

# Liturgy Alive of Feria

Opening Prayer

Our loving God and Father,  
you have invited us to stay with you,  
to listen to the message of Jesus your Son  
and to accept from him your peace and love.  
May we welcome him wholeheartedly  
and learn from him to welcome him too  
in people who appeal to us  
for forgiveness and a bit of warmth,  
for patience and hope and joy.  
Let them not pass your servants by.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Liturgy of the Word

First Reading Introduction

In Jonah's experience, God's word is very powerful if we bring it to people in the name of God and if they are open to it.

# Gospel Introduction

A hospitable family or person makes guests feel at home and gives them the best available. But if we are truly hospitable we are also listening to the guest and to receive from him or her perhaps more than we give and in a deeper way. We receive the guest as a person. God presents himself in the Bible as a traveler on a journey. He asks for hospitality as a stranger or a poor person. Christ also says that in the homeless we welcome him.

# General Intercessions

- That we may recognize the Lord in the features of a stranger and welcome him as we would welcome the Lord himself, we pray:

- That we may welcome the best our brothers and sisters give us, even before we share the best of ourselves with them, we pray:

- That we may be and remain hospitable people, we pray:

Prayer over the Gifts

Father,  
may we welcome Jesus your Son  
in these offerings of bread and wine,  
Open us to his word and his mentality.  
Prepare us to welcome him in people  
and to encounter him in their person,  
even when he comes at another time  
and in another way than we expect him.  
Enrich us by giving to, and receiving from, one another  
your greatest gift to us,

Jesus Christ our Lord.

Prayer after Communion

Lord our God,  
you have come among us in your Son  
to be our guest.  
In our everyday life  
may we always be open to anyone in need.  
Help us to recognize you and welcome you  
in everyone who comes to us.  
In every human encounter

offer us your grace and love  
through Jesus Christ your Son,  
who lives with you and stays with us

now and for ever.

#### **Blessing**

In this eucharist we have been the Lord's own guests. He has been very hospitable to us, listening to us and speaking to us his warm words of friendship. He sends us out now to be one another's guests and hosts. Welcome now the blessing of almighty God, the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit.