

# **Liturgy Alive of Weekday in Ordinary Time**

## **Friday, 11th Week in Ordinary Time**

### **A COMPASSIONATE HEART**

#### **Opening Prayer**

Lord God, our Father,  
your Son, Jesus Christ, revealed to us  
your compassionate, healing love.  
Let his presence here in our midst  
fill us with his power of sharing  
in the miseries of our neighbor.  
Let our words be like balm  
on open wounds in their hearts  
and let our deeds bring healing  
to all those around us.  
We ask this through Christ, our Lord.

#### **Liturgy of the Word**

##### **First Reading Introduction**

God renews his promises to Abraham.

##### **Gospel Reading Introduction**

"Not those who say, 'Lord, Lord,' will enter the kingdom, but one who does the will of my Father."  
We are familiar with Jesus' words, but do we follow them? Do we build on rock, that is, follow Jesus,  
or do we follow ourselves and our whims and so build on sand?

##### **General Intercessions**

- With all who seek pardon and reconciliation, we cry out to you Lord, and with all who have found and given forgiveness, we thank you Lord:
- With all who are rejected by their communities, we cry out to you Lord, and with all who accept people and restore their dignity, we praise you Lord:
- With all who hide their suffering, we cry out to you Lord, and with all who share with others and uplift them, we praise you Lord:

##### **Prayer over the Gifts**

God our Father,  
you are good to us.  
With these gifts of bread and wine  
we offer you the sacrifice of Jesus  
that brought us your forgiveness.

Reconcile us with you and each other  
and keep cleansing us from the leprosy  
of pride and hard-heartedness  
that mar in us the face  
of Jesus Christ, our Lord.

### **Prayer after Communion**

God our Father,  
your Son Jesus, has spoken among us  
his words and deeds of healing.  
He has answered our plea  
for forgiveness and fresh hope in life  
with the gift of himself.  
Make us too, capable  
of stretching out our hands  
to those in sorrows and pain  
and of touching them with our love.  
And may our compassionate help  
reach out most of all  
to the outcasts of this cold world.  
We ask this in the name of Jesus, the Lord.

### **Blessing**

When we have sinned, we too, should go to God and tell him: Lord, you can clean me, and he is very willing to do so, for he loves us and heals us repeatedly. May we also bring healing to the people around us, with the blessing of Almighty God, the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit.