

# Liturgy Alive of Feria

## Opening Prayer

Lord our God,  
we stand before you with empty hands.  
Our good intentions, the things we do  
are powerless to save us.  
God, help us to accept this truth,  
for it hurts our pride.  
Teach us to receive gratuitously  
your grace, your merciful love  
and also the help and love of our neighbor.  
Save us from ourselves and from sin  
  
by the grace of Jesus Christ our Lord.

## Liturgy of the Word

### First Reading Introduction

Ephesians continues to praise God. In Christ, we have received the truth as found in the Gospel and we were given the Spirit. We are God's own people, whose task is to give praise and glory to God.

# Gospel Introduction

Christ continues to denounce the Pharisees. In the contradictions of a life that wants to be faithful to the gospel, Christians have to go God's ways, not their own. They entrust themselves into the hands of God who cares and to whom we are very precious.

# General Intercessions

- That our faith may be a personal encounter with a living God to whom we commit ourselves, we pray:

- That we may not boast about what we have done for God, but recognize with humility and gratitude what God has done for us, we pray:

- That with great trust we may put ourselves into the hands of God, who loves us deeply in Christ, we pray:

## Prayer over the Gifts

Lord God, merciful Father,  
in the face of contradiction and opposition  
your Son Jesus went his loyal way to you,  
for he knew that he lived  
in the palm of your hand.  
In these signs of bread and wine  
we too entrust ourselves to you,  
for we know that we are your friends  
and that you care for us  
  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

## Prayer after Communion

Our God and Father,  
you love us as we are,  
even when you see our faults and failures.  
You forget the evil we do  
and we are good enough for you

to give us your Son Jesus Christ.  
Accept our thanks  
and let your Son fill us  
with his Spirit of trust and love,  
that we too may learn  
to trust and love one another  
and to be a community in which Jesus lives,

he who is our Lord for ever.

#### **Blessing**

Jesus assures us that God cares for us and that we are precious to him. Ask him to keep us in his love. May God bless you, the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit.