

Liturgy Alive of Feria

Opening Prayer

Lord, our God,
we can perceive the brightness
of the message of Jesus, your Son,
only in the shade.
Make our faith grow, give us trust,
that what we now see
in obscurity and mystery
may grow clearer in our minds
and more evident in our actions.
And never allow us to obscure or hide
the kindly light
of Jesus Christ, our Lord.

First Reading Introduction: Let us hold unwaveringly to our confession that gives us hope and consider how to raise one another to love.

Followers of Christ are sure, confident people, for we have Christ our Mediator. His blood opens the door of heaven to us. The sacraments of initiation, received in faith, actualize in us the sacrifice of Christ.

Gospel Introduction: A lamp is to be placed on a lampstand. The measure with which you measure will be measured out to you.

In the Gospel, the parable presents Jesus' message as a lamp that cannot be hidden; it will blaze brightly in the end time. We must give a generous response to his message of light.

General Intercessions

- Lord, let the light of our love shine when we are more understanding and friendlier to one another and when we share more readily with those in need, we pray:
- Lord, let the light of our joy shine on earth when we show more sympathy and affection to one another, when we are faithful to our friendships and concerned about our communities, we pray:
- Lord, let the light of our faith shine on earth when we, your sons and daughters, live as children of light before you and in the sight of people, we pray:

Prayer over the Gifts

Lord God, Father of light,
the presence of Jesus, your Son
will be hidden in these simple signs

of bread and wine,
yet we ask you to let his Spirit of light
shine on us and on our world,
that we may understand ourselves
and what you call us to be and do,
and that we may see
how you take us by the hand,
through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Prayer after Communion

Lord our God,
you alone are light without shadows
and we are grateful
that you do not blind us with its brightness
but let it shine in the humanity
of your Son, Jesus Christ.
Let it also shine in our humanity,
in our concern for one another,
in our goodness and generosity of heart,
in our timid attempts to follow your Son,
Jesus Christ, our Lord for ever.

Blessing

Let your light shine! Or rather, let the light of Christ shine in you, for we are only lights of faith to the extent that we reflect the light of Christ's message and life. May Almighty God bless you, the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit.