

# Liturgy Alive of Easter Feria

## Introduction

In their particularism, the Jews of Antioch in Pisidia wanted to monopolize salvation, perhaps allowing pagans to share in it later through them. For this reason, they reject Christ, his Gospel, and his missionaries. But no particularistic group can monopolize Christ. He came as the light of the whole world. By coming among us, Christ accepted people so to speak on their own terms, to save them in their own situation, mentality, and culture. So the Church of the apostles was to welcome not only Jews, but also pagans. So that the Church to be missionary today is by welcoming all and serving all. In this way, the Church will do as Christ did, be the sign of Christ to the world, show the distant God is close to and present in us.

## Opening Prayer

Lord our God,  
you are distant and unknown, and yet so near  
that you know and love and save us  
through your Son, Jesus Christ.  
May he be present in us and in our actions  
that we may do the same works  
of justice, truth, and loving service  
and thus, become the sign to the world,  
that your Son is alive  
and that you are a saving God,  
now and for ever.

## General Intercessions

- For the Church, that we may listen with attention and joy to the Word of God and come to know the Lord better, we pray:
- For all of us, that we may not selfishly keep the Lord Jesus for ourselves only but make him known to others by the way we live his Good News, we pray:
- For our Christian communities, that we may be fervent in prayer and ask in the name of Jesus for more unity and love, we pray:

## Prayer over the Gifts

Lord, our God,  
in these signs of bread and wine,  
you give us your Son as the light to all people,  
but only if we believe that we can see the light.  
Give us these eyes of faith  
and let the light of your Son  
shine in the works we do,  
that people may praise you.

We ask you this in the name of Jesus,  
who lives in you for ever.

### **Prayer after Communion**

Lord our God,  
through your Son Jesus Christ  
you entered our world to save people  
in their concrete situation and mentality.  
Through your Son, who is with us now,  
open your Church and missionaries and all of us  
to welcome all peoples with love  
and to accompany them with humility  
in their mentality and culture  
on their road to you.  
We are sure that you will hear our prayer,  
for we ask you this in the name of Jesus the Lord.

### **Blessing**

If we believe and love him deeply, we would like to see God, to know him better. Perhaps, we can show to the people around us a bit the face of God in our goodness and love. May Almighty God bless you, the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit.