

Eucharistic Prayer III (Preface I for Sundays in Ordinary Time)

The Priest, with hands extended, begins the Eucharistic Prayer.

Presider: The Lord be with you.

All: And with your spirit.

Presider: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them up to the Lord.

Presider: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right and just.

Presider: It is truly right and just, our duty and our salvation,
always and everywhere to give you thanks,
Lord, holy Father, almighty and eternal God,
through Christ our Lord.

For through his Paschal Mystery,
he accomplished the marvellous deed,
by which he has freed us from the yoke of sin and death,
summoning us to the glory of being now called
a chosen race, a royal priesthood,
a holy nation, a people for your own possession,
to proclaim everywhere your mighty works,
for you have called us out of darkness
into your own wonderful light.

And so, with Angels and Archangels,
with Thrones and Dominions,
and with all the hosts and Powers of heaven,
we sing the hymn of your glory,
as without end we acclaim:

The Priest joins his hands, and all present sing the acclamation:

**All: Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts.
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 Sanctus is concluded, those present kneel, and the Priest, with hands extended, continues:

Presider: You are indeed Holy, O Lord,
and all you have created
rightly gives you praise,
for through your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ,
by the power and working of the Holy Spirit,
you give life to all things and make them holy,
and you never cease to gather a people to yourself,
so that from the rising of the sun to its setting

a pure sacrifice may be offered to your name.

He joins his hands and, holding them extended over the offerings, says:

Presider Therefore, O Lord, we humbly implore you:
 by the same Spirit graciously make holy
 these gifts we have brought to you for consecration,

He joins his hands and makes the Sign of the Cross once over the bread and chalice together, saying:

 that they may become the Body and ✠ Blood
 of your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ,
 at whose command we celebrate these mysteries.

He joins his hands.

 For on the night he was betrayed,

He takes the bread and, holding it slightly raised above the altar, continues:

 he himself took bread,
 and giving you thanks, he said the blessing,
 broke the bread and gave it to his disciples, saying:

He bows slightly:

**TAKE THIS, ALL OF YOU, AND EAT OF IT,
FOR THIS IS MY BODY,
WHICH WILL BE GIVEN UP FOR YOU.**

He shows the consecrated host, places it again on the paten and genuflects in adoration.

 In a similar way, when supper was ended,

He takes the chalice and, holding it slightly raised above the altar, continues:

 he took the chalice,
 and giving you thanks, he said the blessing,
 and gave the chalice to his disciples, saying:

He bows slightly:

**TAKE THIS, ALL OF YOU, AND DRINK FROM IT,
FOR THIS IS THE CHALICE OF MY BLOOD,
THE BLOOD OF THE NEW AND ETERNAL COVENANT,
WHICH WILL BE Poured OUT FOR YOU AND FOR MANY
FOR THE FORGIVENESS OF SINS.
DO THIS IN MEMORY OF ME.**

He shows the chalice, places it on the corporal and genuflects in adoration.

Presider: The mystery of faith.

**All: We proclaim your Death, O Lord,
 and profess your Resurrection
 until you come again.**

With hands extended, the Priest continues:

Presider: Therefore, O Lord, as we celebrate the memorial
of the saving Passion of your Son,
his wondrous Resurrection
and Ascension into heaven,
and as we look forward to his second coming,
we offer you in thanksgiving
this holy and living sacrifice.

Look, we pray, upon the oblation of your Church
and, recognising the sacrificial Victim by whose death
you willed to reconcile us to yourself,
grant that we, who are nourished
by the Body and Blood of your Son
and filled with his Holy Spirit,
may become one body, one spirit in Christ.

Presider: May he make of us
an eternal offering to you,
so that we may obtain an inheritance with your elect,
especially with the most Blessed Virgin Mary,
Mother of God,
with blessed Joseph, her Spouse.
with your blessed Apostles and glorious Martyrs
with Saint Benedict and with all the Saints,
on whose constant intercession in your presence
we rely for unfailing help.

May this Sacrifice of our reconciliation,
we pray, O Lord,
advance the peace and salvation of all the world.
Be pleased to confirm in faith and charity
your pilgrim Church on earth,
with your servant Francis, our Pope, and William, our Bishop,
the Order of Bishops, all the clergy,
and the entire people you have gained for your own.

Listen graciously to the prayers of this family,
whom you have summoned before you:
in your compassion, O merciful Father,
gather to yourself all your children
scattered throughout the world.

To our departed brothers and sisters
and to all who were pleasing to you
at their passing from this life,
give kind admittance to your kingdom.
There we hope to enjoy for ever the fullness of your glory
through Christ our Lord,

through whom you bestow on the world all that is good.

The Priest takes the paten and the chalice, and, as both are raised, says:

Presider: Through him, and with him, and in him,
O God, almighty Father,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all glory and honour is yours,
for ever and ever.

All: Amen.

Then follows the Communion Rite.

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