

# Liturgy Alive of Feria

## Opening Prayer

Lord our God,  
we hold you to your promise  
to those who have left everything  
for the sake of your kingdom  
and who are willing to follow your Son  
wherever he leads them.  
Let them be men and women  
poor in the things that count on this earth  
but rich with your love and your grace  
and with a wealth of friends  
to whom they can bring

our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

### Liturgy of the Word

#### First Reading Introduction

Here we have a typical story of the vocation and the saving work of a Judge. The people are unfaithful, God calls Gideon to liberate the people from the Madianite oppressors. Gideon asks and gets a sign of his mission.

#### Gospel Introduction

In today's gospel Peter asks, "What about us, Lord?" and Jesus answers that it is difficult for those who are attached to things to enter the kingdom of heaven. We want to follow him. Have we given up everything for his sake? Where do we stand? What is our situation? Jesus promises eternal life. The poor shall be rich. Those who follow Jesus throughout, even losing their life, will live with God.

## General Intercessions

– That the Lord may open our eyes to make us put our hearts in the things that matter: love and service and generous sharing, we pray:

– That parents and educators may challenge the young to live for evangelical values, we pray:

– That we may welcome God's grace when it is offered to us and respond readily, also when it makes demands on us, we pray:

### Prayer over the Gifts

God our Father,  
with bread and wine we remember him  
who gave himself totally for others,  
your Son Jesus Christ.  
Everything was taken away from him  
except the certainty that he could count on you.  
Make us more aware of the poverty  
and emptiness of our hearts  
and of the passing value of the things  
to which we attach ourselves.  
Convert our hearts and set them  
on the riches and persons that never devalue:  
you and our neighbor,  
justice, truth and generous love.

We ask this in the name of Jesus the Lord.

### Prayer after Communion

Lord our God,

we are easily satisfied with ourselves  
and our own little worlds.  
Wake us up and give us the courage  
to set out with your Son  
on his adventure of hope and love.  
Make us ask ourselves  
not what we have done for you  
but what we have not done and not yet given.  
By the strength of this eucharist  
help us to follow your Son generously.

Grant this through Christ our Lord.

**Blessing**

"What about us?" We know that the Lord knows us and loves us and that we are in his hands. No worry! May almighty God bless you, the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit.