

## **Liturgy Alive of Wednesday, 3rd week of Easter**

### **Introduction**

The fervor of the young Church is so contagious, that even in persecution Christians use the occasion of the persecution itself to preach the risen Christ. Indeed, God does not abandon the Church, even in moments of trial. The reading from Acts says that there was even great joy over the signs of the Lord's presence.

There is also a great joy in the Gospel where we hear Jesus says that he is our bread of life: not only will he later give himself as bread to eat, but his word and message are for us real bread of life, something to live by and to live for.

### **Opening Prayer**

God, our Father,  
you are our faithful God,  
even in days of trial for the Church  
and for each of us personally;  
you stay by our side,  
even if we are not aware of your presence.  
Give us an unlimited trust in you  
and make us ever more aware  
that your Son Jesus is the meaning of our lives  
and that he nourishes us with himself,  
today and every day, forever.

### **General Intercessions**

- That by the way they live their faith, Christians may show the beauty and joy of the message of Christ to those who seek, we pray:
- That the Church may accept people the way they are and not drive them away because of mistakes, we pray:
- That we may all be open-handed to many who are hungry today for food and love, we pray:

### **Prayer over the Gifts**

Our faithful God,  
you are our God of the covenant.  
Make us understand the covenant more deeply  
as your lasting commitment to us  
at your own initiative.  
In these signs of bread and wine,  
allow us to express that we too,  
want to be faithful to you not only  
in moments of happiness and joy  
but also when we are groping in the dark.

We ask you this through Christ, our Lord.

### **Prayer after Communion**

Our faithful God,  
we rejoice that in your Son, Jesus,  
and his message of life,  
you have given us something  
and someone to live for.  
Thank you very much for making him  
our bread of life,  
who will never drive us away  
but will keep accepting us  
and making us grow in his life  
until it blossoms forth in eternal life.  
All thanks through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

### **Blessing**

“I was hungry and you gave me to eat. I was thirsty and you gave me to drink,” says Jesus. May you always keep recognizing Jesus in the needy, with the blessing of Almighty God, the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit.