



# Are you in the know?

## The Dialogues of the Mass – Liturgy of the Eucharist

*After the altar has been set, presider offers quietly the bread and wine and washes his hands the following is said:*

Current words	New words
Presider :  Pray, brothers and sisters, that our sacrifice may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father	Presider  Pray, brothers and sisters, that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father.
People:  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.	People  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 holy Church

It is really Christ's sacrifice, his once-and-for-all death on the cross that God makes present to us in the Eucharist. God entrusts this one-and-only acceptable gift to us in our celebration. Then we offer to God what we have received from God: "the bread of life and the cup of eternal blessing" (Eucharistic Prayer for Various Needs and Occasions), the Body and Blood of Christ. But because we are members of his Body, we can and must also offer to God the sacrifice of our own lives: our joys and sorrows, our successes and failures, every part and moment of our human lives.

The bread and wine placed on the altar are symbols of our work and celebration that bind us into a community of faith, the community that offers itself with Christ. As baptized Christians, we are co-offerers with Christ and the priest in lifting up the Eucharistic sacrifice to God. So, in response to the priest's invitation to prayer, we ask God to accept us, together with the beloved Son who shared our human life and death: "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 holy Church." Here and in the Prayer over the Offerings which follows immediately, we anticipate the offering of Christ's perfect sacrifice that we make to God the Father in the great Eucharistic Prayer.

Current words	New words
Presider: The Lord be with you. People: And also with you.	Presider: The Lord be with you. People: And with your spirit.
Presdier: Lift up your hearts. People: We lift them up to the Lord.	Presider: Lift up your hearts. People: We lift them up to the Lord.
Presider: Let us give thanks to the Lord. People: It is right to give him thanks and praise.	Presider: Let us give thanks to the Lord People: It is right and just.



Here is a very compressed expression of what we proclaim in weekday preface V: “With love we celebrate his death. With living faith we proclaim his resurrection. With unwavering hope we await his return in glory.” In these words we acclaim the paschal sacrifice that becomes ours in the Eucharist, the fruit of Christ’s paschal mystery. In these words we acclaim the paschal sacrifice that becomes ours in the Eucharist, the fruit of Christ’s paschal mystery.

## Doxology and Amen

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Presider:  Through him, with him, in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor is yours, almighty Father, for ever and ever	Presider:  Through him, and with him, and in him, to you, O God, almighty Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, is all honor and glory, for ever and ever
People:  Amen	People:  Amen

The last part of every Eucharistic Prayer is the doxology, a proclamation of pure praise: “Through [Christ], and with him and in him,” we address a burst of praise to God the Father, in the power of the Holy Spirit. It is like a sacred toast to the almighty Father, through Jesus Christ, in their unifying love that we know as the Holy Spirit. Our “Amen,” “So be it,” is our from-the-heart response.

One Sunday morning, as the assembly and choir were concluding the sung “Amen” to the Eucharistic Prayer, a youngster burst into loud applause. His enthusiastic participation in what was happening stopped me right there for a moment. I thought to myself: “This is what the ‘Great Amen’ should be like. It’s like our applause for the marvelous deeds that God has accomplished for us in Christ.” Our “Amen” is meant to be our resounding affirmation of our faith prayed aloud in the Eucharistic Prayer.

*Are you in the know...you are now!*



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