

Liturgy Alive of Feria

Introduction

God will make a new beginning with people in the Messiah, in Jesus. He is the young shoot sprouting from the roots of the stump from the line of David and God's Spirit rests on him. He will bring peace - not the peace of resignation and the status quo, but the peace and harmony in the world that comes even to the poorest from justice, loyalty and integrity. In his own self he will show us what we are meant to be and what we can do with our human potentials if we let God work in us, if God's spirit is present in us, if we learn to think with God's wisdom and insight, if we act with his power, if we respect God's order.

It is those who realize their own indigence, says Jesus, who are receptive to God's gifts. With such people, Jesus can make his new beginning, also today, in this Advent.

Opening Prayer

Lord our God,
you never give up on people.
Again and again you want to make
a new beginning with us.
You showed us in Jesus your Son
the kind of people you want us to be.
As your Spirit rested on him,
pour out on us the same Spirit,
that we may see our mission in life
with your wisdom and insight
and that we may have the strength
to live as we believe and hope.
Grant us this through Christ our Lord.

General Intercessions

Let us pray that the Spirit of God may work in us: Lord, fill us with your Spirit.

- Give us your Spirit of understanding, that we may know and understand you, our world and ourselves, we pray:

- Give us your Spirit of wisdom, that we may see even the wisdom of the cross and of suffering and grow through it, we pray:

- Give us the Spirit of justice and love, that we may honestly serve people, we pray:

Prayer over the Gifts

Lord our God,
we bring before you
this bread and this wine.
Change these gifts through your Holy Spirit
into the body and blood of your Son
and change us into a people
in whom your Son dwells
with all his faithfulness and justice,
that we may live in your peace
now and for ever.

Prayer after Communion

God, in this eucharist
we have offered you our good will
and you have given us your Son.
Make us aware of the indigence of our hearts,
that we may see the great things
you can do in us and through us,
and that we may be open to your gifts.
Help us to grow to full stature
and to give the full measure
of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Blessing

If only Christ would be more alive among us! If only we would truly and fully live his message! If we would only let his Holy Spirit animate us! How all these would change us and our world! May almighty God bless you, the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit.