

# Liturgy Alive of Feria

## Opening Prayer

Lord, our God, merciful Father,  
you do not seek the death of sinners,  
but that they repent and live.  
Your heart is too large to reject us  
when we have been unfaithful to you.  
Open our eyes to our slate  
in the evil in and around us;  
give us new hearts,  
humble in recognizing your patient mercy.  
Make us toward our neighbor  
understanding, patient, and forgiving  
for you have brought us pardon and peace  
  
through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

## Liturgy of the Word

### First Reading Introduction

One of the most poignant, dramatic pages of the Old Testament is read to us today. David, the faithful servant of God, has committed adultery and murder. The prophet arouses the king's indignation against those committing injustice and then tells David: That is what you have done! That man is you! The king's acknowledgment and repentance is immediate and deep; God's forgiveness too is instantaneous and absolute. "That person is you" applies often to us too; when we judge and condemn, is it not often our faults we condemn in others?

# Gospel Introduction

Many people are afraid today. Our times are very insecure in many aspects, with wars, violence, and economic and moral crises. Life seems to move too fast for many. And the Church, in its leaders and members, is often upset and afraid. God seems far away, like a God who sleeps, a God who seems indifferent to our fears and incertitude. Where are our faith and hope? Let us turn to him who journeys with us and wakes us up. Jesus, our Lord and brother here among us.

# General Intercessions

– For the many who bear the burden of sin and guilt; for those who suffer from the sins of others, that they may keep trusting in God's forgiveness and goodness, we pray:  
– For those who are hardened in sin, that they may be touched by the Spirit of the Lord to repent and change their ways, we pray:

– For ourselves and those dear to us, that the good there is in us may be stronger than evil in us and around us, we pray:

## Prayer over the Gifts

Merciful Father,  
humbly we bring before you  
this bread and this wine  
as an offering of reconciliation.  
Let your Son be, here among us,  
the Lamb that takes our sins away  
and restores us in your love.  
And may our bonds with you and each other  
become closer and deeper,  
because we have experienced your forgiveness  
  
in Christ Jesus, our Lord.

## Prayer after Communion

God of mercy,  
we know that we are the people  
who have failed you and one another  
by our inability to love and serve,  
our fear from committing ourselves,  
our guilty silence.  
Help us to brave  
the waves and the storms of life  
by the strength of this Eucharist.  
  
Grant this through Christ Jesus, our Lord.

**Blessing**

Our patient God is a merciful, forgiving, loving God. That should also be our own attitude and the mark of our communities. May God give you this patient, forgiving love, the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit.