

Liturgy Alive of 10th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Greetings *(See Second Reading)*

God called us through his grace
and chose to reveal his Son in us,
so that we might bring his Good News to others.
May his life and grace be with you.

R/ And also with you.

Introduction by the Celebrant

Thanks be to God if in moments of distress there is someone who is saying to us: Get up! There is so much to live for. Thanks be to God also when we can tell someone who is beaten down in life: Get up! Live again! Here is Jesus with us in the Eucharist and he says to us: I tell you, get up. Be alive. Live my life for God and for one another. Let us open our heart to his word of life.

Penitential Act

Let us pray to the Lord to visit his people
and to bring them the life of his pardon.
(pause)
Lord Jesus, you are the resurrection and the life:
Lord, have mercy. *R/ Lord, have mercy.*
Jesus Christ, you are the firstborn from the dead:
Christ, have mercy. *R/ Christ, have mercy.*
Lord Jesus, the words you speak are spirit and life:
Lord, have mercy. *R/ Lord, have mercy.*
Have mercy on us, Lord,
and speak to us the words
that raise us up from the death of sin.

Lead us to everlasting life. *R/ Amen.*

Opening Prayer

Let us pray to God our Father
that we may be fully alive in his Son
(pause)
Father of all life,
death is doing its work in us
by making us weak in faith
and tired in love and justice.
Let your Son Jesus visit his people,
touch us with his compassion
and lift us up from our discouragement.
May he give us the strength
to raise our brothers and sisters
who are downhearted and suffering.
Raise us all to everlasting life.

We ask this in the name of Jesus the Lord. *R/ Amen.*

Liturgy of the Word

First Reading Introduction: The Prophet Raises The Widow's Son

A poor widow had given the prophet Elijah food and shelter. Now her only son and support is dying. Elijah raises him back to life.

Second Reading Introduction: God Called Me To Preach The Good News

Paul tells how he had been a persecutor of the young Church and how God had chosen him instead to preach the Gospel of Jesus to pagans.

Gospel Introduction: Young Man, I Tell You, Get Up!

In Jesus God's compassion for people becomes visible. He restores to life the dead son of a widow.

General Intercessions

We all put our trust in our compassionate God and ask him to visit his people in their distress. Let us say: *R/ God of life, you are our hope.*

- God of mercy and compassion, keep your Church forgiving and patient with its members who err or even rebel, that it may authentically proclaim reconciliation to all, we pray: *R/ God of life, you are our hope.*
- God of the sad and the sorrowing, fill us with Christian empathy with those who suffer and make us bold enough to tell them in your name: "Do not weep. The Lord loves you." And so we pray: *R/ God of life, you are our hope.*
- God of those who are sick in any way, bring your healing power to them through people who visit them and cheer them up, we pray: *R/ God of life, you are our hope.*
- God of the dying, you are our God of life. Fill those at the threshold of death with the hope that you will welcome them with joy into your home and that they will rise from the dead, we pray: *R/ God of life, you are our hope.*
- God of the living, bring our communities to life with the love and spirit of service of Jesus, that we may care for one another and support one another in all that is good, we pray: *R/ Lord of life, you are our hope.*

Lord our God, you spoke to us, through Jesus your Son, words and deeds of eternal life. Through him may we live in your love now and for ever. *R/ Amen.*

Prayer over the Gifts

Lord our God,
we bring these humble gifts before you.
In these signs of bread and wine
Jesus, your Son, will give himself to us.
May he give us the strength
to go with courage on our journey through life
also when it becomes a way of the cross,
that we may follow him all the way

to you, our God and Father for ever. *R/ Amen.*

Introduction to the Eucharistic Prayer

We thank God for saving us by the suffering and death of Jesus and by his rising from the dead. In this whole Eucharist we celebrate his saving death and resurrection and we offer ourselves with him.

Invitation to the Lord's Prayer

With Jesus' mentality
of openness to God's will,
let us pray to our Father in heaven

in the words of Jesus himself: *R/ Our Father...*

Deliver Us

Deliver us Lord, from every evil
and grant us the peace of your Son.
Give us his attitude
of accepting life and doing your will,
that with him we may be willing
to bear the hardships of life with patience
and to commit ourselves fully to people,
as we work with courage and hope
for the final coming

of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. *R/ For the kingdom...*

Invitation to Communion

This is Christ,
the Son of the living God,
who died for us on the cross
and rose from the dead.
Happy are we to be invited
to share his table and to follow him.

R/ Lord, I am not worthy...

Prayer after Communion

Father,
we have been one with Jesus at his table;
may we also be united with him
on his way to you and to people.
May we follow him
wherever he leads us
on dark days as well as in days of joy,
and send us wherever people wait for us
to bring them your liberating word
and your helping hand.

We ask this in the name of Jesus the Lord. *R/ Amen.*

Blessing

The question asked of us today was:
Who is Jesus for you?
And the answer was and is:
the Savior, the Son of the living God.
As we believe in him,
may we follow him wherever he leads us,
on the way of the cross and sacrifice
as well as on the road of happiness,
with the blessing of Almighty God,
the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit. *R/ Amen.*
Go in peace and follow the Lord

on his way to people. *R/ Thanks be to God.*