

The Eucharistic Prayer

Dialogue/ Acclamation		
Preface Dialogue		<i>The opening dialogue gathers the priest and the assembly together in the shared work of the prayer</i>
	Preface	<i>The Preface names the particular reason for this celebration - a particular saving work of God, or sometimes the memory of what God's grace has achieved in one of his saints.</i>
Sanctus		<i>The prayer of the Church on earth, is joined with the prayer of the Church in heaven.</i>
	Thanksgiving	<i>The thanksgiving began in the Preface, and continues in this first section after the Sanctus.</i>
	First Epiclesis	<i>The Holy Spirit is called down on the gifts of bread and wine to transform them into the Body and Blood of Christ. ('Epiclesis' is from the Greek for call down on)</i>
	Institution Narrative	<i>An account of the Last Supper, including the words by which Jesus instituted this rite, commanding that it be done by the Church in memory of him. Although the whole of the prayer has a consecratory function, it is these words in particular that are seen as bringing about the consecration of the gifts of bread and wine.</i>
Memorial Acclamation		<i>The Assembly joins in professing the Paschal Mystery, the saving events of Christ's passion, death and resurrection. Each of the acclamations in their different way name those events, name their present reality and name the glory that is still to come.</i>
	Anamnesis	<i>The memory of the saving death and resurrection of Christ is once more the focus of the prayer. ('Anamnesis' is from the Greek for remembering or memorial)</i>
	Second Epiclesis	<i>The Holy Spirit is invited to come upon the Church and to unite her more fully with Christ.</i>
	Intercession	<i>The needs of the Church and the world, of the living and the dead, are prayed for.</i>
	Doxology	<i>The whole of the prayer is directed to the Father, through the Son and in the Spirit. That direction of our prayer is made explicit in the Doxology. ('Doxology' is from the Greek for words of praise and glory)</i>
Amen		<i>The assembly puts its seal on the prayer with the Great Amen. ('Amen' is a Hebrew word meaning 'So be it' or 'It is so'.)</i>