

# Liturgy Alive of Feria

## Opening Prayer

God our Father,  
your Son Jesus asks of us today:  
"Who am I for you?"  
Forgive us our stammering words,  
but this we can say with grateful love:  
We thank you that you have shown us in him  
how good you are and how much you love us.  
We thank you that he appeared  
in all the frailty of our own humanity,  
and that by his death and resurrection  
you have brought us forgiveness and life.  
Let him be the meaning of our lives,  
  
for he is Jesus our Savior and our Lord for ever.

### Liturgy of the Word

#### First Reading Introduction

The prophet Haggai exhorts the Jews after their return from the exile to give everything, even their silver and gold, for the reconstruction of the Temple. Then the living God will be present among them and he will give them peace.

## Gospel Introduction

Jesus asks of each of us today not what others say about him but who he is for us and what he means to us. The answer he is waiting for has not to consist in long declarations but the living response of our lives.

## General Intercessions

- That the Lord Jesus may be and remain the cornerstone on which our lives are built, we pray:
  - That we may keep learning from Jesus to commit ourselves to the service of God and people, without any conditions, we pray:
- That those who see little meaning in life may discover in the Lord Jesus how rich and meaningful life can be, we pray:

### Prayer over the Gifts

God our Father,  
with a bit of bread and wine  
we celebrate the memory of Jesus your Son,  
how he died to give us life  
and rose from the dead to bring us hope.  
Let him say again here in our midst:  
"This is my body for you;  
this is my blood poured out for you."  
May he give us the courage  
to be each other's food and drink,  
nourishing, uplifting, sharing.  
May we thus proclaim with our lives  
that we believe in him  
and that he is alive in us, your people,  
  
as our Lord for ever.

### Prayer after Communion

God our Father,  
we have never had the privilege  
of seeing your Son in the flesh  
and hearing the tone of his voice.

But he has spoken his word to us here  
and given us his flesh to eat.  
What more could we ask for?  
Let us now be his word  
of forgiveness, freedom and joy,  
his face that reflects  
the sadness and hopes of all people,  
his hands extended in friendship.  
May we thus grow in the knowledge and hope

of Jesus Christ our Lord.

#### **Blessing**

Jesus asks us today: Who am I to you? What do I mean to you? The answer we should give him is not only for religious. Lord, you are everything to us. You are the meaning of our lives. May God bless you, the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit.