

Liturgy Alive of Saturday, 10th Week in Ordinary Time

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SERVICE OF RECONCILIATION

Opening Prayer

Reliable God,
your Son was born for this
and for this, he came into this world,
to bear witness to the truth.
Count us among those who listen to him
and who want to be honest seekers of the truth.
Help us to say a firm no to all that is evil
and make our yes a firm yes
to all that is good and worthy,
by the power of Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Liturgy of the Word

First Reading Introduction

Today's first reading from the Book of Kings gives us a good example of the radical demands made on people whom God will send for a radical mission. Elisha is up to the call.

Gospel Reading Introduction

Why do people require that at special occasions a statement be backed up by an oath? Is it because they doubt one another's sincerity and truthfulness, particularly when it matters? And if God is invoked in witness of the truth, is it always the truth that is sworn to? In the mind of Jesus, Christians should always be so reliable that there is no need for swearing oaths. We should mean what we say at all occasions.

General Intercessions

- For Christians, that they may be so reliable that there is no need for swearing oaths, we pray:
- For friends, that they may always be trustworthy and faithful, we pray:
- For all of us, that we may be faithful to the task God has given us in life, we pray:

Prayer over the Gifts

Lord God, Almighty Father,
you spoke your creative word
and things and people existed;
you saw that your work was good.
Speak here in our midst your mighty word
and your Son will be present among us
as your faithful, reliable word.
Let him fill our hollow words to the brim
with goodness, honesty, and peace,

that we may trust one another
and offer you all honor and praise
through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Prayer after Communion

Loyal and trustworthy God,
your Son has spoken to us
words that never pass away.
He filled his words with himself
and so he could be with us here.
Help us too, to fill again
our worn-out words with ourselves.
Let your own Son speak
in the words we say and the words we hear.
Let him become flesh again in our words,
that we may become free again
in Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Blessing

A few days ago, Paul told us that Jesus was always "Yes," yes to the Father's will, yes and affirming to people, reliable. May we too, be trustworthy and reliable, in our faith, our friendship, our given word, with the blessing of Almighty God, the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit.