

# Liturgy Alive of Feria

## Opening Prayer

Gracious and holy God,  
you have chosen us to be  
your kingdom of peace and mature love.  
But we have to acknowledge with shame  
that there is still much room for growth.  
Make our love richer, more sensitive;  
Complete the work you have begun in us,  
that we may have a permanent place in your heart  
and reflect the adult, healing goodness

of Jesus Christ, our Lord.

### Liturgy of the Word

#### First Reading Introduction

David and Goliath! A boy and a professional military leader. Often in the Bible, the weak are more powerful than the strong. What is weak and small attracts God's strength. It is not really the underdog who beats the bragging man of violence, but God who makes his greatness known, for he is the God and Savior of his people.

## Gospel Introduction

We sometimes reduce our religion to a matter of casuistic laws: Is it permitted to heal on Sundays? When does it become a mortal sin if I am late for Mass? Is it wrong if I do not raise my hands for the Our Father? We sometimes behave like immature kids. God wants us to grow up in our faith. Where is the Good News of Jesus?

Where is our love for the Lord and for people?

## General Intercessions

– That people everywhere may be given the time to rest and recover from the pressure of their work, and be given the opportunity to worship God and help people, we pray:  
– That the faithful who go to Mass on Sundays will also live according to the Gospel on weekdays, we pray:

– That the Eucharistic celebration on Sundays may be to all Christian communities a source of great joy as we deeply encounter the Lord and receive the strength to follow him on his ways, we pray:

#### Prayer over the Gifts

Our healing God,  
you set the table of your Son  
not merely for a select few  
but for all, for the sick and the suffering,  
for the weak and the lonely.  
Let Jesus' love, his acceptance of people,  
his spirit of sharing and healing be ours  
in all our Christian communities.  
Teach us to set the table of ourselves,  
as Jesus did, your Son and our brother,  
who lives with you and stays with us,

now and for ever.

#### Prayer after Communion

Our saving and healing God,  
we thank you for uniting us  
at the table of your Son in this Eucharistic celebration.  
Let the Christian community be  
to all people what you are to us:  
love and healing, peace and joy,  
and a surprisingly generous gift,  
a gift freely given and never regretted.

We ask this through Christ, our Lord.

## Blessing

When did you visit me? Perhaps, the best day to visit our brother Jesus in the sick is Sunday, the day of the Lord! Bring God's healing to people, with the blessing of Almighty God, the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit.