

Liturgy Alive of Weekday before Epiphany

Introduction by the Celebrant

"Come and see," says Jesus to the two disciples of John who were curious about him. They came and saw their Savior and followed him. "Come and see." With that, could we say the same to the people of today and show them that Christ is present in our midst? Would they find him among us? And do we ourselves recognize Christ passing among us?

Opening Prayer

Lord, our God,
your Son passes among us
as the saving Lamb,
and often, we are not aware of his presence.
Give us eyes of faith,
that we may see a glimpse of him
in the love and compassion of people around us,
in their encouragement and help,
in their concern for justice.
For in their goodness you show yourself
through your Son, Jesus Christ,
who lives with you and the Holy Spirit,

one God, for ever and ever.

General Intercessions

- For those who have heard the special call of Jesus, "Come, follow me," that they may remain faithful to their vocation, we pray:
- For those who preach the Gospel of Jesus, that their own life may be a constant invitation for people to live according to the Gospel, we pray:

- For our communities, that leaders and members may go together the way of the Lord as companions and friends, we pray:

Prayer over the Gifts

Lord God, our Father,
you invite us to come and see
your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior,
in these signs of bread and wine.
May he stay with us not only here
in this Eucharistic celebration
but in the daily events of life,
that he may brighten its drabness
with his living nearness
and that he may change
the way we look at people and things,

for he is our Lord and Savior for ever. *R/ Amen.*

Prayer after Communion

Lord, living God,
we thank you for having gathered us
around our brother Jesus Christ,
and for restoring us with the strength
of his body and blood.
Let him stay with us
as our companion in life,
that we, too, may say to those we encounter:
"Come and see Jesus alive among us.
Come and see how we try to love and serve one another.
Come and see how there is among us
justice and hope and trust."
Help us to say and live this in all sincerity

by the power of Jesus Christ, our Lord. *R/ Amen.*

Blessing

"We have found the Savior," exclaims the apostle. We, too, have found him. May this be our joy and prompt us to tell others about it. May all of us find him, with the blessing of Almighty God, the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit. *R/ Thanks be to God.*