

# Liturgy Alive of Feria

## Introduction

Persons who trust in God fight enslavement to sin. In the face of abuse of authority, persecution or coercion of any kind, even of tradition or of the law, they retain their inner freedom. When they hear and keep God's Word, they make a decision for freedom. The liberating word of Christ sets us free and makes us sons and daughters of God. God's children are born to be free. The three young men at the king's court were willing to lay down their lives for their faith. Like the faith of Abraham, our faith in Jesus should be deep and unconditional.

## Opening Prayer

Lord, our God,  
you call us to be free people.  
Help us to give you always  
a response of freedom.  
Set free by Christ's  
liberating word and death,  
may we never again  
shackle ourselves with self-made chains,  
of selfish sin and false attachments.  
We ask you this through Christ, our Lord.

## General Intercessions

- For those who are persecuted for their faith, that they may stand firm, even in torture, we pray:
- For all who claim to be descendants of Abraham, Jews, Christians, Moslems, that each in one's own way may have deep trust in God, we pray:
- For people who have to make hard decisions in life, that they may follow their conscience in doing what is truthful, right and good, we pray:

## Prayer over the Gifts

Lord God,  
your Son, Jesus, could not be deprived  
of his inner freedom,  
even when he died on the cross.  
Give us the courage of your Son,  
that our loyalty to the truth,  
to you and to your values,  
may always be strong enough  
to make us break out of our self-made prisons,  
our fears, complexes and excuses.  
Accept this our sacrifice  
and let it make us free with the freedom

brought us by Jesus Christ, our Lord.

### **Prayer after Communion**

Lord God,  
we are your sons and daughters  
reborn in Christ to be free.  
Help us to set our brothers and sisters free  
from any sinful slavery  
that oppresses or exploits them.  
Give us the courage to speak out  
and do all we can  
to bring justice and human dignity to all  
in the strength of Jesus Christ, our Lord.

### **Blessing**

May God give us the grace to keep believing in the truth of the Gospel, that this truth may make us always free and joyful people. May Almighty God bless you all, the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit.