

# Liturgy Alive of Wednesday of the Second Week of Advent

## Introduction

Today is a celebration of thanks to the Lord, who does great things to humble people who trust in God. In the Old Testament, Hannah thanks God because he has given her a son. She dedicates him to God. Samuel will be a very great prophet of the Lord. And Mary, a young, humble, unassuming girl boldly sings out her joy and thanks to God who will upset the world's values through Jesus, the Son to be born from her. With Hannah and Mary, we sing out our joy and thanks to God.

## Opening Prayer

God of the little ones,  
with Mary, we rejoice and give you thanks  
that you let Jesus Christ become one of us  
and let him bring us the dignity  
of your sons and daughters.  
May we live up to that dignity  
and to the joy that says  
that we are deeply loved by you.  
Like you, may we also learn to care  
for all that is little and fragile  
and bring your justice to the poor  
through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

## General Intercessions

- For all the good things we have experienced in life we ask the Lord to accept our gratitude: Lord all thanks to you.
- For all who have received from God many talents and goods, that out of gratitude they may share them with others, we pray:
- For our faith, for our brothers and sisters in our Christian communities and for the presence of Christ among us, we give thanks:

## Prayer over the Gifts

Lord, our God,  
we can bring before you no more  
than the humble gifts of bread and wine,  
which are after all, gifts coming from your hand.  
Do great things in them,  
and let them become Jesus,  
your Son among us.  
Let him stay with us,  
so that he, too, can do great marvels  
in us and through us,

for he is our Lord now and for ever.

### **Prayer after Communion**

Lord, our God, God of hope,  
accept our thanks and joy  
for your love and justice  
that come to us, however poor we are.  
Let your Son liberate us  
from our selfishness and cold greed.  
Weak as we are, let him give us the strength  
to make love and service  
the foundation of the new world  
he wants to begin with us.  
Thank you Lord, for all this joy  
through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

### **Blessing**

With Mary we say: “the Almighty has done great things for us. Holy be his name.” May Almighty God keep blessing you, the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit.