

Liturgy Alive of Feria

Opening Prayer

Lord our God,
you ask us through your Son, Jesus Christ:
which road do you want to take:
the one that is undemanding and effortless,
or the road and the gate
that are narrow and difficult
and full of obstacles?
Lord, whatever road or gate it is,
let it be that of your Son,

for he is our Lord for ever.

Liturgy of the Word

First Reading Introduction

Lot takes the rich, fertile plain that will be destroyed, on the other hand, Abraham takes the stony hills that his people will possess.

Gospel Reading Introduction

The moralizing theme of the two ways, familiar to Jewish thought and also to Christian thinking from the early Church to the present—for example, Ignatian spirituality—underlies the readings of today. Jesus says that there is an easy and spacious road that leads to perdition and a narrow, arduous road leading to life. Today's wealthy countries have created themselves a life of comfort that is on the way of becoming self-destructive of nature, resources, and humankind itself. Would greater restraint not allow everyone on earth to live a life worthy of people, of the sons and daughters of God? Which way is ours?

General Intercessions

– That we may not become demanding on others but ask the Lord to make us generous and mild in the way we want others to treat us, we pray:
– That we may never seek an easy way out through lies or passivity when life and the good of our neighbors demand sacrifices, we pray:

– That we may not tolerate people to be exploited or discriminated against, we pray:

Prayer over the Gifts

Lords our God,
your Son Jesus, chose the way
of humility and poverty
and he still appears among us today
in the everyday sign of a piece of bread.
Give to us and to your Church, we pray you,
the mentality of Jesus Christ,
that we may not try to impress the world
with power and prestige
but change it from within
with a poverty of means
and the simple gift of humble service.

We ask you this through Christ, our Lord.

Prayer after Communion

God Lord of life,
you respect our freedom
of choosing between two ways:
the easy road of self-will
that leads to nowhere
and the stony path of your will.
Let your Son stay with us
and walk by our side
on the only road that leads to life,
the road where your will is our will
and your happiness is ours,

now and for ever.

Blessing

"The gate is narrow and the road that leads to life is hard." Yes, sometimes the road of the Lord does not look straight and we don't know well where it is leading. But our faith tells us to entrust ourselves to Christ. May Almighty God lead and bless you, the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit.