

Liturgy Alive of Feria

Opening Prayer

Lord our God,
men and women are responsible together
for the life of faith of our Christian communities.
As they were disciples of Jesus
and his companions on the road,
may they also accompany us today,
with their identity and potentials,
that the Church may grow
and its faith be alive and imbued with love.

We ask you this through Christ our Lord.

Liturgy of the Word

First Reading Introduction

In today's first reading Paul gives a summary of his first letter to Timothy and blames the false teachers who cause difficulties in the community. Most of the time they sow dissent by disputes about words and interminable discussions.

Gospel Introduction

Luke is the evangelist who describes the contribution of women in the apostolate of Jesus. Christ has liberated them from the alienations of Jewish society. They accompanied Jesus since the beginning of his ministry and had a status not far remote from that of the Twelve; after the resurrection they were the first to proclaim that Christ was risen. Together with the Twelve, they are companions of Jesus as he goes from town to town to bring the good news. Companions are people who share the same table.

General Intercessions

- That the contribution of women to the building up of the community of the Church may be appreciated more, and as well as that of men, we pray:

- That women in the Church may continue to enrich us with the warmth of their gentleness, we pray:

- That women in the Church may inspire us by their sense of welcome, faith and fidelity, we pray:

Prayer over the Gifts

Lord our God,
let us be companions of your Son
who share his table,
and become with him
one in mind and heart.
Let fathers and mothers in our families
make their gifts of mind and heart available
and nourish their children
with the food of faith
and the warmth of love and compassion.
Let them make their children
close to Jesus Christ our Lord.

Prayer after Communion

Lord our God,

we have been companions of your Son
as we have eaten from his table.
Make us also his companions
on the journey of life
that we may we bring to the people we encounter
the good news of forgiveness and life
that make our communities
signs of the kingdom of God.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Blessing

The women who accompanied Jesus "served him," says the gospel. Jesus was among us as the one who serves, and we, men and women, serve with him. May almighty God bless you, the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit.