

# Liturgy Alive of Thursday of the 3th Week of Lent

## Introduction

“Listen to my voice,” says God through his prophet Jeremiah, and then, he complains that God’s people fails to listen, that they listen to themselves and follow their own ways. Their deeds do not speak the language of God. They do not follow God.

In the Gospel, Jesus cures the man who was mute. Worse than anyone who is deaf and mute and blind, are those who do not want to hear and see, or to speak with sincerity. They do not follow Jesus. Their hearts are divided.

## Opening Prayer

Lord, our God,  
you ask of us not so much  
that we observe certain practices,  
but that our hearts are turned to you.  
God, may we do your will in everything,  
loyally and generously,  
as Jesus did, your Son,  
who did your will because he loved you  
and who lives therefore with you  
and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, for ever and ever.

## General Intercessions

- That we may listen to the voice of our conscience, not only when it warns us against evil, but also when it prompts us to do good, we pray:
- That when temptation comes, we follow Jesus our Lord, who overcame temptations for us, we pray:
- That those who are preparing for baptism may learn how the Gospel will bring them joy and freedom, we pray:

## Prayer over the Gifts

Lord, our God,  
you send your Son among us  
to be our living Word.  
May we learn from him,  
that he did your will in everything  
because he knew that this was your way  
to reveal your saving love to all.  
May we be on his side  
and do your will in all things  
as a living offering to you,

now and for ever.

### **Prayer after Communion**

Lord, our God,  
we are perhaps so busy  
with our own plans for the future  
and for a world we want to build up,  
that we forget your plans for a new world.  
God, may we carry out your plans  
by your own rules;  
may we listen to your Word, Jesus Christ,  
and forget our own little plans,  
that we may build up a kingdom  
that stands, for ever and ever.

### **Blessing**

“Obey my voice and I will be your God, and you shall be my people,” said the prophet. We thank God that God has made us his people. We do our best to live as the people God loves, with the blessing of Almighty God, the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit.