

# Liturgy Alive of Feria

## Opening Prayer

God, in your wisdom  
you order the course of time  
and you lead the world and people  
to their destiny in you.  
You do all things well.  
Make us see with eyes of faith  
the opportunities you give us every moment.  
Help us to use our time and life  
and all your good gifts  
to build up your kingdom stone by stone,  
until you complete it in your own good time  
  
through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

## Liturgy of the Word

### First Reading Introduction

In the light of Christ, the famous passage from Ecclesiastes that there is a time for everything becomes much more positive than in the thought of the author. He is puzzled, for God does everything at the right time, yet the endless cycle of change bewilders people and he doesn't know how to see the right moment, for God has put timelessness in his heart. But the Christian knows that he goes forward to a future in God; to him change means the riches of variety and the opportunity to see the right time and to use it well in the service of the Kingdom.

## Gospel Introduction

Jesus asks of each of us today not what others say about him but who he is for us and what he means to us. The answer he is waiting for has not to consist in long declarations but the living response of our lives

## General Intercessions

— Lord, there is a time to pray and a time to act. Make us find the time for both, we pray.  
— Lord, there is a time to think of our neighbor. Make us serve our brothers and sisters, we pray:  
  
— Lord, there is a time to work for your kingdom. Whatever we do, make us serve that kingdom, we pray:

## Prayer over the Gifts

This is the time, Lord our God,  
to give you praise and thanks  
for your gifts of life and love  
through our Lord Jesus Christ.  
With this bread and this wine,  
we offer you through him the present day,  
the joys and failures of the past  
and the future we can but see  
in visions and dreams of hope.  
We are certain of you  
  
on account of Jesus Christ, our Lord.

## Prayer after Communion

Birth and dying,  
laughter and tears,  
sickness and healing—  
God, these are precious gifts  
which come from your hands.

Fill all these with the life and love  
and the lasting presence of him,  
who is our bread of life, Jesus our brother,  
that every day may become  
a blessed day of the Lord.

We ask you this in the name of Jesus, the Lord.

#### **Blessing**

There is a time for everything. There is a time for our job and our family life, for meeting friends, for resting and recreation. Yet, whatever we do, we do in the name of the Lord. May God bless you, the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit.