

# **Liturgy Alive of Monday of the Fourteenth Week in Ordinary Time**

## **Monday, 14th Week in Ordinary Time**

### **OUR GOD OF THE LIVING**

#### **Opening Prayer**

God of all that breathes and lives,  
your Son Jesus touched people  
and they were healed and they lived.  
Let him take us by the hand  
and raise us up from sin and discouragement.  
Let him touch us with his body and blood  
and make us fresh and new again  
to live his life and to go his way to you.  
Let him touch us with the warmth of his love  
that our love may revive others,  
especially the poor and those who suffer.  
All this we ask through Christ our Lord.

#### **Liturgy of the Word**

##### **Introduction to the First Reading**

The prophet Hosea is the prophet of the tender, gratuitous love of God, who continues loving his people even when we are unfaithful, because he is God, and not like people (Hos 11, 9). Hosea can describe this love well, for he had experienced it in his own life when his wife deserted him. He went to take her back and went on a new honeymoon with her. This is the kind of love God has for us.

##### **Introduction to the Gospel**

God has made us for life. In Jesus he shows us that he wants us to be healed, that is, wholly and fully alive and raised from the dead, for by his resurrection Jesus defeats death in its roots. In this eucharist we ask Jesus to raise us up, from the death of sin and ultimately from physical death.

##### **General Intercessions**

- That the Church may continue with compassion Jesus' healing ministry, that the sick may be comforted, the downtrodden set free, and the poor and the weak protected, we pray:
- That doctors and nurses and all who care for the sick and the handicapped may have a great respect for life and be inspired in their task by the love of Christ, we pray:
- That the faith and the hope of the sick and the dying may be firmly anchored in our Lord Jesus Christ, who is the resurrection and the life; that with him they may accept their pains with patience and when the time comes also accept death as the gateway to full life, we pray:

##### **Prayer over the Gifts**

God our Father,

this is your dwelling place  
to which you have invited us.  
We offer you here all our love and trust  
through him who had placed himself  
into your hands  
and kept trusting in you even in death,  
Jesus Christ our Lord.

### **Prayer after Communion**

God our Father,  
our life and death are in your hands.  
We are certain of you  
because we know your love is irrevocable  
and you have given us your Son in this eucharist.  
May we learn from you and him  
to be present to one another  
and to be reliable messengers to each other  
of your care and your gratuitous love.  
We ask you this through Christ our Lord.

### **Blessing**

God wants us to live to the full. That is why he lets his Son Jesus Christ heal and strengthen us with the food and drink of everlasting life. May almighty God bless and keep you: the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit.