

# Liturgy Alive of Feria

## Opening Prayer

God, our Father,  
through your Son, Jesus Christ,  
you brought healing to your people  
and came to bind us to you  
in a lasting covenant of love.  
May we not only admire his saving power  
but accept him in faith as our brother,  
your Son, our Lord and Savior.  
Make him the ground and meaning of our lives  
and fill us with his Holy Spirit,  
that we may build up among us  
your kingdom and a community  
of faith, hope, and love.

We ask you this through Christ, our Lord.

### Liturgy of the Word

#### First Reading Introduction

David's victory over Goliath and the praise that the people give him become for Saul the reason to become very jealous of David. Saul's son Jonathan, a close friend of David, pleads for him and can temporarily refrain Saul from harming David.

#### Gospel Introduction

In the Gospel, Mark gives a summary of Jesus' ministry in Galilee. Yesterday, we heard how the Pharisees are blind to him and attack him on legal points; the crowds flock to him because of his healing power, not so much to be converted. The demons know who Jesus is, but, of course, they do not believe in him. Here, we have different attitudes, but no faith yet. This is why, perhaps, Mark imposes silence on the spirits. We offer this Eucharist together with Christ, our only Savior and Mediator, who always intercedes for us.

## General Intercessions

— That today many find Jesus and deeply believe in him, we pray:

— That Jesus may touch the hearts of many and heal them from their selfishness, we pray:

— That all the Churches that claim Christ as their head may find unity in him, even if the road is long and difficult, we pray:

### Prayer over the Gifts

God our Father,  
we offer you the sacrifice of Jesus Christ,  
your Son and our Lord,  
and our only mediator.  
May he intercede for us, your people,  
and bind us forever to you  
in a covenant of lasting friendship and fidelity,  
that we may belong to you  
as the people you have saved

through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

### Prayer after Communion

God our Father, in this Eucharist  
your Son, Jesus, has brought before you  
our prayers, our good intentions,  
and also our weakness, our hesitant faith.  
Yet, we are sure you accept us  
because of him, our only priest and mediator.  
Make our faith and love grow,  
that your Son may be the Lord of our lives,  
your saving presence,  
and we your faithful people,

now and for ever.

**Blessing**

Many have heard about Jesus and his message. Yet, some do not believe. The way we live should confirm our faith, even though faith is a free gift, a grace from God. May Almighty God give you faith, the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit.