

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER No. 4 (with suggested revisions)

Priest: The Lord be with you.
PEOPLE: And also with you.
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 to give him thanks, offerings, and praise.

PREFACE

**Father in heaven,
it is right that we should give you thanks and glory:
you are God, living and true.
Through all eternity you live in unapproachable light.
Source of life and goodness, you have created all things,
to fill your creatures with every blessing
and lead all men to the joyful vision of your light.
Countless hosts of angels stand before you to do your will;
they look upon your splendor and praise you, night and day.
United with them, and in the name of every creature under heaven,
we too praise your glory as we sing (say):**

SANCTUS [First Acclamation of the People]

**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.**

KNEEL [Praise to the Father]

**Father, we acknowledge your greatness:
all your actions show your wisdom and love.
You formed man in your own likeness
and set him over the whole world
to serve you, his creator, and to rule over all creatures.
Even when he disobeyed you and lost your friendship
you did not abandon him to the power of death,
but helped all men to seek and find you.
Again and again you offered a covenant to man,
and through the prophets taught him to hope for salvation.
Father, you so loved the world
that in the fullness of time you sent your only Son to be our Savior.**

**He was conceived through the power of the Holy Spirit,
and born of the Virgin Mary, a man like us in all things but sin.
To the poor he proclaimed the good news of salvation,
to prisoners, freedom, and to those in sorrow, joy.
In fulfillment of your will he gave himself up to death;
but by rising from the dead, he destroyed death and restored life.
And that we might live no longer for ourselves but for him,
he sent the Holy Spirit from you, Father,
as his first gift to those who believe,
to complete his work on earth and bring us the fullness of grace.**

[Invocation of the Holy Spirit] Priest joins hands and then outstretches them
over the bread and wine.

Father, may the Holy Spirit bless this bread and wine.

Hands are joined and the sign of the cross is made once over both the bread and wine:

**Let them become the body ✠ and blood of your only Son,
Jesus Christ our Lord,**

Hands are joined:

**as we celebrate the great mystery of faith
received with the new and everlasting covenant.**

[The Lord's Supper] Priest takes paten with bread on it and raises it a little above the altar:

**He always loved those who were his own in the world.
When the time came for him to be glorified by you,
his heavenly Father, he showed the depth of his love.**

While they were at supper,

The bread is taken and raised a little above the altar:

**he took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread,
and gave it to his disciples, saying:**

Priest bows slightly:

**Take this, you who have participated with Me, and eat:
this is my body which will be given up for you.**

Priest shows Jesus to the people and then places Him on the paten and genuflects or kneels:

In the same way, he took the cup, filled with wine.

The chalice with wine is raised a little above the altar:

He gave you thanks, and giving the cup to his disciples, said:

Priest bows slightly:

**Take this, all of you, and imbibe with me:
this is the cup of my blood,
the blood of the new and everlasting covenant.
It will be shed for you and for those whose
sins are to be forgiven.
Do this in commemoration of me.**

The chalice with Jesus is respectfully shown to the congregation and then placed on the corporal.

[Memorial Acclamation]

Priest: Now let us – give recognition to our Lord Jesus.
– *acknowledge the presence of our Lord Jesus.*

PEOPLE: **A Lord you have died,
Lord you have risen,
Lord you are here again.**

Priest: Now let us petition our Lord Jesus.

PEOPLE: **B Dying you destroyed our death,
rising you restored our life.
Lord Jesus, bring us to your glory.**

Priest: Now let us express faith in our Lord Jesus.

PEOPLE: **C When we eat this bread and drink this cup,
we proclaim your death, Lord Jesus,
until you return in glory.**

Priest: Now let us give honor to our Lord Jesus.

PEOPLE: **D Lord, by your cross and resurrection
you have set us free.
You are the Savior of the faithful.**

[The Memorial Prayer] **Priest extends his hands:**

**Father, we now celebrate this memorial of salvation.
We recall Christ's death, his descent among the dead
his resurrection, and his ascension to your right hand;
and, looking forward to his coming in glory,
we offer you our sacrifices together with our Lord's
one acceptable sacrifice that brought salvation
to the faithful of the universe for all time.**

**Father, look upon His sacrifice which you have given to your Church;
through the power of the Holy Spirit, gather all who worthily share
in this holy sacrament into the one body of Christ,
as a living sacrifice of praise.**

[Intercessions: For the Church]

**Almighty God, remember those for whom we have offered sacrifices,
especially faithful priests and religious everywhere.
Remember those who have faithfully taken part in this offering,
those here present and all who sincerely seek your truths.**

[For the Dead]

**Remember those who have died in the peace of Christ
and all the dead whose faith is known to you alone.**

[In Communion with the Saints]

**Father, in your mercy grant also to us, your children,
to enter into our heavenly inheritance
in the company of the Virgin Mary, the mother of God,
and your apostles and saints.
Then, in your kingdom, freed from the corruption of sin and death,
we shall sing your glory with every creature through Christ our Lord,**

Priest joins his hands:

through whom you give us everything that is good.

[Concluding Doxology]

**Priest takes chalice and paten with the consecrated
bread and wine, lifts them up, and sings or says:**

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

All reply: Amen.