

Liturgy Alive of Feria

Opening Prayer

Lord our God,
we are often blind and insensitive
to the wonderful things you do among us
and to the love people show us.
Open our minds and hearts
to see the signs of your presence
in the good people do to one another and to us.
Make us also see the presence of our crucified Lord
in people who suffer.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Liturgy of the Word

Introduction to the First Reading

God had assured the house of David that he would protect it. We hear Isaiah scold the king and the people that they have not enough trust in him and do not see the signs of God's nearness; even in the moment of a great threat by the powerful nation of Assyria they should keep relying on God.

Introduction to the Gospel

The poor and the oppressed are often more open to salvation than the self-satisfied, sophisticated city dwellers; the latter are often in the Bible the image of rationalistic and corrupt people, also among the Jews. As they are more individualistic, they do not easily form a community of salvation. In the noise and bustle of a busy life, they

do not see the signs of God's presence.

General Intercessions

- For men and women who have lowly and depressing jobs, that we may appreciate them, we pray:
 - For all who have been baptized in the saving waters of baptism, that they may remain faithful to their baptismal promises, we pray:
- For all those who see the good deeds done by believing people, that they may discover the Lord Jesus who inspires these good people, we pray:

Prayer over the Gifts

Lord our God,
let this bread and wine we bring before you
become to us clear signs
of how you make yourself near to us
in Jesus Christ your Son.
Give us a deep faith to discover
the love you constantly show us in him
and to respond eagerly to it
with deeds of compassion and service
for all those who need us.

Grant us this through Christ our Lord.

Prayer after Communion

Lord God,
we deserve the harsh words
which Jesus spoke to us today
to prompt us to seek conversion.
Make us accept these words
spoken out of deep concern
for those he loves.
Give us an open attitude
that makes us see how you care for us
and how you are near to us in everyday life.
Help us to respond to your loving care

through Christ our Lord.

Blessing

Repent. Perhaps we think that these words of the Lord do not apply to us. If we are open-minded, we will probably notice that there are many things in us that we wish to change. Perfection is not of this world. May almighty God bless you, the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit.