

Liturgy Alive of Feast of Sts. Simon and Jude, Apostles

Introduction

Little is known about these apostles. The nickname "Zealot" probably indicates the Simon had been among the anti-Roman activists before he became an apostle. Jude, brother of James and also called Thaddeus, asked Jesus after the Last Supper how Jesus could show himself to the world as Messiah without using force. Jesus answered him that the believers would accept him because of his love.

Opening Prayer

Lord our God,
as we celebrate your apostles Simon and Jude,
we remember how your Son could build his Church
on weak and fallible people
and make these its firm foundations.
We pray with your Son
that our faith may remain unshaken
in your Church and in those who lead it.
As they struggle and grope,
let your Spirit fill them
with his wisdom and his fire.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

General Intercessions

- For the pope, that he may lead the Church in faith, wisdom and mercy, we pray:

- For our bishops, that united with the pope they may see and attend to the great needs of the Church in our day, we pray:

- For those who are afraid to answer the call of God to follow Christ to serve the people of God, we pray:

Prayer over the Gifts

Lord our God,
in the name of Jesus, your Son,
your ministers and people offer to you
the memorial of his death and resurrection.
Let us, sinful as we are, be your holy people,
that we may bear witness to your name
and be a believable sign to all
that your Son lives
and that you are our mighty God and Father,

now and for ever.

Prayer after Communion

Holy God and Father,
to us, your people on the way,
you have let your Son speak to us

his uplifting, inspiring word
and give us his food of strength.
Renew your Church in its leaders and members,
that we may live as we believe
and raise in our world a prophetic voice
that speaks with credibility
of justice, truth and unity.
May thus the world believe in your Son,

Jesus Christ our Lord.

Blessing

Jesus entrusts his own mission to weak and fallible human hand. "Entrusts," for he trusts them enough. With the help of the Holy Spirit we can do God's work. May almighty God bless you, the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit.