

Eucharistic Prayer for the Deaf

The following Eucharistic prayer is only for use in an assembly of the deaf and is to be signed by the celebrant himself. This prayer may never be used without it being signed.

The celebrant must always pronounce all the words. When the celebrant signs while pronouncing the words liturgical gestures normally indicated in the rubrics are used or omitted as circumstances suggest and permit.

Priest: The Lord be with you.

People: **The Lord be 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 and praise.**

The priest continues:

Father, we thank you,
because you give us a world that is wonderful.¹

Father, we thank you,
because you give us Jesus, your Son.
Before, we, your people, wandered far away from you,
but Jesus led us back to you.

Now, we can walk a new way
with you, Father, and with each other.

This is why with the Angels and Saints
we thank you and praise you.

1. *The priest may extend this thanksgiving according to the understanding of the congregation present:*

For children:

Father, we thank you,
because you give us a world that is wonderful:
you give us the sun that shines,
the flowers that grow
and the food we eat.

For adults:

Father, we thank you,
because you give us a world that is wonderful,
where we can live in peace
and be happy
with our families and our friends.

Priest and people:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,
you are God of heaven and earth.
Glory to Jesus, your only Son.**

The priest continues:

Father, truly you are holy.

He holds his hands outstretched over the offerings, then continues:

Let your Holy Spirit come down on this bread and wine,
The Holy Spirit will bless them
and change them into the body and blood of Jesus.

The priest then makes the sign of the cross over the offerings.

*The words of the Lord in the following formulas are to be spoken
and signed clearly and distinctly, as their meaning demands.*

At the last Supper before Jesus died,
Jesus took bread.

*He takes the bread and, raising it a little, replaces it on the paten
and continues:*

He thanked you, Father.
He broke the bread,
and gave it to his friends.

Jesus said:

**TAKE THIS, ALL OF YOU, AND EAT IT:
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.*

After Supper
again Jesus thanked you, Father.
Jesus took the cup of wine,

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

and gave it to his friends.

Jesus said:

TAKE THIS, ALL OF YOU, AND DRINK FROM IT:
THIS IS THE CUP OF MY BLOOD,
THE BLOOD OF THE NEW AND EVERLASTING COVENANT.
IT WILL BE SHED FOR YOU AND FOR ALL
SO THAT SINS MAY BE FORGIVEN.

Then Jesus said:

DO THIS IN MEMORY OF ME.

He shows the chalice to the people, places it on the corporal and genuflects in adoration. Then he continues:

Let us show our faith in Jesus here.

The people respond:

My Lord and my God

or

**Christ has died,
Christ is risen,
Christ will come again.**

Then the priest continues:

Father, truly we remember Jesus.
We proclaim his death, his resurrection and his ascension.
We look forward to the day
when Jesus will come again in glory.

Father, we offer you this bread and this cup,
the body and blood of Jesus.
We offer ourselves to you in Jesus.

Father, let your Holy Spirit come down on us
when we receive this body and blood of Jesus.
The Holy Spirit will bring us together as friends
and help us grow together in love.

Father, watch over your Church.
Help Pope N. and Bishop N.
and all our priests.

Protect us, your living people,
especially...

Remember our dead people,
especially...

Lead us all home to you
to live with Mary, the Mother of Jesus,
and with the Saints.

Father,
we praise you for ever
with Jesus, your Son,
in the fellowship of the Holy Spirit.

*He takes the chalice and the paten with the host and lifts them up
while the people respond:*

**Father,
we praise you,
we thank you,
we adore you
for ever and ever.**

Amen.

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