

Liturgy Alive of Feast of Saint Bartholomew

Introduction

It is quite likely that Nathaniel of today's gospel is the same person as the apostle Bartholomew. If so, he was an open and honest man, "in whom there was no deceit," as Jesus said.

Opening Prayer

Lord our God,
would that it could be said of each of us:
"there goes and honest person
in whom there is no deceit,"
one who is worthy of the name Christian.
Make us into true disciples of Jesus
who live as we believe day after day,
and who cooperate in bringing people

to your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

General Intercessions

– For faith in the Church and for confidence in the future, because we are certain that Christ is present among us, we pray:

– For the spirit of Christian love and of forgiveness for all people, for we are certain that all are invited in Christ to share in God's unending happiness, we pray:

– For all who are baptized in Christ's name, that they may follow their Savior in his love and spirit of service, we pray:

Prayer over the Gifts

Lord our God,
you have called us together,
saints and sinners alike,
at the table of your Son.
Accept the willingness we offer you
to carry out in everyday life
the task you entrust to us.
Let your Son make us your new people
always open to the prompting of your love.

We ask this in the name of Jesus the Lord.

Prayer after Communion

Lord our God, loving Father,
in this eucharistic celebration
we have encountered your Son
as our Lord and Savior.
He has seen us and he loves us.
May we live as we believe,
that there be no deceit in us
but that we follow your Son
on the road of self-giving love,

for he is our Lord for ever.

Blessing

What a great honor if the Lord can call us a true person, someone in whom there is no deceit! May almighty God bless you all, the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit.