

# **Liturgy Alive of Feria**

## **Introduction**

Jesus, the Son of God, showed in his life and actions, that he was no ordinary human being, even in the face of contradiction. Christians, sons and daughters of God without a capital “s” or “d”, who take their faith seriously will also meet contradictions. They cannot compromise if this would be tantamount to betrayal or dishonesty with themselves, with their faith, or with others. But, they know that they are in God’s hands. And their deeds will speak for themselves. With Jesus, God’s Son, may we do the work that the Father has entrusted to us.

## **Opening Prayer**

Lord, our God,  
you are a loyal God,  
ever faithful to your promises.  
Strengthen our faith,  
that with Jesus, we may always keep trusting in you  
in spite of prejudices, ridicule or contradiction.  
Give us the firm conviction  
that you are irrevocably committed to us  
in Jesus Christ, our Lord.

## **General Intercessions**

- For men and women, who are persecuted because of their faith and feel abandoned, that they may find strength in prayer, we pray:
- For all, who feel deserted by God and people, that they may learn again through good people that they are in the hands of God, we pray:
- For people who have seriously sinned, that in these days of Lent, they may repent and return to the Lord, we pray:

## **Prayer over the Gifts**

Lord God,  
the sign of your loyalty to us is  
that your Son comes among us.  
Keep us also loyal to you  
when we have to face contradiction  
because of our faith.  
Give us the Holy Spirit of strength  
who inspired your Son,  
our Lord Jesus Christ.

## **Prayer after Communion**

Our God and Father,  
Jesus faced opposition  
because he claimed to be your Son,  
the Son of God.  
May we who claim to be  
your sons and daughters,  
lovingly do what you want us to do,  
that people may believe in you and your Son  
not so much because of what we say  
but because of what we are and do  
for the sake of Jesus Christ,  
your Son and our Lord for ever.

### **Blessing**

May our faith in the Lord Jesus be unshakable. We know how much he has done for us, how he was contradicted, suffered and died for us. He, the Son of God, has made us sons and daughters of God. May God continue blessing you, the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit.