

# Liturgy Alive of Feria

## Opening Prayer

Lord, mighty God,  
to a world that is divided  
and struggling against dehumanizing forces,  
to a Church that is confused  
and often discouraged,  
you speak a message of hope.  
With your grace call us out of our weary sluggishness,  
breathe your Spirit of vigor and love into our dry bones,  
that hope may fill our hearts  
and love may move us forward  
on account of him who came  
to make everything new,

Jesus Christ our Lord.

### Liturgy of the Word

#### First Reading Introduction

Against the rather narrow nationalism of Judges and Ezra-Nehemiah the small book of Ruth gives a romantic, idyllic example in Ruth that even non-Jews can become integrated into the Jewish people. Ruth figures even in the genealogy of Jesus.

#### General Intercessions

— Lord, our resurrection and life, blow your Spirit on our dry bones, to make us a Church alive in our time with the warmth of your love, we pray:

— Lord, revive our love to care for the disinherited and those who suffer, we pray:

— Lord, revive our communities, that we may really and without reservation serve one another, we pray:

#### Prayer over the Gifts

Lord our God,  
in these signs of bread and wine  
we relive the holy meal  
at which your Son has invited us  
to love you and one another  
as he loved you and us.  
Write these words with fire  
into our hearts and deeds,  
that we may never forget them  
but that by their power  
we may renew ourselves,  
the Church and the world,  
and march to the land of the promise,

where you will be our God for ever.

#### Prayer over the Gifts

Lord our God,

in this eucharist you have reassured us  
that you are always with us  
and can give new life to our dry bones.  
Fill us with the Holy Spirit  
of your Son Jesus Christ;  
let him give wings to our dreams  
of a new world of human dignity  
that speaks of your wonderful deeds  
and lead us to your new heaven

where all will praise you for ever.

**Blessing**

Open yourselves to the Spirit of the Lord, and let him breath new life into our old, dry bones! May almighty God bless you, the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit.