

Liturgy Alive of Monday of the Fifteenth Week in Ordinary Time

Opening Prayer

Lord our God,
we have accepted your invitation
to follow your Son Jesus, as his disciples.
Let your Spirit give us the wisdom and strength
to take our faith seriously
and to accept our task in life with all its consequences.
Let your Spirit help us to follow your Son
without fear or discouragement,
for we are certain that Jesus will lead us to you,

our loving God, for ever and ever.

Liturgy of the Word

Introduction to the First Reading

One of the themes strong and dear with Isaiah is, that outward cultic practices of religion are of no value to the individual or the community unless their everyday life conforms to the commandments of God, which are the people's response to God.

Introduction to the Gospel

Christ could bring us life and grace because he suffered for us. He could rise because he was crucified and died on a cross. No easy life is promised to his disciples. Suffering and the cross are their share too. In God's plan, this is the way to life. It's not too comfortable, but these are God's terms.

General Intercessions

– That those whom the Lord calls to special ministries in the Church may follow him resolutely; that all of us may unwaveringly commit ourselves to Jesus and to people as Jesus commits himself to us, we pray:
– That the leaders of nations may be committed to the good of their people, in justice and a spirit of service, we pray:

– That our prayers and worship of the Lord may commit us more to the causes we pray for, we pray:

Prayer over the Gifts

Lord our God,
in these gifts of bread and wine,
we bring ourselves before you
and you let your Son give himself to us.
May we learn from him to make ourselves free
for people and for you
and to seek your will in all we do.
May we follow in his trials and in his glory

your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Prayer after Communion

Lord our God,
in this Eucharist you have enlightened us
with the word and wisdom of your Son
and given us his nourishing, strong bread
to follow him without hesitation.
Fill us with the wisdom and power of your Spirit
to go with Jesus without hesitation
through the desert of pain and the cross,
for the sake of bringing his life and joy
to our brothers and sisters in need

and for giving glory to you, now and for ever.

Blessing

Be free. Be true and honest with yourselves, be honest with God and faithful to Jesus and his message, even if it causes conflicts with people dearest to you. May Almighty God bless you, the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit.