

# Liturgy Alive of Feria

## Opening Prayer

Faithful God of tenderness and mercy,  
you want us to be your people  
on the march with Jesus your Son  
toward the new future of justice and love  
of your kingdom.  
Do not allow us to suffocate in being contented  
with old habits and sluggish ways.  
Help us to accept the pain  
of leaving the familiar behind us  
and open us to today's challenge of the gospel  
to become more like your Son  
who guides our faltering steps,

Jesus Christ our Lord.

## Liturgy of the Word

### Introduction to the First Reading

Jeremiah looks at the work of a potter. If the potter sees his work is misshapen, he destroys it and tries anew. God's people are clay in God's hands. If they are not faithful, God will break them, but when they are converted he tries again with them and they become precious.

### Introduction to Gospel Reading

The parable about the net full of fish, good and bad, is very close to the parable heard a few days ago about the wheat and the weeds. It ends with the statement that the scribe in the kingdom of heaven is like the master of a household who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old. Jesus came "not to abolish the Law and the Prophets but to complete them." Therefore the disciple, when he welcomes what is new, does not reject what is old. He treasures both.

# General Intercessions

- For the Church, that it may be a voice and a force promoting justice and love among people and among nations, we pray:

- For the politicians and economists of our day, that they may reform national and international structures to give equitable access to all to the material and spiritual treasures of our world, we pray:

- For all of us, that we may live in the hands of God and let him mold us, even through trials, into better Christians, we pray:

## Prayer over the Gifts

Lord our God,  
with bread and wine we celebrate  
the covenant you renew with us  
in the blood of Jesus Christ.  
Make us indeed your new, faithful people  
bound to you in an everlasting union of love.  
Renew our hearts,  
make us your new wine of joy and hope,

that we may rebuild this earth today  
and march with your Son  
toward your new heaven,

where you will be our God for ever.

#### **Prayer after Communion**

God of hope,

you have given us Jesus your Son  
as our companion on the road  
for understanding the old, familiar things  
with a new and young heart  
and for renewing ourselves and the world.  
Let him prod us on  
when we try to compromise  
by merely patching up the old here and there;  
let him curb our impatience  
when we try to rush people  
beyond their capacity for growth.  
Lead us forward through our trusted guide.

Jesus Christ our Lord.

#### **Blessing**

We must make the Lord visible today in a way our times understand and make our world more and more God's world and kingdom. May you do so with the blessing of almighty God, the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit.