

# Liturgy Alive of Feria

## Opening Prayer

Lord our God,  
your Son was born into this world  
from the Blessed Virgin Mary.  
We praise you for your goodness  
but we also ask this of you:  
Let your Son be born in us in faith,  
in our lives; in our words, our thoughts,  
our attitudes and all we do.  
And then, out of the fullness in us,  
may we share him with those around us  
as the Lord who belongs to all  
  
now and for ever.

### Liturgy of the Word

#### First Reading Introduction

The prophets, like Joel today, do not speak of the day of judgment as an unqualified day of vengeance and punishment; hope is there, for the prophecy is a warning to seek conversion. If God's people change their ways, God will be merciful and restore them.

## Gospel Introduction

In the gospel a woman admires Jesus, and with perhaps a hint of jealousy, she exclaims that indeed the mother of Jesus must be a fortunate woman to have such a son. Jesus' answer goes deeper, to a deeper motherhood, for those who bear Jesus, the Word of God in their hearts and their lives; those therefore who bring forth Jesus in faith.

## General Intercessions

- That we may be grateful to the Lord Jesus that we know him and love him, we pray:

- That with Mary we may pray that God's word may be fulfilled in us, we pray:

- That there may be more people to hear the word of God proclaimed to them, we pray:

### Prayer over the Gifts

God our Father,  
your sons and daughters pray to you  
to give us here and now your Son Jesus Christ.  
Let him warm our hearts,  
make us similar to him,  
fill us with his Holy Spirit,  
that he may become fully alive in us and we in him  
and that through us his light may shine  
and drive away the darkness of this world,  
  
for Jesus is our Lord for ever.

### Prayer after Communion

Lord our God,

create us anew through your word  
and let Jesus, your living Word,  
grow in us day after day.  
May we keep rising with him  
above our self-sufficiency  
and learn from him to bring him to life in others  
with an extended hand, a gesture of compassion,  
and a smile of hope to the lonely.

Let him live in us now and for ever.

#### **Blessing**

The word of God is not just a word but an action. That is even the meaning of "word" in the Old Testament: both word and action. May the word of God become action in us, deeds of goodness and love and service. And may almighty God bless you, the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit.