

# Liturgy Alive of Feria

## Opening Prayer

God Lord of all,  
your Son Jesus, was your equal  
and yet he made himself our brother and servant.  
May his Spirit be alive in us  
and dispose us to become like him,  
powerless and vulnerable,  
so that we can serve one another,  
especially the weakest of our brothers and sisters.  
In this way, may people experience  
how bold you make your love.  
We ask this through Christ, our Lord.

**First Reading Introduction:** The nations will know that there is no God but you.

In the first reading, in a prayer God is asked to show his greatness and holiness to all peoples by showing them his marvelous deeds.

**Gospel Introduction:** Behold, we are going up to Jerusalem and the Son of Man will be handed over.

The Gospel tells us that the great God will save people through Jesus Christ, the Son of God, who came as a servant of all. Those who follow Jesus must, like him, learn to serve, and learn to serve even at the cost of pain.

## General Intercessions

- For those in authority in the Church, that they may not become functionaries but be “ministers,” that is, servants, we pray:
- For our Christian families, that by their mutual care and service, parents may prepare their children to render service to others, we pray:
- For the many who serve us in various ways and provide us with the things and help we need—servants, drivers, nurses, technicians and so many others, too many to name—that we may be grateful and kind to them, we pray:

## Prayer over the Gifts

Lord our God,  
as your Son serves us himself at table  
in the signs of bread and wine,  
he asks us to drink with him  
the cup of self-sacrificing love.  
Let your Son fill us with that love  
which alone can understand

that to be great is to serve others  
and to use up our lives  
to give people a chance to live and be free.  
May we seek no other reward  
than to share the destiny of Jesus,  
our Lord and Savior for ever.

### **Prayer after Communion**

Loving Father,  
your Son has been with us  
in this Eucharistic celebration  
as the servant of us all.  
Let him dispose our hearts  
and give us his courage  
to understand and accept others,  
to accompany them on the road of life,  
to suffer their pains,  
to rejoice with their joys  
and to carry each other's burdens,  
that he may be with us,  
now and for ever.

### **Blessing**

We, too, are here to serve rather than to be served. It is not an easy task. Spare others by not sparing yourself. May Almighty God bless you for this, the Father, and the Son and the Holy Spirit.