spirit,  
that now is the right moment to change  
and to commit ourselves,  
to the kind of life and to the justice  
demanded by the kingdom.  
Help us to make people see  
that your Son is alive among us  
and that he is our Lord for ever.

## General Intercessions

- Lord, make us attentive to the voice of your Holy Spirit, that we may not let the right moment pass when he inspires us to do the works of justice and love, we pray:
- Make us listen to people who contest our laxity and materialism, we pray:
- Guide our political leaders to follow the voice of their conscience for the good of our people, rather than seek gain and political power, we pray:

## Prayer over the Gifts

Lord, our God,  
we bring before you  
these gifts of bread and wine  
and join your Son, Jesus Christ,  
at the table he sets for us.  
Give us the determination and strength  
to bring his message and his life  
to the people around us.  
Help us to give ourselves to him  
wholeheartedly and without hesitation,

for he is our Lord for ever.

### **Prayer after Communion**

God, our Father,  
now that we have eaten the bread of your Son,  
help us to do now the good  
we have postponed so long.  
Make us just and fair to everyone,  
to respect the poor and the little ones,  
to visit the sick  
and to feed the hungry.  
Father, we are waiting for you  
but do not let us make you wait for us,  
for we want to follow your Son,  
Jesus Christ, our Father.

### **Blessing**

We should not be like the fickle children who pay no attention to what is good for them. May the Lord dispose us to do what is right and good always, even when it is inconvenient. May Almighty God bless you, the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit.