

The priest says:
Lift up your hearts.

And everybody answers:
We lift them up to the Lord.

The priest says:
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

And everybody answers:
It is right to give him thanks and praise.

The priest then prays the PREFACE which changes each Sunday. There are Prefaces for the different times in the Church's years eg: Lent, Easter, Advent, Christmas. At the end of the PREFACE the priest asks everyone to sing or say:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might.
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the Highest.
Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the Highest.**

After the CONSECRATION the priest asks everyone to sing or say the MYSTERY OF FAITH:

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith

And everybody answers:
**Christ has died
Christ is risen
Christ will come again.**
(there are other versions of this prayer)



Prayers & Mass Responses

Part IV

The LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST is the name given to the part of the Mass where the bread and wine is **presented** to the Priest, **offered** up to God, **changed** into the BODY and BLOOD of Jesus and **received** by the people in HOLY COMMUNION.



First the bread is offered as the Priest says:

Blessed are you, Lord, God of all creation.
Through your goodness we have this bread to offer,
Which earth has given and human hands have made.
It will become for us the bread of life.

And everyone answers:
Blessed be God for ever.

The priest puts some wine and a small drop water into the chalice and then offers it up saying:



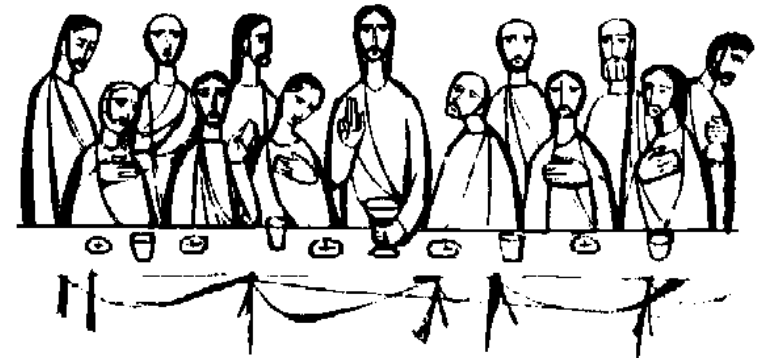
Blessed are you, Lord, God of all creation.
Through your goodness we have this wine to offer,
Fruit of the vine and work of human hands,
It will become our spiritual drink.

And everyone answers:
Blessed be God for ever.

The priest then washes his hands asking God to wash away his sins as he prepares for the CONSECRATION, the changing of the bread and wine into the Body and Blood of Jesus.

Lord God, we ask you to receive us and be pleased with the sacrifice we offer you with humble and contrite hearts.

Lord wash away my iniquities and cleanse me of my sins.



The priest then asks the people to pray with him as he says:

Pray, my sisters and brothers, that our sacrifice may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father.

Everybody answers:
May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands for the praise and glory of His name, for our good and the good of all His Church.

After the priest has said the PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS he begins the EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

The priest says:

The Lord be with you.

Any everyone answers:

And also with you.