

# Liturgy Alive of Feria

## Opening Prayer

God our Father,  
we often turn our hearts  
into houses of pride and greed  
rather than into homes of love and goodness  
where you can feel at home.  
Destroy the temple of sin in us,  
drive away all evil from our hearts,  
and make us living stones of a community  
in which can live and reign  
your Son Jesus Christ.

our Lord for ever and ever.

### First Reading Introduction

After his first military victories over the Syrians, Judas Maccabeus wanted to restore legitimate worship. He had the desecrated Temple cleansed and consecrated anew, rebuilt the altar, and offered the sacrifice in accordance with the Law.

## Gospel Introduction

Jesus drove out the merchants from the Temple and it might be a good time to ask ourselves: What has the Lord to drive out from us to make us better Christians? What stands in the way of being closer to him in the life of every day? What matters for us Christians is that we are attached to the Lord and close to the people he has entrusted to us. Then we can worship him with our whole life.

## General Intercessions

– That in our churches the Christians community may experience the presence of God in prayer and joyful worship, we pray:

– That we may make our houses of prayer places of hearty encounter for God with his people, we pray:

– That as living stones of the Church we may build up our communities as people who love and serve, we pray:

### Prayer over the Gifts

Lord God, our Father,  
with the bread of life  
and the wine of joy of himself,  
your Son will renew his covenant with us.  
Let Jesus give us the will and the love  
to be faithful to its demands  
the way he was faithful to it  
even if it meant the cross.  
Let us give you true worship

through Jesus Christ our Lord.

### Prayer after Communion

God, our faithful Father,  
you have given us in this eucharist  
your Son Jesus Christ  
to show us in him what loyal obedience means.  
Let your Son be alive in us,  
so that our Christian community may be  
the temple in which he lives  
and where he gathers us together  
as his brothers and sisters.  
Keep us from all formalism,  
that we may worship you with our lives,  
by the power and wisdom

of Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Blessing**

By his word and actions Jesus has spoken to us today that we must serve God as he himself did: in spirit and in truth, that is: our everyday living must correspond to what we believe, in loyal service of God and people. May God bless you and guide you: the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit.