

# Liturgy Alive of Feria

## Opening Prayer

Father of all,  
long ago you chose the people of Israel  
to make your name known to all nations.  
Your Son Jesus Christ, made it clear  
that forgiveness and life are the share  
of all who believe in him.  
Make your Church truly a place of encounter  
for all those who grope for you,  
that all obstacles and barriers may be removed  
and that the riches of all nations and cultures  
may reveal the thousand faces of the love you show us

in Jesus Christ, our Lord.

## Liturgy of the Word

### First Reading Introduction

Chosen by God, builder of the Temple, endowed with wisdom, at the height of power and riches, Solomon abandoned God and his covenant. The sacred writer seems to wonder how so great a man could have fallen so low. God's grace, if not used, gives no security.

# General Intercessions

- That there may be room in the universal Church for the cultural riches of various peoples and for their manifesting the same faith in a variety of languages and forms of expression, we pray:
  - That we may open our homes and hearts to those who differ in many ways from us, that we may do all we can to integrate them into the human and Christian community, we pray:
- That all of us may be concerned about those who are not here because they are estranged from the Church, we pray:

## Prayer over the Gifts

God, our Father,  
you set the table of your Son  
for all who are willing to come:  
for saints and for sinners, for the poor and the rich.  
May we learn from your Son, Jesus Christ,  
to give to all those who ask for food or love  
not meager crumbs or leftovers,  
but the food of ourselves,  
as Jesus does here for us,

he who is your Son and our Lord for ever.

## Prayer after Communion

God our Father,  
in this Eucharist we have all been one  
in Jesus Christ, your Son.  
He died and rose to life for all:  
his likeness is reflected  
in the face of every human being.  
May it become visible in all.  
Let his face not be marred or divided  
by our prejudices and fears;  
do not allow your love to be less than universal,  
but unite us all in him  
who is our common way to you and to one another,

Jesus Christ, our Lord.

## Blessing

May there be room in this house, that is, in our Christian communities, for all people, whatever their race or social class, their culture or education. May Almighty God bless you all, the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit.