

# Liturgy Alive of Feria

## Opening Prayer

Lord our God,  
let the Holy Spirit, the bond of love  
between you and your Son,  
be present here among us.  
May he bind us together in faith and love  
and help this little Church here to be  
all you want your universal Church  
to signify to all:  
the people of your good pleasure,  
rich in hope and life and joy  
through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

## Liturgy of the Word

### First Reading Introduction

When St. Paul speaks to us about God's power at work in us and in Christ and the Church, in parallel passages, he says, this is the work of the Spirit. The Spirit unites and animates the Church. He is the Spirit of wisdom. He is the same Spirit of whom Jesus speaks: the Holy Spirit who will teach us what to say and do in times of persecution. Let this Spirit be with us in this celebration.

# Gospel Introduction

To those that are faithful to him, Christ promises to let his Spirit speak and work in them in times of trial.

# General Intercessions

- That the Spirit of strength and trust may be given to those who are persecuted for following their consciences and standing up for their integrity, we pray:
  - That the Spirit of love may be given to those who want to grow in love of God and people, we pray:
- That the Spirit of unity may make us one heart and one soul in our communities, that we may do for one another what Jesus has done for us, we pray:

## Prayer over the Gifts

Lord our God,  
this piece of bread  
and this draught of wine  
will bring us the life and joy  
of Jesus, your Son.  
Let his Holy Spirit unite us closely  
with Jesus, the head of his body, the Church,  
as living stones of his community  
of faith and hope.  
We ask you this through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

## Prayer after Communion

Lord our God,  
your Son has spoken his message to us.  
By the power of the Holy Spirit,  
give us the strength to speak it  
for all and to all as Good News,  
without fear or compromise.  
Let him renew and unite us  
as your people of hope and joy,  
who proclaim with our lives  
that you are our Father  
and Jesus our Lord for ever.

**Blessing**

Like Paul, we give thanks to God for the people's faith in Jesus Christ, a faith that makes them also love one another. And we pray that this faith may endure and nourish our hope, with the blessing of Almighty God, the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit.