



*The Bible and  
the Mass*

*Liturgy of  
the  
Eucharist*

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**Advent Prayer**



- Word of God: Rev 21:1-4
- My soul rejoices in You, O Lord, and in the New Jerusalem. You fill my days with hope and my nights with the comfort of your mercy. During this holy season of Advent, as we wait for the coming of our salvation, fill us with the joy that you promise to those who trust in you and your Son, our Savior. Amen.

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## Liturgy of the Eucharist



- Presentation of the Offering
- Eucharistic Prayer
  - Preface
  - Epiclesis
  - Words of Institution
  - Anamnesis
  - Intercessions for the entire Church
  - Doxology
  - Great Amen
- Communion Rite
- Concluding Rite

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“The Eucharistic sacrifice... has always retained this basic shape:

- the taking of the elements of bread and wine in the Preparation of the Gifts
- the act of thanksgiving in the Eucharistic Prayer
- the breaking of the bread
- the giving and sharing of the Body and Blood of Christ in Holy Communion.” IOM 99

*Take – Bless – Broke - Gave*

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### Procession with the Gifts

- = visible expression (2<sup>nd</sup> of 3)
- Gen 14:18-20 - Bread and wine offered by Melchizedek
- Rom 12:1 – “our bodies as a living sacrifice” = our desire to give ourselves to God, along w/ the b/w to be made holy by the power of Christ’s sacrifice
- 1 Peter 2:4-5, 9-10 – priestly role from baptism = offer spiritual sacrifice

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## Eucharistic Prayer

- Preface—prayer of thanksgiving to the Father
- Sanctus—“Holy, Holy, Holy”
- Epiclesis—“calling down” of the Holy Spirit
- Words of Institution—repeats the words of Christ at the Last Supper
- Anamnesis—“memorial”
- Intercessions—for all gathered; pope, bishop, clergy; Catholics in need; faithful departed
- Doxology—reminder of our initiation into the life of the Trinity
- Great Amen—“so be it”

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### Eucharistic Prayer (in general)

- **Center and summit** of entire celebration
- Addressed to Father, through Jesus Christ, by the priest celebrant in name of all present
- Whole congregation joins Christ in confessing great deeds of God and in offering Sacrifice
- Ask Father to send Son + Spirit to transform b/w into body/blood of Son AND make us one body/spirit in that action

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### Eucharistic Prayer (in particular)

1. **Preface**
2. **Acclamation** – Holy, Holy, Holy (Sanctus)
3. **Epiclesis** – Holy Spirit invoked
4. **Consecration** – words/actions of Christ at LS
5. **Anamnesis** – memorial
6. **Oblation** – sacrificial victim offered
7. **Intercessions** – entire Church called upon
8. **Doxology** – Through/With/In Him

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[The priest's use of]"**we**" signifies that all the baptized present at the Eucharistic celebration make the sacrificial offering in union with Christ, and pray the Eucharistic Prayer in union with him. And what is most important, **we do not offer Christ alone; we are called to offer ourselves, our lives, our individual efforts** to grow more like Christ and our efforts as a community of believers to spread God's Word and to serve God's people, to the Father in union with Christ through the hands of the priest. Most wonderful of all, although our offering is in itself imperfect, **joined with the offering of Christ it becomes perfect praise and thanksgiving to the Father.**  
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### 1. Preface

- Church's thanks for the saving work of God
- HHH = (Isa 6:3) all creation gives glory to God
- Church joins the heavenly liturgy (angels/saints) in praising God
- "Hosanna" = Hebrew for "Save us" = an expression of adoration, praise, joy
- Why express these sentiments at beginning of EP?

