



JESUS

OUR GREATEST GIFT TO GOD

(Consecration)

GOD'S GREATEST GIFT TO US

(Communion)



THE PREPARATION OF THE GIFTS

The priest thanks God for giving us the bread and wine that will be changed into Christ's body and blood. He says quietly:

Blessed are you, Lord, God of all creation.
Through your goodness we have this
bread to offer,
which earth has given and human hands
have made.

It will become for us the bread of life.

If there is no singing, the priest may say this prayer aloud, and the people reply:

PEOPLE: Blessed be God for ever.

Preparation of the Wine

When he pours wine and a little water into the chalice, the deacon (or the priest) says quietly:

By the mystery of this water and wine
may we come
to share in the divinity of Christ, who
humbled himself
to share in our humanity.

Before placing the chalice on the altar, the priest says quietly:

Blessed are you, Lord, God of all creation.
Through your goodness we have this
wine to offer,
fruit of the vine and work of human
hands.
It will become our spiritual drink.

If there is no singing, the priest may say this prayer aloud, and the people reply:

PEOPLE: Blessed be God for ever.



Jesus Speaks about God the Father

JESUS SPEAKS ABOUT GOD

THE FATHER

WHEN Jesus was living on earth, he often spoke to the disciples about his Father. He loves his Father, and he wants everyone to know that his Father is powerful and good.

The Father loves Jesus and sent him into the world to teach everyone how to pray and how to serve the Father.

Once, when the Apostles asked Jesus to teach them how to pray, he taught them a prayer that helps us to place our trust in God, our Father.

When we pray the *Our Father*, also called the *Lord's Prayer*, we are saying a prayer given to us directly by Jesus so many years ago.

COMMUNION PRAYERS

BEFORE HOLY COMMUNION

An Act of Offering

Dear Jesus, with this Holy Communion, I offer you today, my thoughts, my words, and all that I do. May your grace help me to be always ready to receive you.

An Act of Faith

O good Jesus, you are now on the altar. I believe that you are the same God who made heaven and earth, and who became a child like me to draw us all close to you. I believe that now you are really present in Holy Communion to be the food of our souls. I believe it all because you said so.

An Act of Hope

O good Jesus, you come to me with the riches of heaven and earth. I truly hope that you will bring me all the help I need to serve you well and to get to heaven.