

# Liturgy Alive of 6th day Octave of Christmas

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OPEN TO GOD'S MYSTERY

## Introduction

To thank God for the liberation he brings us in and through his Son Jesus is the core of every eucharistic celebration. There we say: "Let us give thanks to the Lord our God." With the prophetess Anna, let us express our thanks for our liberation to the Lord our God and praise him wholeheartedly.

Too easily, as St John says, we lose our heart to the world; we follow its ways of thinking and acting. Let us ask the Lord to forgive us.

### Opening Prayer

Almighty Father,  
you let humble, faithful people  
recognize your Son  
and welcome him as the Savior  
who brought freedom and life to his people.  
May we too recognize and welcome Jesus  
in all that is little and humble  
and with him grow up in wisdom and grace  
to the maturity of your sons and daughters,  
so that we attain the full stature of Jesus.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

### Liturgy of the Word

### General Intercessions

– For fathers and mothers, that they may give their children the freedom to be themselves and to grow up as mature, responsible Christians, we pray:

– For all young people, that they may come to love Christ deeply and let his word take roots and grow in them, we pray:

– For small children, that they may come to love God through their experience of their parent's love, we pray:

- For all of us, God's children, that we may seek God's will in all we do and form communities where we care for one another, we pray:

**Prayer over the Gifts**

God our Father,  
through the food and drink of the eucharist  
appease our hunger  
and quench our thirst  
for all that is good in your sight.  
We offer ourselves  
  
together with your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Prayer after Communion**

God our Father,  
here in this eucharist  
your Son Jesus has offered us  
his liberation and victory  
to overcome in this world  
evil in us and around us.  
Dispose us to receive always with gratitude  
the life and the light of Jesus  
and to follow in his footsteps.  
  
for he is our Lord for ever and ever.

**Blessing**

Old people, Anna as well as Simeon, women as well as men, often see with eyes the mysteries of God with a perspicacity that puts to shame theologians and holders of degrees. That is what they learn through prayer and reflection. May God bless these wise people, the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit.