Eucharistic Prayer for Masses with Children III

During the Easter Season

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:

We thank you,

God our Father.

You are the living God;
you have called us to share in your life,
and to be happy with you for ever.
You raised up Jesus, your Son,
the first among us to rise from the dead,
and gave him new life.
You have promised to give us new life also,
a life that will never end,
a life with no more anxiety and suffering.

And so, Father, we gladly thank you with every one who believes in you; with the saints and the angels, we rejoice and praise you, singing (saying):

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:

Yes, Lord, you are holy; you are kind to us and to all men. For this we thank you. We thank you above all for your Son, Jesus Christ.

He brought us the good news

of life to be lived with you for ever in heaven.

He showed us the way to that life,

the way of love.

He himself has gone that way before us.

He now brings us together to one table and asks us to do what he did.

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

Father,

we ask you to bless these gifts of bread and wine and make them holy.

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

Change them for us

into the body ♣ and blood of Jesus Christ, your Son.

With hands joined, he continues:

On the night before he died for us,

he had supper for the last time with his disciples.

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

He took bread

and gave you thanks.

He broke the bread

and gave it to his friends, 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 to the people, places it on the paten, and genuflects in adoration.

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

In the same way he took a chalice of wine.

He gave you thanks

and handed 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.

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:

God our Father,
we remember with joy
all that Jesus did to save us.
In this holy sacrifice,
which he gave as a gift to his Church,
we remember his death and resurrection.

Father in heaven,
accept us together with your beloved Son.
He willingly died for us,
but you raised him to life again.
We thank you and sing (say):

All sing (say):

Glory to God in the highest.

(or some other suitable acclamation of praise)

The priest says:

Jesus now lives with you in glory, but he is also here on earth, among us. We thank you and sing (say):

All sing (say):

Glory to God in the highest.

(or some other suitable acclamation of praise)

The priest says:

One day he will come in glory and in his kingdom there will be no more suffering, no more tears, no more sadness. We thank you and sing (say):

All sing (say):

Glory to God in the highest.

(or some other suitable acclamation of praise)

The priest says:

Father in heaven,
you have called us
to receive the body and blood of Christ at this table
and to be filled with the joy of the Holy Spirit.
Through this sacred meal
give us strength to please you more and more.

Lord our God,
remember Benedict, our Pope,
{name of local Bishop}, our Bishop, and all other Bishops.

Fill all Christians with the gladness of Easter.

Help us to bring this joy

to all who are sorrowful.

Bring us all at last together with Mary, the Mother of God, and all the saints, to live with you and to be one with Christ in heaven.

He joins his hands, takes the chalice and the paten with the 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.