

# **Liturgy Alive of Feria**

## **Introduction**

When Jesus is questioned and blamed for curing a paralyzed man on a Sabbath, Jesus responded to them that how he is like the Father. Yes, after the work of creation, God rested on the seventh day. But the work of redemption is going on, the Father and Jesus are always at work, even on a Sabbath. Both continue the work of liberation, comforting and loving, bringing abundant nourishment to the chosen people, raising up the lame and the dead, all expressions of the work of salvation. God passionately declares that he is with us, that he cannot forget us, that he wants us to live in his love, that he is faithful to his covenant, even if his chosen people are not. Jesus is the sign of God's love. He is the source of life now among us. With Jesus, we have to seek the Father's will.

## **Opening Prayer**

Our God and Father,  
you keep seeking us out  
with love as passionate as a mother's love,  
even when we have abandoned you.  
Give us hope and courage,  
especially when we feel uncertain.  
Reassure us that you want us to live  
in the security of your love  
and that you stay with us  
through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

## **General Intercessions**

- For those who dare not accept that God keeps loving them as deeply as an affectionate father or mother, we pray:
- For people living under oppression, that they may have the will, the courage and the means to become free again, we pray:
- For those who are poor and suffering and cry out for joy and a bit of happiness, that the Lord may hear their prayer, we pray:

## **Prayer over the Gifts**

Our God and Father,  
we bring this bread and this wine before you  
as the signs that we share  
in the offering of Jesus, your Son.  
May he give us the strength  
to accept our mission in life.  
As he was loyal to your will,  
may our wills too,  
be in complete harmony with yours,  
that we may live in your love,  
now and for ever.

## **Prayer after Communion**

Our God and Father,  
your Son Jesus, has renewed in his blood  
your covenant of life and love with us  
and deepened the bond with you  
and with all the covenant people.  
May we listen to his words of life,  
that we may pass from death to life  
and grow to the full maturity  
of Jesus Christ, your Son and our Lord.

## **Blessing**

No one can say, "God has forsaken me, the Lord has forgotten me." As a mother cannot forget the baby at her breast, God can never forget us. May God bless you, the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit.