

Liturgy Alive of Tuesday, Octave of Easter

Introduction

It is not always easy to recognize the risen Lord. This was the experience of Mary Magdalene. We too are asked, "Whom are you seeking?" Are we really seeking the Lord Jesus? And do we recognize him not only in our prayers and when we receive the eucharist, but also when he walks by our side in our sufferings and in our joys, in the people around us, in the ordinary events and circumstances of life? Jesus is indeed our Lord and Messiah. Mary Magdalene recognized him when she heard his voice. Are we so much loving him and attuned to his good news that we say when hearing him: This is you, Lord, speaking to me.

Opening Prayer

Our God of life,
we profess our faith in Jesus
and recognize him as our Lord and Savior.
Make us listen to him
when he speaks his good news to us
for it is a message of life.
May we also hear his voice
when he cries out to us in people in need
or simply when he speaks to us
in people who express to us
their joys and hopes, their love and their faith.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

General Intercessions

- Lord, do not remain a stranger to us. Make the Church see your image even in the sinner to be raised up to a new life, we pray:

- Lord, do not remain a stranger to us. Make us see you and lift you up in the beggar in the street and the fugitive from oppression, we pray:

- Lord, do not remain a stranger to us. Make us console you in those who weep and mourn, we pray:

Prayer over the Gifts

Lord our God,
in these signs of bread and wine
we seek the Lord Jesus:
for we want to find him
and to become near to him
in our life of every day.
Let him become close to us
and raise us above the banality
of everyday life.
Let him make our life rich and beautiful
in goodness and deep faith,

for he is our risen Lord, now and for ever.

Prayer after Communion

Lord God,
bring to perfection in us
what you have let Jesus begin in us
Let him show us what we have to do,
let him keep converting us to his ways
of patient service and deep love.
Let him nourish his new life in us
when in the eucharist he sits at table with us,
his disciples today.

Grant us all this through Christ our Lord.

Blessing

Do not hold on to me, says Jesus. Do not try to possess him for ourselves alone. Let us go to our brothers and sisters and share Jesus with them as the Lord of life who raises us above ourselves by making us with him people-for-others. May almighty God bless you, the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit.