

Liturgy Alive of Feria

Opening Prayer

Lord our God,
we hold you to your promise
to those who have left everything
for the sake of your kingdom
and who are willing to follow your Son
wherever he leads them.
Let them be men and women
poor in the things that count on this earth
but rich with your love and your grace
and with a wealth of friends
to whom they can bring

our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

Liturgy of the Word

First Reading Introduction

Here we have a typical story of the vocation and the saving work of a Judge. The people are unfaithful, God calls Gideon to liberate the people from the Madianite oppressors. Gideon asks and gets a sign of his mission.

Gospel Introduction

In today's gospel Peter asks, "What about us, Lord?" and Jesus answers that it is difficult for those who are attached to things to enter the kingdom of heaven. We want to follow him. Have we given up everything for his sake? Where do we stand? What is our situation? Jesus promises eternal life. The poor shall be rich. Those who follow Jesus throughout, even losing their life, will live with God.

General Intercessions

– That the Lord may open our eyes to make us put our hearts in the things that matter: love and service and generous sharing, we pray:

– That parents and educators may challenge the young to live for evangelical values, we pray:

– That we may welcome God's grace when it is offered to us and respond readily, also when it makes demands on us, we pray:

Prayer over the Gifts

God our Father,
with bread and wine we remember him
who gave himself totally for others,
your Son Jesus Christ.
Everything was taken away from him
except the certainty that he could count on you.
Make us more aware of the poverty
and emptiness of our hearts
and of the passing value of the things
to which we attach ourselves.
Convert our hearts and set them
on the riches and persons that never devalue:
you and our neighbor,
justice, truth and generous love.

We ask this in the name of Jesus the Lord.

Prayer after Communion

Lord our God,

we are easily satisfied with ourselves
and our own little worlds.
Wake us up and give us the courage
to set out with your Son
on his adventure of hope and love.
Make us ask ourselves
not what we have done for you
but what we have not done and not yet given.
By the strength of this eucharist
help us to follow your Son generously.

Grant this through Christ our Lord.

Blessing

"What about us?" We know that the Lord knows us and loves us and that we are in his hands. No worry! May almighty God bless you, the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit.