

# Liturgy Alive of Feria

## Opening Prayer

Lord our God,  
we thank you for speaking to us  
the word of your Son Jesus Christ  
and sowing in our hearts and minds  
the seeds of faith.  
Open our ears to his word, day after day,  
that it may grow in us  
in pain and effort and joy,  
that it be rooted ever more deeply  
and bear fruits of justice and love,  
until the final coming of Jesus Christ,  
  
your Son and our Lord for ever.

## Liturgy of the Word

### First Reading Introduction

How will the dead rise? A person dies but dies like a seed and from that seed a new plant is born and rises in glory.

# Gospel Introduction

We hear today Luke's version of the parable of the seed. In Jesus' original intent it pictured the difficult growth of the kingdom towards its final accomplishment, of which also Paul speaks in the first reading. Luke applies it in the explanation of the parable to the reception of the word of God and the life of faith in people's hearts.

God sows the seed, but people receive it differently and react to it in various ways, for it is hard to let it grow and remain loyal to it in the humble and sometimes difficult realities of daily life. How does God's word grow and bear fruit in us?

# General Intercessions

- Lord, give wisdom and courage to all teachers in the Church, that they may help us understand your word and proclaim it as Good News, we pray:

- Lord, inspire by your word all the mighty of this earth, that they may join forces to bring to all lasting peace, food and human dignity, we pray:

- Lord, make us receptive to your word. Free us from banality and fear for our security and certainties. Give us new insight in your message, that we may live as we believe, we pray:

## Prayer over the Gifts

Lord our God,  
accept in this bread and this wine  
our eagerness to receive your Son  
and to listen to his word  
with noble and generous hearts.  
Give him to us as our companion on the road,  
that he may keep speaking to us  
in people and in the events of life  
and that we may understand him  
and bear a rich harvest  
  
that lasts for ever and ever.

## Prayer after Communion

Lord our God,

let our words and deeds  
echo the message of your Son  
and fill us with his life.  
Make our human words reliable  
and serve unity and the truth.  
Pour out your compassion in them,  
your love and your joy,  
that they may bring strength,  
insight and friendship,  
by the power of Jesus Christ,

your living word and our Lord for ever.

**Blessing**

Let the seed of God's word fall in the good soil of our eager and receptive hearts, and may almighty God bless you, the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit.