

# Liturgy Alive of Thursday, Twenty-second Week in Ordinary Time

## Opening Prayer

Holy God of our happiness,  
you entrust your good news of life  
to weak and fallible people.  
Fill us with the strength of your Holy Spirit,  
that we may be ready to speak your message  
with the language of our life.  
Let Jesus your Son work with us and in us,  
that each of us may have the courage to say:  
Here I am, Lord, send me as your messenger  
to share your glad tidings of happiness  
with all who are willing to listen.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

### Liturgy of the Word

#### First Reading Introduction

The background of today's message to the Colossians is that gnostical tendencies are creeping in, promising a superior human knowledge even of divine mysteries. Hence the prayer of Paul that his Colossians may be filled with the full knowledge of God's will, with wisdom and understanding coming from God's Spirit.

## Gospel Introduction

Simon Peter and his companions were amazed that an outsider could tell them where to catch plenty of fish when they, fishermen by profession, had been unsuccessful. This man with a striking message was indeed extraordinary. They were caught in his spell and followed him. Later, they would put out into deep water, that is, they would risk and dedicate their life for Jesus and "catch people" to put them in the spell of Jesus' message and life.

#### General Intercessions

- Lord, attract people to you by opening their eyes and hearts to the beauty of your message of good news, we pray:

- Lord, attract people to you by your inspiring, loving personality, we pray:

- Lord, let your Church with all its communities attract people to you by serving them, we pray:

#### Prayer over the Gifts

God our Father,  
in these signs of bread and wine  
we celebrate the central event  
that sums up our faith  
and gives meaning to what we are and do:  
the death and resurrection of your Son.  
Purify our lips and hearts with his body and blood  
and send us to proclaim with our lives  
that Jesus is our living Lord  
and that you are our Father,

now and for ever.

#### Prayer after Communion

Lord our God,  
in your love you have called each of us  
to a task in life and a place in your plan  
which no one can fulfill for us;  
you have chosen your Church, that is us,  
to be the irreplaceable sign and witness  
of the death and resurrection of your Son.  
Make each and all of us  
capable of our mission  
and send us out into the deep  
by the strength of the body and blood  
of our unique Savior,

Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Blessing**

The Lord entrusts to you his word and his body. Go now, speak his word and be his body to the world. May the Lord bless you, that you may be a blessing to all, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.