

# Liturgy Alive of Feria

## Opening Prayer

God, our Father,  
you let your Son Jesus Christ,  
share the lot of outcasts  
and bear the sufferings of all.  
Let us become like him,  
so that among us no one stays an outcast,  
no sin remains unforgivable,  
no misery is a cause for rejection.  
Make us with your Son,  
people who lift up the despised  
with words of welcome  
and deeds of encouragement.

We ask this through Christ, our Lord.

## Liturgy of the Word

## First Reading Introduction

Among the Jews, the Ark of the Covenant was the sign of God's pre-sence. This is why as the people moved, the ark moved with them. God was where his people were. Also in their clashes with the Philistines, they wanted God to be on their side for their Jihad, their holy war, but they forgot that they would also have to live as God's people, otherwise the presence of the ark would be without value.

# Gospel Introduction

There is the story of the father whose child had been born badly deformed. He was disheartened and could not love it. But one day he said: "If I can only kiss and touch it, then I can completely accept it." And that is what he did. Jesus did not only heal the leper but he touched him, showing that he loved and accepted the man completely.

# General Intercessions

- With all those who seek pardon and reconciliation, we cry out to you, Lord. With all who have found forgiveness, we praise you Lord:
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- With all who wait day and night in their loneliness and misery, we cry out to you Lord. With all those who have found friends to help, we praise you Lord:
  - With all who hide their suffering, we cry to you, Lord. With all who share with others and uplift them, we praise you, Lord:

## Prayer over the Gifts

Merciful Father,  
with bread and wine we remember  
how you raised us up  
above our guilt and fears and our isolation.  
Dispose us to share with all  
your joy, your acceptance, and affection  
on account of him who shared our poverty  
and made himself weak and humble with us,

Jesus Christ our Lord.

## Prayer after Communion

Loving, merciful Father,  
at the table of your Son, we have learned  
to be present to one another  
as he has been present among us here  
with a love that is discreet and reviving  
like a breath of fresh air.  
On account of him, who has taken away  
the hardness of our hearts,  
dispose us to share our riches and our poverty,  
to receive one another and from each other  
and to touch one another with our love.

We ask this through Christ, our Lord.

**Blessing**

How very happy our community would be if we could fully accept one another just as we are, without condemning, without judging or begrudging, without looking down on anyone, without trying to create one another into our own image and likeness. Let us build up one another with the blessing of Almighty

God, the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit.