

Liturgy Alive of Feria

Opening Prayer

Lord God, our Father,
you let your Son, Jesus associate with his helpers
in carrying out his work
of bringing about a new world and a new humanity.
We thank you for the men and the women
you choose in the sacred history of your people
to guide and lead and inspire us.
We too wish to cooperate today
toward this new world, and so we ask:
Make us close companions of Jesus,
inspire us through your Spirit
to cooperate with those who shepherd us,
and lead us to your future of joy.
Grant this through Christ, our Lord.

Liturgy of the Word

First Reading Introduction: He is mediator of a better covenant.

The worship of the old regime of the Law was insufficient, for it had to be replaced. It had only led on the part of the people to legalistic observance. But now comes the new covenant, written in peoples' hearts, with Jesus as the mediator. There, Jesus will speak from the heart: "I came to do your will."

Gospel Introduction: Jesus summoned those whom he wanted and they came to him.

Jesus summons those he wants to work with him. The Twelve, reminding us of the twelve tribes of Israel, were to be the leaders, his intimate companions, and they were to be the foundations, the pillars of his Church, except for Judas, the traitor. Today, he summons us all, but to some he gives special tasks in his Church. Yet, we all have the task of building up the Church.

General Intercessions

- That the pope, Peter's successor, may be our rock of faith, our model of healing and mercy, and thus the sign of unity in the Church, we pray:
- That our apostles today, our bishops, may exercise their authority as a service for community building, we pray:
- That missionaries may discover all the good there is in the hearts and minds of people and their culture, to heal, ennoble and perfect them in Christ, we pray:

Prayer over the Gifts

God, our Shepherd,
with bread and wine we celebrate

that your people are the body of Christ
which you wish to nourish
with the body and blood of your Son.
Sanctify us and accept our offering,
which we join to that of your Son,
Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Prayer after Communion

Father,
with your whole Church, we give you thanks
for entrusting to us the Good News of Christ
and strengthening us with his body.
May the whole People of God,
which you have called to life
spread the Good News of Jesus,
and give you all praise and glory
for all the love you have shown us,
in Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Blessing

In his lifetime, Jesus chose the Twelve Apostles. All along history he continued to choose many to do his work. His work has to continue, and today he calls many to be our leaders and guides. May we fully cooperate with them, with the blessing of Almighty God, the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit.