

# 40<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION OF A MASS OF THANKSGIVING

## **EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER for MASSES for Various Needs & Occasions**

### **II. God Guides the Church on the Way of Salvation**

The priest begins with hands extended  
sings or says:

The Lord be with you.

*And also with you.*

Lift up your hearts.

*We lift them up to the Lord.*

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*It is right to give God thanks and praise.*

The priest continues the preface with  
hands extended.

It is truly right and just,  
our duty and our salvation  
always and everywhere to give you thanks,  
Lord, holy Father,  
creator of the world source of all life.

You never abandon the creatures formed by your  
wisdom, but remain with us and work for our good  
even now.

With mighty hand and outstretched arm  
you led your people, Israel, through the desert.  
By the power of the Holy Spirit  
you guide your pilgrim Church today  
as it journeys along the paths of time  
to the eternal joy of your kingdom,  
through Christ our Lord.

At the end of the preface, he joins his  
hands and, together with the people,  
concludes it by singing or saying aloud:

Now, with all the angels and saints  
we praise your glory without end:

*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.*

The priest, with hands extended,  
says:

You are truly blessed, O God of holiness:  
you accompany us with love  
as we journey through life.  
Blessed too is your Son, Jesus Christ,  
who is present among us  
and whose love gathers us together.  
As once he did for his disciples,  
Christ now opens the scriptures for us  
and breaks the bread.

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

Great and merciful Father,  
we ask you to send down your Holy Spirit  
to hallow these gifts of bread and wine,  
that they may become for us

He joins his hands and, making the sign of the cross once over both bread and chalice, says:

**the body + and blood of our Lord, Jesus Christ.**

He joins his hands.

On the eve of his passion and death,  
while at the table with those he loved,

He takes the bread and raising it a little above the altar, continues:

he took bread and gave you thanks;  
he broke the bread,  
gave it to his disciples, and said:

He bows slightly:

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

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

Then he continues:

When supper was ended, he took the cup;

He takes the chalices and, raising it a little above the altar, continues:

again he gave you thanks  
and, handing the cup to his disciples, he said:

He bows slightly.

**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.**

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

**Do this in memory of me.**

Then he sings:

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith.  
*Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.*

With hands extended, the priest says:

And so, Father most holy,  
we celebrate the memory of Christ, your Son,  
whom you led through suffering and death on the  
cross to the glory of the resurrection  
and a place at your right hand.  
Until Jesus, our Savior, comes again,  
we proclaim the work of your love,  
and we offer you the bread of life  
and the cup of eternal blessing.

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Look with favor on the offering of your Church  
in which we show forth the paschal sacrifice of Christ  
entrusted to us.

Through the power of your Spirit of love  
include us now and for ever  
among the members of your Son,  
whose body and blood we share.

With hands extended, the priest  
continues:

Strengthen in unity  
those you have called to this table.  
Together with Benedict our pope, Roger our bishop,  
with all bishops, priests, and deacons,  
and all your holy people,  
may we follow your paths in faith and hope  
and radiate our joy and trust to all the world.

Be mindful of our brothers and sisters [N & N],  
who have fallen asleep in the peace of Christ,  
and all the dead whose faith only you can know.  
Lead them to the fullness of the resurrection  
and gladden them with the light of your face.

When our pilgrimage on earth is complete,  
welcome us into your heavenly home,  
where we shall dwell with you for ever.  
There, with Mary, the Virgin Mother of God,  
with the apostles, the martyrs,  
[Saint N.], and all the saints,  
we shall praise you and give you glory

He joins his hands.

through Jesus Christ, your Son.

He takes the chalice and host and lifting  
them up sings:

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

*Amen.*