Eucharistic Prayer for Masses with Children I

Using the New Translation of the Roman Missal

The priest begins the Eucharistic Prayer.

With hands extended he sings (or says):

The Lord be with you.

And with your spirit.

Lift up your hearts

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right and just.

The priest, with hands extended, continues:

God our Father, you have brought us here together so that we can give you thanks and praise for all the wonderful things you have done. We thank you for all that is beautiful in the world and for the happiness you have given us. We praise you for daylight and for your word which lights up our minds. We praise you for the earth, and all the people who live on it, and for our life which comes from you.

We know that you are good. You love us and do great things for us.

[So we all sing (say) together:

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts. Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.]

The priest, with hands extended, says:

Father,

you are always thinking about your people;

you never forget us.

You sent your Son Jesus,

who gave his life for us and who came to save us.

He cured sick people;

he cared for those who were poor

and wept with those who were sad.

He forgave sinners and taught us to forgive each other. He loved everyone and showed us how to be kind. He took children in his arms and blessed them.

[So we are glad to sing (say): Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.]

The priest, with hands extended, continues:

God our Father, all over the world your people praise you. So now we pray with the whole Church: with {Benedict}, our pope and {*name of local bishop*}, our bishop. In heaven the blessed Virgin Mary, the apostles and all the saints always sing your praise. Now we join with them and with the angels to adore you as we sing (say):

All sing (say):

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.

The priest, with hands extended, says:

God our Father, you are most holy and we want to show you that we are grateful.

We bring you bread and wine

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

and ask you to send your Holy Spirit to make these gifts

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

the body № and blood of Jesus your Son.

With hands joined, he continues:

Then we can offer to you what you have given to us.

On the night before he died,

Jesus was having supper with his apostles.

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

He took bread from the table. He gave you thanks and praise. Then he broke the bread, gave it to his friends, and said:

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 to the people, places it on the paten, and genuflects in adoration. Then he continues:

When supper was ended,

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

Jesus took the chalice that was filled with wine. He thanked you, gave it to his friends, and said: 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. Then he said to them: DO THIS IN MEMORY OF ME.

He shows the chalice to the people, places it on the corporal, and genuflects in adoration. Then, with hands extended, the priest says:

We do now what Jesus told us to do. We remember his death and resurrection and we offer you, Father, the bread that gives us life, and the cup that saves us. Jesus brings us to you; welcome us as you welcome him.

The mystery of faith:

All sing (say):

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

Or:

 When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup, we proclaim your Death, O Lord, until you come again.

Or:

 Save us, Saviour of the world, for by your Cross and Resurrection you have set us free.

Then, with hands extended, the priest continues:

Father,

because you love us,

you invite us to come to your table.

Fill us with the joy of the Holy Spirit

as we receive the body and blood of your Son.

Lord,

you never forget any of your children.

We ask you to take care of those we love, especially of N. and N., and we pray for those who have died.

Remember everyone who is suffering from pain or sorrow. Remember Christians everywhere and all other people in the world.

We are filled with wonder and praise when we see what you do for us through Jesus your Son, and so we sing:

He joins his hands, takes the chalice and the paten with host and, lifting them up, he sings (or says):

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.

The people respond:

Amen.