

# Liturgy Alive of Feria

## Opening Prayer

God, creator of all that is,  
thank you for creating human beings?  
in your image and likeness?  
Let it mean for us?  
that we are not only capable?  
of love and goodness, mercy and generosity,  
but that in your image, we can use?  
our hearts and imagination?  
to be creative and inventive?  
in loving, giving, and forgiving?  
and in forming a community,  
like you, our living God, now and for ever.

**First Reading Introduction:** Let us make man in our own image, after our likeness.

After the creation of inanimate beings comes the creation of living beings: fish, birds, land animals, and the crowning achievement, man and woman, made in God's image and likeness. They are special, for they are also put in charge of the whole of creation, for the task of working for the integrity of creation is heavy with responsibilities.

**Gospel Introduction:** You disregard God's commandment but cling to human tradition.

After a period of initial fervor, the teaching of the Pharisees began to imply that people were to be sacrificed for the sake of the Temple, that religious traditions (made by people and juridical) were more important than God's laws, which are supposed to be interior to people and express a personal relationship. Jesus takes them to task for it. For the Temple of the Lord is there for people, not people for the Temple.

## General Intercessions

- That we may recognize and respect God's image in those who fail in life and in those handicapped in body and mind, we pray:
- That we may work together to make our world a beautiful and pleasant place to live in, we pray:
- That our people, Christians and others, may not let senseless advertising lead them to consumerism but keep living in simplicity and moderation, we pray:

## Prayer over the Gifts

Creative God,  
We are close to your creation?

and you let us use bread and wine?  
to let your Son, Jesus, celebrate with us?  
his life and death, and our life and death?  
and all our joys and sorrows,?  
our work and our thoughts?  
and our relationships with you and one another?  
as a response of love to you?  
and a joyful song of praise.?  
Accept all these through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

### **Prayer after Communion**

God, our loving Creator,?  
in your word of tenderness, you have made us?  
your sons and daughters?  
and partners with you in your creation.?  
In answer to your word that said:?  
“It is very good,” ?  
may the whole community of the Church?  
and all of humankind give you thanks and say,?  
“Yes, Lord, it is very good.”?  
May we keep ourselves, our Church, our world?  
very good and pleasing to you.?  
Smile on us through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

### **Blessing**

We have been born of the love of God. Let us keep living in his love, with the blessing of Almighty God, the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit.