

Holy, Holy (*the "Sanctus"; based on the praise of the Seraphim in Isa 6:3 and Rev 4:8*):

**All: 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.**

Epiclesis (*calling upon the Holy Spirit*):

EP I

We come to you, Father, with praise and thanksgiving, through Jesus Christ your Son. Through him we ask you to accept and bless + these gifts we offer you in sacrifice. We offer them for your holy catholic Church, watch over it, Lord, and guide it; grant it peace and unity throughout the world. We offer them for {Benedict} our Pope, for {name of Bishop in local diocese} our bishop, and for all who hold and teach the catholic faith that comes to us from the apostles.

Remember, Lord, your people, especially those for whom we now pray, {names}. Remember all of us gathered here before you. You know how firmly we believe in you and dedicate ourselves to you. We offer you this sacrifice of praise for ourselves and those who are dear to us. We pray to you, our living and true God, for our well-being and redemption.

* In union with the whole Church we honor Mary, the ever-virgin mother of Jesus Christ our Lord and God. We honor Joseph, her husband, the apostles and martyrs Peter and Paul, Andrew, [James, John, Thomas, James, Philip, Bartholomen, Matthew, Simon and Jude; we honor Linus, Cletus, Clement, Sixtus, Cornelius, Cyprian, Lawrence, Chrysogonus, John and Paul, Cosmas and Damian] and all the saints. May their merits and prayers gain us your constant help and protection. [Through Christ our Lord. Amen.]

* Father, accept this offering from your whole family. Grant us your peace in this life, save us from final damnation, and count us among those you have chosen. [Through Christ our Lord. Amen.]

Bless and approve our offering; make it acceptable to you, and offering in spirit and in truth. Let it become for us the body and blood of Jesus Christ, your only Son, our Lord.

EP II

Lord, you are holy indeed, the fountain of all holiness. Let your Spirit come upon these gifts to make them holy, so that they may become for us the body+ and blood of our Lord, Jesus Christ.

EP III

Father, you are holy indeed, and all creation rightly gives you praise. All life, all holiness comes from you through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, by the working of the Holy Spirit. From age to age you gather a people to yourself, so that from east to west a perfect offering may be made to the glory of your name.

And so, Father, we bring you these gifts. We ask you to make them holy by the power of your Spirit, that they may become the body + and blood of your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, at whose command we celebrate this eucharist.

EP IV

Father, we acknowledge your greatness: all your actions show your wisdom and love. You formed man in your own likeness and set him over the whole world to serve you, his creator, and to rule over all creatures. Even when he disobeyed you and lost your friendship you did not abandon him to the power of death, but helped all men to seek and find you. Again and again you offered a covenant to man, and through the prophets taught him to hope for salvation.

Father, you so loved the world that in the fullness of time you sent your only Son to be our Savior. He was conceived through the power of the Holy Spirit, and born of the Virgin Mary, a man like us in all things but sin. To the poor he proclaimed the good news of salvation, to prisoners, freedom, and to those in sorrow, joy. In fulfillment of your will he gave himself up to death; but by rising from the dead, he destroyed death and restored life. And that we might live no longer for ourselves but for him, he sent the Holy Spirit from you, Father, as his first gift to those who believe, to complete his work on earth and bring us the fullness of grace.

Father may this Holy Spirit sanctify these offerings. Let them become the body + and blood of Jesus Christ our Lord as we celebrate the great mystery which he left us as an everlasting covenant.

Institution Narrative (*recalling the words and actions of Jesus at the Last Supper; see Mark 14:22-24; Matt 26:26-28; Luke 22:19-20; 1 Cor 11:23-25*):

EP I

The day before he suffered he took break in his sacred hands and looking up to heaven, to you, his almighty Father, he gave you thanks and praise. He broke the bread, gave it to his disciples, and said:

Take this, all of you, and eat it:
this is my body which will be given up for you.

When supper was ended, he took the cup. Again he gave you thanks and praise, gave the cup to his disciples, and said:

Take this, all of you, and drink from it:
this is the cup of my blood, the blood of the new and everlasting covenant. It will be shed for you and for all so that sins may be forgiven. Do this in memory of me.

EP II

Before he was given up to death, a death he freely accepted, he took bread and gave you thanks, He broke the bread, gave it to his disciples, and said:

Take this, all of you, and eat it;
this is my body which will be given up for you.

When the supper was ended, he took the cup. Again he gave you thanks and praise, gave the cup to his disciples, and said:

Take this, all of you, and drink from it;
this is the cup of my blood, the blood of the new and everlasting covenant. It will be shed for you and for all so that sins may be forgiven. Do this in memory of me.

EP III

On the night he was betrayed, he took bread and gave you thanks and praise. He broke the bread, gave it to his disciples, and said:

Take this, all of you, and eat it:
this is my body which will be given up for you.

When supper was ended, he took the cup. Again he gave you thanks and praise, gave the cup to his disciples, and said:

Take this, all of you, and drink from it:
this is the cup of my blood, the blood of the new and everlasting covenant. It will be shed for you and for all so that sins may be forgiven. Do this in memory of me.

EP IV

He always loved those who were his own in the world. When the time came for him to be glorified by you, his heavenly Father, he showed the depth of his love.

While they were at supper, he took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, and gave it to his disciples, saying:

Take this, all of you, and eat it:
this is my body which will be given up for you.

In the same way, he took the cup, filled with wine. He gave you thanks, and giving the cup to his disciples, said:

Take this, all of you, and drink from it:
this is the cup of my blood, the blood of the new and everlasting covenant. It will be shed for you and for all so that sins may be forgiven. Do this in memory of me.

Memorial Acclamation:

Priest: Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

All: A - Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

or B - Dying you destroyed our death, rising you restored our life. Lord Jesus, come in glory.

or C - When we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim your death, Lord Jesus, until you come in glory.

or D - Lord, by your cross and resurrection, you have set us free. You are the Savior of the World.

Profession of Faith:

[On Sundays and solemnities, the Nicene Creed is normally recited by everyone after the homily. The Apostles' Creed may be used instead, esp. in celebrations of Masses with children.]

NICENE CREED:

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth, of all that is seen and
unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of
God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true
God,
begotten, not made, one in Being with the Father.
Through him all things were made.
For us men and for our salvation he came down from
heaven:

[bow during the next two lines]

by the power of the Holy Spirit
he was born of the Virgin Mary, and became man.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered, died, and was buried.
On the third day he rose again in fulfillment of the
Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand
of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the
dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.
With the Father and the Son he is worshipped and
glorified.

He has spoken through the Prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of
sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

General Intercessions / Prayer of the Faithful:

Lector: ...let us pray to the Lord.

All: Lord, hear our prayer. *[or a similar response, repeated after each petition]*

[sit]

(*Note: When Eucharistic Prayer III is used in Masses for the dead, the last paragraph is substituted by a longer text.)

Doxology and Great Amen:

Priest: Through him, with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor is yours,
almighty Father, for ever and ever.

All: Amen. *[may be sung more than once]*

[stand]

Priest: May almighty God cleanse us of our sins, and through the eucharist we celebrate make us worthy to sit at his table in his heavenly kingdom.

***All:* Amen.**

[This rite is commonly celebrated during the Easter Season, but may also be used at other times. When it is used, the Penitential Rite is omitted, and the Mass continues with the Gloria (on most Sundays and solemnities) or with the Opening Prayer (during Advent and Lent, and on weekdays)]

or Penitential Rite:

Priest: As we prepare to celebrate the mystery of Christ's love, let us acknowledge our failures and ask the Lord for pardon and strength.

or Coming together as God's family, with confidence let us ask the Father's forgiveness, for he is full of gentleness and compassion.

or My brothers and sisters, to prepare ourselves to celebrate the sacred mysteries, let us call to mind our sins.

[or similar words of introduction, followed by a period of silent reflection.]

Option A:

***All:* I confess to almighty God, and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have sinned through my own fault, in my thoughts and in my words, in what I have done, and in what I have failed to do; and I ask blessed Mary, ever virgin, all the angels and saints, and you, my brothers and sisters, to pray for me to the Lord, our God.**

Priest: May almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our sins, and bring us to everlasting life. ***All:* Amen.**

Option B:

Priest: Lord, we have sinned against Lord, have mercy.

***All:* Lord, have mercy.**

Priest: Lord, show us your mercy and love.

***All:* And grant us your salvation.**

Priest: May almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our sins, and bring us to everlasting life.

***All:* Amen.**

Option C: *[The following or other invocations may be spoken by the priest or another minister, but the priest always gives the final blessing.]*

Minister: You raise the dead to life in the Spirit: Lord, have mercy.

***All:* Lord, have mercy.**

Minister: You bring pardon and peace to the sinner: Christ, have mercy.

***All:* Christ, have mercy.**

Minister: You bring light to those in darkness: Lord, have mercy.

***All:* Lord, have mercy.**

Priest: May almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our sins, and bring us to everlasting life.

***All:* Amen.**

Kyrie:

[The following acclamations are sung or recited, either in English or Greek, unless they have already been used, as in option C above.]

Priest: Lord, have mercy. ***All:* Lord, have mercy.** *Priest:* Kyrie, eleison. ***All:* Kyrie, eleison.**

Priest: Christ, have mercy. ***All:* Christ, have mercy.** *or* *Priest:* Christe, eleison. ***All:* Christe, eleison.**

Priest: Lord, have mercy. ***All:* Lord, have mercy.** *Priest:* Kyrie, eleison. ***All:* Kyrie, eleison.**

Gloria:

***All:* Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth. Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory. Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, You alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

Opening Prayer

Communion:

Priest: This is the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world. Happy are those who are called to his supper.

***All:* Lord, I am not worthy to receive you, but only say the word and I shall be healed.**

[The manner of receiving communion differs significantly between various countries, dioceses, and even individual parishes. In the United States, the people normally process to the front in lines, receive communion standing, and then return to their places in the congregation. In some cases, the ministers may go to other locations within the church to distribute communion, or may even approach individuals at their places (esp. the elderly or infirm). Communion is now usually offered "under both species", i.e., both the consecrated bread and the consecrated wine. It may be distributed by priests, deacons, or designated lay persons, called "Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist." Communicants are encouraged to receive the consecrated bread in their hands, but may also receive communion on the tongue. After returning to their places, the people are encouraged to remain standing until everyone has received communion, but in many parishes the people immediately sit down or kneel for silent prayer.]

Communion Minister: The body of Christ. ***Communicant:* Amen.**

Communion Minister: The blood of Christ. ***Communicant:* Amen.**

Communion Song:

[During the reception of Communion, an appropriate song is sung, or at least a short "Communion Antiphon" is recited.]

[sit]

Period of Silence or Song of Praise:

[When the distribution of Communion is completed, there may be a period of silence for individual prayer, or a psalm or song of praise may be sung. The people either stand, sit, or kneel during this time, although the posture of the congregation should be unified.]

[stand]

Prayer after Communion:

Priest: Let us pray.

[All pray in silence for a while, unless a period of silence has already been observed. Then the priest sings or says the Prayer after Communion, which is different for each Mass. At the end, the people proclaim their consent.]

***All:* Amen.**

[Announcements, etc.]:

[If there are any announcements, acknowledgements, reflections, eulogies, or similar actions, these are best included here, after the Prayer after Communion and before the Concluding Rite.

The people may remain standing, or may be invited to sit, depending on the length of the announcements or activity.]