

## **Liturgy Alive of Feria**

### **Opening Prayer**

Our saving God,  
you have shown your people mercy  
in your Son, Jesus Christ.  
May we belong to him,  
that we may come to love him deeply  
and in this way, know him as he is,  
and also know you as our Father.  
We ask this through Christ, our Lord.

### **Liturgy of the Word**

**First Reading Introduction:** He entered once for all into the Sanctuary with his own Blood.

The Temple worship of the Old Covenant could not save because it did not demand personal commitment of the one who sacrificed. But the sacrifice of Jesus was deep and total. He sacrificed himself. His blood brought us salvation.

**Gospel Introduction:** They said, “He is out of his mind.”

The few verses of today’s Gospel tell us no more than that the crowd was so eager to hear Jesus’ message that they left him and the disciples not even the time to eat.

### **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.