

Liturgy Alive of Easter Feria

Introduction

Implanted by baptism in Christ, the true vine, and therefore, by vocation and by our being Christians, we are called to be one in him, however we often fall apart into factions because of our background of land and culture, regionalisms and differences of language, social origins and classes, conservatives against progressives. So it was in the early Church: Christians discriminated because of their pagan origins, different parties even among those of Jewish extraction. Are we any better? No wonder that we bear little fruit... Let the Lord prune and purify us and unite us all in Christ as branches on the same vine.

Opening Prayer

Lord our God, loving Father,
you have given us your Son, Jesus Christ,
as the true vine of life
and our source of strength.
Help us to live his life
as living branches attached to the vine,
and to bear plenty of fruits
of justice, goodness, and love.
Let our union with him become visible
in our openness to one another
and in our unity as brothers and sisters,
that he may be visibly present among us,
now and for ever.

General Intercessions

- Lord Jesus, keep your Church from dividing and competing factions; make us all deeply one in you, we pray:
- Lord Jesus, let the sick and those who suffer remember that you are one with them, we pray:
- Lord Jesus, let the new wine of your grace flow in us, that it may make us great and strong in love and gentleness, we pray:

Prayer over the Gifts

Lord our God, loving Father,
you planted your Son among us
as the true life-giving vine.
Let him give himself to us today
as the bread of strength
and pour himself for us
as the unifying, life-giving wine,
that we may live in him

and he in us.
And that we may bear fruits
of unity and love
in Christ Jesus, our Lord.

Prayer after Communion

Lord our God, loving Father,
we thank you for filling us
with the sap of life
from Jesus, our true vine.
May we go on living in union
with him and with one another,
that in the uncertainties of life
we may go on believing, hoping,
and building together a kingdom of love.
And when we grope in the dark in days of trial,
reassure us that you are purifying our faith
and that you are always with us
in people and in your Son,
Christ Jesus, our Lord for ever.

Blessing

Our Lord tells us today: "Remain, live in me, as I remain in you." Yes, let us stay in his love and do the things of everyday life in union with him and in his strength. And let us take him to our brothers and sisters by our common concern and love. May Almighty God bless you for this, the Father who loves you, the Son who lives in you, and the Holy Spirit who guides you.