

OFFERTORY & EUCHARISTIC RITE

We will be encountering several word changes in the Offertory, Preface, Sanctus, and Words of Institution.

In the Offertory, the priest calls the congregation to prayer. In doing so, the words of the Liturgy again invite us to recognize and to ponder the gift of the Priesthood given in Holy Orders and also the priesthood of all believers given at baptism. The priest notes that there are many individual sacrifices which are being brought forth from all believers to be united with the Sacrifice of Christ. The priest gathers them into one at the Altar and presents them to God on behalf of the faithful (*"my sacrifice and yours"*).

In the words of Institution, the faithful will note the inclusion of the word "Chalice" which specifies that it is not just any cup being offered, but a sacred chalice that has been set apart and consecrated to hold the Blood of Jesus Christ.

The words of institution also more accurately reflect what Jesus actually said from the Gospel of Matthew (Mt. 26:28) where He comments that His blood will be poured out "for many." This helps us to reflect that while God desires ALL to be saved, not everyone responds to God's love. God desires that everyone will make it to heaven, but unfortunately, not everyone is going to heaven, because there are consequences for unconfessed and unrepentant sins.

Translation from the new 3rd Edition of the Roman Missal:

OFFERTORY:

"Pray, brethren that **my sacrifice and yours** may be acceptable to God,
the almighty Father."

PREFACE DIALOGUE:

Priest: The Lord be with you.

People: **And with your spirit.**

Priest: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up to the Lord.

Priest: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: **It is right and just.**

SANCTUS:

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.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION:

Take this, all of you, and eat of it,
for this is My Body,
which will be given up for you.

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.
Do this in memory of Me.