

Liturgy Alive of Feria

Opening Prayer

Lord God, our Father,
we too wish at times we could see signs
that brace our hesitant faith.
Give us a faith that is strong enough
not to ask for wonders and proofs
but simply to trust in you
and in your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ.
Deepen this faith and make it
the very foundation of the whole of our life.

We ask you this through Christ our risen Lord.

Liturgy of the Word

First Reading Introduction

Starting today and for the next four weeks, we shall listen to Paul's letter to the Romans. Today he presents himself as the Lord's apostle, especially for the gentiles, and then he goes straight to the heart of the message he has to proclaim: that Jesus Christ is the son of David and our risen Savior.

Gospel Introduction

Jesus reprimands the Jews for not believing unless they see spectacular signs. But Christ proclaims that faith consists in trust in the word and in the person of the one who is sent. The early Christian community specified further: faith rests in confidence in the risen Christ. The preeminent sign is Jesus Christ himself. We believe not because of this or that wonder or proof but because Jesus makes God visible to us.

General Intercessions

- That we may have a deep faith in Jesus Christ and be close to him, for he is for us the human sign and shape of God, we pray:

- That we may be people deeply marked by the resurrection of Christ as people who keep rising with him to a deeper Christian life and who raise up one another from sin and misery, we pray:

- That many people may come to know Christ and grow in his life, we pray:

Prayer over the Gifts

Lord our God,
we believe in your Son Jesus Christ
and in his continuous presence
in the Christian community.
Accept these gifts of bread and wine
by which we express our faith
and offer you our life with its struggles,
with its joys and hopes.
Through his eucharistic body
make us more and more
the believing and serving body of the Church.

Grant this in the name of Jesus the Lord.

Prayer after Communion

Lord God,
we were asking for wonders
and you have given us no other sign
than the presence in faith
of your Son here in our midst.

Let this be enough to sustain us
to go with one another the road
- at times smooth, at times rough -

of service, communion and friendship.

Help us to uplift and raise up one another
by the power of our risen Lord,
Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives with you and with us

now and for ever.

Blessing

Greater than Solomon, greater than any prophet, is Jesus. In him we believe. Him we trust. Him we treasure as the meaning of our lives. May almighty God bless you, the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit.