

Liturgy Alive of Feria

Opening Prayer

Our God and Father,
in the generosity of your creative imagination
you distribute among people
a variety of gifts and talents
of mind and heart and grace.
Convince us, Lord, that what we have received,
we have received for others,
that if we have been given more,
we are not greater or better,
only responsible for more.
Help us to use what we are and have
in the service of others.
We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord.

(Partially based on a text by Helder Camara)

Liturgy of the Word

First Reading Introduction

Paul, who may be the author of part of Ephesians, speaks of the grace given him of preaching the Good News of Christ to the Gentiles, so that they could share in the mystery of Christ.

Gospel Introduction

In the Gospel, Luke speaks of the vigilance of Christians and their leaders. They are responsible for the grace and the talents God has given them. And, says Jesus, the more has been given to us, the more is expected of us, the more we have to be responsible for those entrusted to us.

General Intercessions

- That the Church may bring the light of faith where there is darkness and indifference, hope where there is fatalism and despair, and love where there is hatred and strife, we pray:

- That those who are discouraged by trials and by their troubles and fears may keep believing and hoping in a God who brings everything to a good end, we pray:

- That all of us may grow in the certainty that our commitment to justice and love and our dedicated service in life are needed to help God's promises come true, we pray:

Prayer over the Gifts

Lord our God,
let these signs of bread and wine
express that we are willing
to serve you and people
in responsible freedom.
Let your Son share with us
his strength and loyalty,
to make us wise and faithful stewards
of the message of justice and love
entrusted to us by Jesus Christ,

your Son and our Lord for ever.

Prayer after Communion

Lord our God,

to let us know that you expect of us
more than we are capable of,
you have given us again
the word and body of your Son.
Help us to live according to the gospel
as people set free by Jesus
and responsible with him
for the progress in this world
of integrity and love.

We ask you this through Christ our Lord.

Blessing

"From everyone to whom much has been given, much will be required," says Jesus. We have received much from God, our faith, our capacity to love, pardon of our sins. Let us thank the Lord and ask for the blessing of the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit.