THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

1. THE PREPARATION OF THE GIFTS

2. THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

1.THE PREPARATION OF THE GIFTS & OFFERTORY

FRUIT OF THE EARTH & WORK OF HUMAN HANDS

ALL OUR SACRIFICES ARE OFFERED TO GOD

EVERY THING WE HAVE IS GOD'S GIFT

"BLESSED ARE YOU, LORD, GOD OF ALL CREATION."

"BLESSED BE GOD FOREVER"

CO-MINGLING OF WINE & WATER

- THE **WINE** SYMBOLIZES **CHRIST'S DIVINE NATURE.**
- THE WATER REPRESENTS HIS **HUMAN NATURE**, AND WITH IT **OUR OWN NATURE.**
- WE PRAY THAT **OUR HUMANITY MAY BE FOREVER UNITED WITH CHRIST IN THE EUCHARIST**

“WASH ME O LORD FROM MY INIQUITY”

PRIEST: “Pray, brethren, that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God.”

RESPONSE: “May the Lord accept the sacrifice of your hands, for the praise and glory of His name . . .”

The Eucharist is Christ’s sacrifice, we participate by **offering ourselves**

THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

The highest point of the celebration

The church gives thanks, offers sacrifice
and is joined most deeply to Christ

THE PREFACE

Dialogue:

"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"

“LIFT UP YOUR HEARTS”

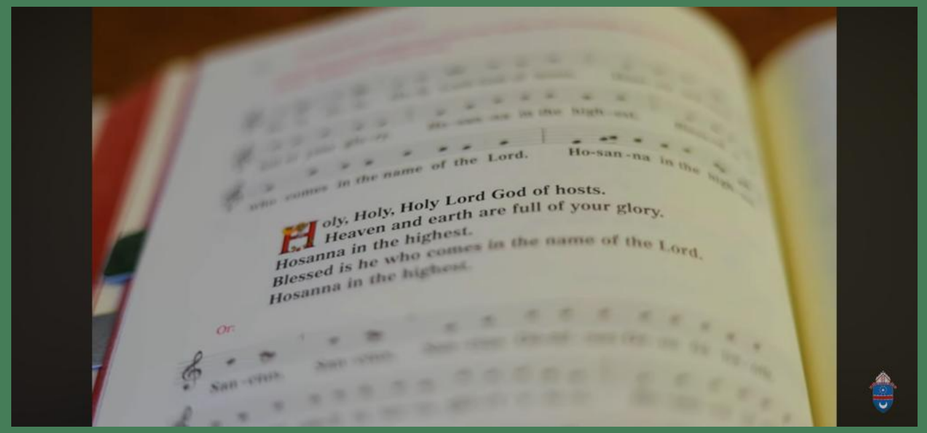
Detach from earthly distractions

Fix your gaze on God

Our treasure is Christ!

EUCHARIST MEANS THANKSGIVING

SANCTUS - “HOLY, HOLY, HOLY”



We join the angels
in their endless praise!

We kneel as a sign of reverence, it's a posture of adoration
We bend low, honoring the One
who has stooped down to us in Love

THE EPICLESIS - THE CALLING DOWN OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

We call on God to send down the Holy Spirit, so that The simple gifts of bread and wine become Christ, the Son, our Redeemer

THE CONSECRATION

The bread and wine are transformed into the Body and Blood of Christ.

We call this mystery - Transubstantiation

We gaze upon Jesus, truly present on the altar.

The priest then proclaims: “The mystery of faith.”

THE INTERCESSIONS

1. For the church on earth
2. For the Dead - the souls in purgatory
3. With the Saints in glory

Heaven, earth & eternity are drawn into one act of worship!

THE GREAT DOXOLOGY

PRIEST: “Through Him, with Him, and in Him, O God Almighty Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor is Yours, forever and ever”

THE GREAT AMEN

Yes, Lord, I believe. I give my life. I await Communion with you, my Lord and my God.