

# Liturgy Alive of Feria

Monday, 10th Week in Ordinary Time

## BEATTITUDES

### Opening Prayer

Lord our God,  
when your Son spoke his Good News  
to people who were poor and blind, they understood him,  
for they knew what it means  
not to be satisfied and not to see.  
Make us poor with the hungry,  
groping with the blind, powerless with the defenseless,  
and small with the little people,  
that we may experience the message of the Gospel  
to the marrow of our bones  
and share it as good news with all those around.  
  
in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord.

### Liturgy of the Word

#### First Reading Introduction

We have in the following days some readings from the cycle of the great prophet Elijah and his gigantic fight against the evils of his day. He is bold enough to face the godless king Ahab and the dreadful queen Jezebel, for he is sure that God sends him and that he is, therefore, in the hands of God.

#### Gospel Introduction

What Jesus proposes in the beatitudes is a turning upside-down of values, (attuned with the message of Paul in Year I). But we are not too eager to take them seriously; they are too uncomfortable... Many say they are utopian, but that can be said of many parts of the Gospel, unless you believe. Followers of Christ are dreamers of a brotherhood of all people, of a better world and a better earth.

#### General Intercessions

—Lord, who call the poor blessed, give us people who know how to live soberly, who find joy in simple things, we pray:  
—Lord, God of the gentle, make us peaceful, merciful and compassionate, that your kingdom may be ours, we pray:  
  
—Lord, strength of those persecuted, give perseverance to those who suffer persecution, we pray:

#### Prayer over the Gifts

Lord, our God,  
in the poverty and emptiness of our hearts,  
we place on this altar  
a bit of bread and a mouthful of wine.  
It is not much, Lord,  
but we know what you can do with simple things  
and with people aware of their indignity.  
And so we pray you: turn this bread into Jesus Christ  
and change us into men and women  
rich with your life and enriching themselves  
by giving away to others without measure  
their time and attention and love.  
  
We ask you this through Christ, our Lord.

#### Prayer after Communion

Lord our God,

you write straight with crooked lines.  
Let the disturbing words of your Son  
wake us up and help us to see  
where to find your kind of happiness,  
for it is the only one that lasts.  
And let your Son here with us  
be our nourishment for the road

to you, our God, for ever and ever.

#### **Blessing**

The disciples of Jesus are called "blessed," that is, happy. If we are so open to God we will let him fill us with something of his own happiness. We have to be poor, not filled with ourselves. Then, the happiness of God's kingdom will be ours, like a foretaste of the happiness of heaven. Put yourselves in God's hands and ask him to bless

you, the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit.