

# Liturgy Alive of Feria

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## Introduction

The scholar St. Jerome (347–419/20) translated most of the Bible from the original languages into Latin and revised some parts already translated to make them more understandable. His immense work opened the Scriptures to the parts of Europe that spoke Latin. He fought all his life against his difficult character. He can still inspire us today to love the Word of God... and to live it.

## Opening Prayer

Lord our God,  
you continue speaking your word to us today  
as St. Jerome loved it.  
Like him,  
may we understand it in your way,  
keep your word faithfully in word and deed,  
and pass it on to those who are with us  
and who will come after us.

We ask you this through Christ, our Lord.

## First Reading Introduction

The reading from Baruch is not from the hand of Baruch, who was the secretary of Jeremiah. It dates from the time of the Maccabees and is like a penitential celebration deploring the sins that had led to the present calamities and oppression.

## Gospel Introduction

Modern means of communications have brought the world more closely together and shown us more clearly too the presence of sin and evil in the world; more than half of the world is hungry and exploited, the world economy has gone out of hand notwithstanding dole-outs for development aid and whole nations are not free from inside or from outside. And in our own little worlds there is repeated selfishness, pride at the expense of others, suspicion... While condemning the sins of society, let us not lose our personal sense of sin in the process; let us not forget our solidarity of sin and at the same time live better our solidarity with love and life on account of Christ. Sin is a rejection of Christ and his message.

## Prayer over the Gifts

Loving Father,  
your word has become our food in Jesus Christ.  
He makes us one with you.  
Through him, give us your strength  
to enlighten our minds and to guide us,  
that we may put your words into practice  
and follow your living Word.

your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**Prayer after Communion**

Lord our God,  
you have made a covenant with us,  
a union of life and love,  
and you want the whole of creation to share in it.  
You speak to us and to the world  
your liberating word.  
God, may we be the answer to your word,  
not only by what we say,  
but in everything we are and do.

We ask you this through Christ, our Lord.