

# Liturgy Alive of Feria

## Opening Prayer

Lord our God,  
we affirm that we believe in you,  
but we are in danger of forgetting  
that deeds have to prove  
the sincerity of our faith.  
Help us to be wise and faithful servants  
of steadfast faith and fervent love,  
who follow the example of Jesus Christ,  
  
your Son and our Lord for ever.

## Liturgy of the Word

### Introduction to the First Reading

For three-and-a-half weeks, we will hear in the first reading excerpts from Paul's first letter to the Corinthians. In this letter, Paul has to face practical problems in a young Christian community in pagan territory, particularly its internal division into factions, lapses of morality, relations with pagans, the role of charisms, and faith in the resurrection, so difficult to Greeks. In today's greeting, he reminds the Christians of Corinth how they have become rich in Christ.

## Introduction to Gospel Reading

Especially to the leaders of the community, the Lord says that at his coming, he should find them doing what they are supposed to do, that is, serving the community in love.

## General Intercessions

– That we may be attentive to God's presence in our world in the goodness of people, we pray:  
– That we may be awake to the love of God that he shows us and makes grow in us in every Eucharist, we pray:  
  
– That we may hope in the certainty that our commitment to justice and love and our dedicated service are needed to bring God's kingdom in our world, we pray:

## Prayer over the Gifts

Lord our God,  
as the body is dead without the soul,  
this bread and this wine remain lifeless  
if not animated by your Spirit.  
Give life to these gifts, we pray you,  
by the power of the Holy Spirit,  
that Christ's love may inspire our lives  
to serve you and people  
and make us ready to meet at any time  
  
our Savior, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

## Prayer after Communion

Lord our God,  
you have called us to life  
to be happy ourselves  
and to make others happy.  
Make us vividly aware  
of our responsibility for one another.  
Help us to be faithful servants  
whose faith in you is made visible

in deeds of sincere love,  
as we wait in joyful hope

for the coming of Jesus Christ, our Lord.

#### **Blessing**

Blessed is that servant whom the master finds at work when he arrives. May the Lord bless you, the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit.