

Liturgy Alive of Feria

Opening Prayer

God our Father,
you are the origin of all that is good.
Let our heart not be a house divided
between good and evil.
Send us your good Spirit
to enlighten and guide us,
to give us joy and strength
and to follow your Son wherever he leads us
on the road of goodness and service.

We ask you this in the name of Jesus, the Lord.

First Reading Introduction

When Saul was still alive, David had tried to win over the northern tribes to accept him as their king, but they did not dare. Now, after Saul's death, they come to David and he is crowned king in their presence, to rule over all the tribes.

Gospel Introduction

It is strange and really sounds like ill will when the Scribes ascribe the good that Jesus does, especially that he drives out demons, to the power of Satan, the prince of demons. Should they not have recognized that God's Spirit was working in Jesus? In messianic times, the Jews expected the Spirit of God to overcome the spirits of evil, and in Jesus, the good Spirit was visibly active. We too have to make our option between God's Spirit and the spirits of evil that make us sin. If we hear the word of God and act accordingly, we let God's Spirit overcome evil in and around us.

General Intercessions

- That all the Churches that believe in Christ may overcome their division and become one in the Lord, who brought them pardon and peace, we pray:
 - That all those who are hardened by sin may be touched by the Spirit of the Lord to repent and to change their ways, we pray:
 - That our communities may accept those who have erred, defend the weak and the victims of injustice and bear witness to the mercy of God, we pray:

Prayer over the Gifts

Father,
bread and wine are the simple signs
whereby your Son makes himself present
to the people you have chosen.
Fill these offerings with your Spirit,
that they may become your Son.
Fill us with the same Holy Spirit,
that he makes us the people
that belong to you and serve you.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Prayer after Communion

God our Father,
through your Holy Spirit,
we have heard the words of your Son.
Let them become, through the same Spirit
words that set us afire
with zeal for your kingdom
and with love for one another.
Let it be a fire that cannot be extinguished.

We ask this through Christ, our Lord.

Blessing

A country or a family or a community that is divided cannot stand. We should all be led by the same Spirit. That does not mean that we all have to be the same like clones, for the Spirit is rich enough with his variety of gifts. May God pour out his good Spirit on us and bless us, the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit.