

# Liturgy Alive of Feria

## Opening Prayer

Lord, our God and Father,  
you call us to listen  
to the word of love and mission  
which you speak to us in this Eucharist.  
Make us receptive to your word  
and let it stir our hearts.  
Attune us also to your voice  
speaking in people and events.  
And make us also attentive to your silence.

We ask you this through Christ, our Lord.

## Liturgy of the Word

## First Reading Introduction

Today's first reading tells us the beautiful story of Samuel's vocation. He is the man attentive to the signs of God's presence, hearing the inaudible, seeing the invisible, where others do not hear or see anything. He is in contact with God, like Jesus also withdrawing to a lonely place to pray. We hear God best when all is silent in us.

# Gospel Introduction

The Gospel shows this compassion of Jesus to those afflicted with all sorts of ills and the brokenhearted. He is committed against death and misery. Isn't it that this is the mission he entrusts also to us today?

# General Intercessions

- That we may bring our pains and problems before the Lord and talk them over with him in trusting prayer, we pray:
  - That disappointments and failures may not embitter us, but help us to grow closer to the Lord and grow as human persons, we pray:
- That our own sufferings may help us understand people better when we see them in trouble, and dispose us to offer them our discreet help, we pray:

## Prayer over the Gifts

Lord our God,  
we are here before you  
with gifts of bread and wine  
to share the table of your Son.  
Help us to see his veiled presence  
in our midst  
and to hear his call  
to commit ourselves to one another.

We ask this through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

## Prayer after Communion

Lord our God,  
as we leave this place  
of silence and prayer,  
we ask you to create within us  
islands of peace and silence.  
Do not allow us to lose and forget  
you and ourselves  
in the bustle and stir of our works,  
but help us to return always to you,  
the center of our being.

through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

## Blessing

There are so many ways in which God keeps speaking to us in life. Be aware of his presence; learn to see him, to hear him, to be close to him. May God bless you, the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