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### 2. Epiclesis

- = Greek "calling down upon"
- Sanctifying power of HS invoked to hallow gifts offered by priest, + make them body/blood of Christ = perfect offering
- Laying of hands over elements to be consecrated = sacramental gesture
- Dewfall –Hosea 14:5-6, Psalm 133:3, symbolizes God's blessing/grace descending

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### 3. Consecration

- Aka “Institution Narrative” recounts Last Supper
- “The words of Jesus, in wh/ he gave himself to his disciples as their food/drink, are repeated in fidelity to his command that they carry on this mystery” US Bishops
- LS took place at Passover meal. Jesus presents himself as the new Passover Lamb. His body will be “given up for you” = sacrificial death
- Lives of faithful united w/ Christ’s offering

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### 4. Mystery of Faith

- Mystery – something hidden under the appearances of bread/wine... perceived only by Faith
  1. We proclaim your Death...
  2. When we eat this bread...
  3. Save us, savior of the world...
- = An exclamation of awe and wonder
- = an extremely condensed expression of the whole story of salvation

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### 5. Memorial Acclamation

- *“Do this in memory of me”*
- “The ‘do this’ refers to what we are doing now with the transformed b/w. The ‘in memory of me’ refers to his D/R” J Driscoll
- **Anamnesis** = *offering* and *memorial*
- **2<sup>nd</sup> epiclesis**: community prays that HS may gather those who partake in b/b into one
- = our communion w/ Christ’s sacrifice realized in our reception of Body/Blood

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## 6. Intercessions

- Remember...
- "Church prays that the fruits of this sacrifice may be experienced throughout the Church and world" IOM
- Priest prays for Church universal, pope, local bishop, all bishops, clergy, all people of God living and dead

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## 7. Doxology

- Through/With/In Christ all glory offered to the Father by action of HS
- Entire EP reaches its conclusion w/ "the great Amen"
- **In that moment the Church is doing what Christ did and forever does: she offers his one body, to which she has been joined, to the Father for the glory of his name and for the salvation of the world" JD**
- = our communion in the sacrifice of Christ = perfect praise

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## The Communion Rite

- **The Lords Prayer-** The communion rite begins with the Our Father Prayer.
- **Embolism-**When we give peace to our neighbors.
- **The Fraction-** When the priest breaks the bread. The purpose is to symbolize Jesus breaking bread at the last supper.
- **The Commingling-** When the priest puts a piece of the host in the wine.
- **Agnus Dei-** When the priest breaks the bread during the singing of the lamb of God.

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### 1. Lord's Prayer

- Our baptism makes us part of God's family
- Themes of *daily bread* + *mutual forgiveness* = most appropriate preparation for Holy Communion
- Embolism (insertion) = "Deliver us we pray..." = community may be delivered from every evil as it prepared for coming of Jesus
- Why at beginning of Communion Rite?

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### 2. Sign of Peace

- John 20:19, 21, 26; Rom 16:16
- Peace = life in harmony w/ God + others
- Acknowledges we are members of one body in Christ

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### 3. Breaking of the Bread/ Lamb of God

- "The Priest breaks the Bread and puts a piece of the host into the chalice to signify the unity of the Body and Blood of the Lord in the work of salvation, namely, of the Body of Jesus Christ living and glorious..." GIRM 83
- Lamb of God – John 1:29-36, Rev 5:6, Jesus as the new Passover Lamb who was sacrificed for our sake and conquered sin/death (1 Cor 5:7)

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### 4. Holy Communion

- In receiving the Eucharist many are united to Christ, the head of the body, animated by the one Spirit, and to each other as Church
- Read John 6:51-69
- What part of this discourse is most persuasive to you as to the Real Presence of Christ in the Eucharist?

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### Concluding Rite

- Announcements- When the priest has anything to say about events in the parish.
- Greeting and Blessing- For the last time the priest and the people exchange greetings.
- Dismissal- The mass ends with the solemn blessing of the congregation.

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### Dismissal

- “After the communion rite, the Mass closes with a brief concluding rite. Its purpose is to send the people forth to put into effect in their daily lives the Paschal Mystery and unity in Christ that they have celebrated. They are given a sense of abiding mission that calls them to witness to Christ in the world and to bring the Gospel to the poor.” IOM 141

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**Dismissal**

- It needs to be grasped within the dynamic of Jesus' words, 'As the Father has sent me, so I send you' (John 20:21, 17:18)... Now the assembly has been made Church, and this is the Church in the world." JD 129

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