

# Liturgy Alive of Feria

## Opening Prayer

Father, God of the ever-new covenant,  
you have tied us to yourself  
with leading strings of everlasting love;  
the words you speak to us are spirit and life.  
May your Spirit make us look at the commandments  
not as a set of observances.  
May they move us to serve you  
not in a slavish way, but as your sons and daughters  
who love you and whom you have set free  
  
through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

## Liturgy of the Word

### First Reading Introduction

The Old Testament heaps praise on Solomon as the typical wise man, who understood the meaning of life, of the world, of right and wrong. People came to him from distant countries to seek his advice. And yet, as we know, in later life at least, his wisdom was not powerful enough to keep him humbly oriented towards God. His heart became divided.

### General Intercessions

- For families plagued by quarrels and division, that the Lord may bless them with peace, we pray:
  - For all the Churches that invoke the name of Christ, that they may accept the invitation of our Lord to eat with him from the table of unity and love, we pray:
- That the Spirit may keep lawmakers today distinguishing between good and evil, we pray:

### Prayer over the Gifts

Lord our God,  
we bring before you our readiness  
to respond to your love.  
We ask you that these gifts of bread and wine  
may become the body and blood  
of your Son, Jesus Christ,  
that with him we may be dedicated to you  
with our whole mind and heart,  
and that we may be capable  
of communicating your love and justice  
to all those around us.  
  
Grant us this through Christ, our Lord.

### Prayer after Communion

Lord our God,  
your Son, Jesus, has shared himself with us  
in this Eucharistic celebration.  
Purify our hearts and intentions,  
that we may also share in his attitude  
of openness to your will  
and to the needs of people.  
May we thus, fulfill more than the law  
and serve you as your sons and daughters,  
in whom you recognize Jesus Christ,  
  
your Son and our Lord for ever.

### Blessing

Commandments are not just observances that guarantee our salvation. They are a response to all God has given us. We ask God not what we are obliged to do, but what he expects us to do to respond to his love. May Almighty God bless you, the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit.