

# Liturgy Alive of Feria

## Opening Prayer

Lord our God,  
we thank you today for Jesus, your Son.  
He came to heal our wounds  
and to set us going on the way  
to you and to one another.  
Help us in our fumbling, stumbling attempts  
to continue looking for him  
and to make his gospel of hope and love  
come true among us as the good news  
that your Son is alive among us

and that he is our Lord for ever.

### Liturgy of the Word

#### First Reading Introduction

Paul thanks God and the Colossians that the good news of Jesus Christ has taken root among the Colossians and is spreading all over the Roman world.

## Gospel Introduction

Jesus has preached his message of hope in the lake town of Capernaum and confirmed it by liberating the poor and the sick from the powers of evil. He has to bring the same good news to other places. The gospel of hope in a new world is destined for all. With the people healed by Jesus, let us in this eucharist thank the Lord for his good news.

### General Intercessions

- That the Church may continue with compassion the task of healing of our Lord Jesus, that the sick may be comforted, the downtrodden set free, and the poor and the weak be protected, we pray:

- That the faith and the hope of the sick and the dying may be firmly anchored in our Lord Jesus who is the resurrection and the life, we pray:

- That we may learn more to heal one another by forgiving each other and by uplifting the sad and the discouraged, we pray:

### Prayer over the Gifts

Lord our God,  
we need your Son Jesus Christ  
to be with us today.  
Give him to us in this bread and wine,  
that, weak and fallible as we are,  
we may not give up the hope  
that your kingdom of justice and peace  
can take shape among us.

Let it become the humble sign  
of your goodness and justice  
and of your joy that lasts for ever.

#### **Prayer after Communion**

Lord our God,  
in your power you care for the weak,  
and so Jesus preferred the poor and the helpless.  
Give us his Spirit of compassion and strength,  
that we too may commit ourselves  
to bring hope and justice  
to the dispossessed and the lonely.  
And take away our pride, Lord,  
for we are perhaps weaker and poorer  
than those we presume to uplift.  
Count us among those in need of Jesus Christ,

our Lord and Savior for ever.

#### **Blessing**

Jesus cured the many who came to him with all sorts of diseases. Are we aware that we too can bring healing to others, by showing them affection, compassion, forgiveness? May the Lord make you attentive to the healing powers in you and may God bless you, the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit.