

Liturgy Alive of St. Andrew, Apostle. Feast

Introduction

Andrew must have been a seeker of God. He first followed John the Baptist, then, when John had pointed out Jesus, he transferred to Jesus. He brought several to Jesus: his brother Simon Peter, some Greeks looking for Jesus; at the multiplication, he noticed the boy with the loaves and the fish and brought him to Jesus. Tradition says that he was an apostle in the Balkans and Southern Russia; he is the patron of the Church of Constantinople. With Andrew, let us bring people to Jesus.

Opening Prayer

Lord our God,
we honor today your great apostle Andrew.
With him, make us restless seekers for you
and bring many to Jesus and to you.
Let Jesus be our life and trust
and when we have found Jesus,
do not let us keep him to ourselves
but share him with all around
with the riches of his love and forgiveness,
his mercy and compassion.

This we ask you through Christ, our Lord.

General Intercessions

- That we may thank the Lord for we have found Jesus, the Messiah and our Savior, we pray:
- That many all over the world may recognize and welcome Jesus as the meaning of their lives, we pray:

- That by the way we live, we make Jesus recognizable to others, we pray:

Prayer over the Gifts

Lord our God,
let your Holy Spirit bring us to this table
and unite us with all your apostles and disciples
to celebrate the Last Supper of your Son.
Let this meal unite us closely to him
and make us also eager apostles
who want everyone to know and encounter
Jesus your Son as the center of their lives.

This we ask through Christ, our Lord.

Prayer after Communion

God our Father,
we have sat at the table of your Son;
we have listened to his challenging word
and eaten his bread of life and strength.
We pray you to hasten the day
when people from all nations and cultures
may sit with us at the same table,
be one with us in your Son
and sing to you with our many voices
one harmonious symphony of praise.

We ask this through Christ, our Lord.

Blessing

Let us attract people to Jesus by the way we live. For we too, are part of the missionary Church. Do so with the blessing of Almighty God, the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit.