

Liturgy Alive of Feria

Opening Prayer

Lord our God,
our faith is often put to the test
in the confusion of our time.
Let your Holy Spirit speak in us
when we meet contradiction
on account of the gospel of your Son.
May he be our strength and peace
in living with the uncertainties
that are the lot of those who believe in you.
Stay with us when the going is rough
and bring us home to you

through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Liturgy of the Word

Introduction to the First Reading

The closing chapter of Hosea is an emotional call for conversion, for a loyal return to the Lord. He alone can save, he alone is the master of history, and he alone can provide the happiness which people seek so frantically.

Introduction to the Gospel

What Jesus says of his apostles-missionaries applies also to all who follow him: they have to live with insecurity. They will be contradicted, ridiculed, perhaps persecuted. The gospel, meant to bring peace, in reality often divides. It sets off, sets apart. It brings division even among those who claim Christ as their Lord. Jesus promised

to his disciples then and now his Holy Spirit to stand by their side in their trials.

General Intercessions

- For all churches and missionary societies, that they may proclaim Christ not by power and prestige but by humble service, we pray:
 - For missionaries, that they may discover the good there is in the hearts and minds of people and in their culture, to heal, to ennoble, and to perfect them in Christ, we pray:
- For all our young churches, that they may be deeply rooted in their own people as communities of faith and love that enrich the whole Church, we pray:

Prayer over the Gifts

Lord God,
Jesus, your Son, was defenseless
against those who rejected him,
yet he entrusted himself to you
and you raised him from the dead.
Give him to us now
in these signs of bread and wine.
Let him accompany us on the road to you,
that we may remain faithful with him
and persevere until the end.

May we thus also live with him

who is our Lord for ever.

Prayer after Communion

Lord our God,

we thank you for encouraging us
through the word and example
of your Son Jesus Christ.
His word is not comfortable
and neither was his example.
Send us to make his gospel known
by the way we ourselves live it.
And when our ardor cools off,
remind us that you are our God
who sends and accompanies us

through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Blessing

People speaking in the name of God should not worry what to say; for Jesus assures us that the Holy Spirit is speaking through them. May God bless you, the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit.