

Liturgy Alive of Weekday in Ordinary Time

Friday, 11th Week in Ordinary Time

A COMPASSIONATE HEART

Opening Prayer

Lord God, our Father,
your Son, Jesus Christ, revealed to us
your compassionate, healing love.
Let his presence here in our midst
fill us with his power of sharing
in the miseries of our neighbor.
Let our words be like balm
on open wounds in their hearts
and let our deeds bring healing
to all those around us.
We ask this through Christ, our Lord.

Liturgy of the Word

First Reading Introduction

God renews his promises to Abraham.

Gospel Reading Introduction

"Not those who say, 'Lord, Lord,' will enter the kingdom, but one who does the will of my Father."
We are familiar with Jesus' words, but do we follow them? Do we build on rock, that is, follow Jesus,
or do we follow ourselves and our whims and so build on sand?

General Intercessions

- With all who seek pardon and reconciliation, we cry out to you Lord, and with all who have found and given forgiveness, we thank you Lord:
- With all who are rejected by their communities, we cry out to you Lord, and with all who accept people and restore their dignity, we praise you Lord:
- With all who hide their suffering, we cry out to you Lord, and with all who share with others and uplift them, we praise you Lord:

Prayer over the Gifts

God our Father,
you are good to us.
With these gifts of bread and wine
we offer you the sacrifice of Jesus
that brought us your forgiveness.

Reconcile us with you and each other
and keep cleansing us from the leprosy
of pride and hard-heartedness
that mar in us the face
of Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Prayer after Communion

God our Father,
your Son Jesus, has spoken among us
his words and deeds of healing.
He has answered our plea
for forgiveness and fresh hope in life
with the gift of himself.
Make us too, capable
of stretching out our hands
to those in sorrows and pain
and of touching them with our love.
And may our compassionate help
reach out most of all
to the outcasts of this cold world.
We ask this in the name of Jesus, the Lord.

Blessing

When we have sinned, we too, should go to God and tell him: Lord, you can clean me, and he is very willing to do so, for he loves us and heals us repeatedly. May we also bring healing to the people around us, with the blessing of Almighty God, the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit.