

# Liturgy Alive of Memorial - St. Leo The Great

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## Introduction

At the occasion of the feast of a Pope(+461) who understood his time and who is therefore one of the two popes called "the great," we reflect for a moment on the task and service of leadership in the Church. Serving, witnessing, collegiality among the leaders and with priests and the laity, seeking together to translate the Gospel in a language our time understands-these seem to be the key demands made today on the leadership of the Church.

### Opening Prayer

Father in heaven,  
you have revealed to us  
that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the living God.  
At this celebration of St. Leo the Great, we ask you:  
Give us a great understanding  
and trust in the leadership of the Church,  
that together with the pope and our bishops,  
we may strengthen the community  
of the faithful of your Church  
and bear witness with them to the world  
of your saving mercy and love.

We ask this through Christ, our Lord.

### Prayer over the Gifts

Lord our God,  
we profess that Jesus, your living Son,  
will be present among us  
in these signs of bread and wine.  
Let him strengthen us with his Spirit  
to follow him wherever he leads us,  
even through pain and death,  
that with him we may share  
in your glory and lasting joy.

For he is our Lord for ever.

### Prayer after Communion

God of power and might,  
your Son, Jesus Christ, has come among us  
without any display of power  
but rather as the humble servant  
of his brothers and sisters.  
Let those who bear in the Church  
the burden of authority  
become more like your Son.  
Unconcerned about power and prestige,  
may they reflect the attitude of Jesus,  
who came not to be served but to serve.  
Let this be their way

to Christ Jesus, our Lord.