

# We Praise and Thank God

Keep these ideas in mind as you study **Chapter 9**.

✦ Jesus offered himself to the Father as the perfect gift. With Jesus, we offer ourselves in the Eucharist.

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✦ The Eucharist is our greatest prayer and a meal we share as God's people. It is also a memorial of Jesus' death.

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✦ Jesus broke bread and shared wine at the Last Supper. Through his words and actions, he gave us the Mass.

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✦ Bread and wine are the main gifts we present at Mass as signs of ourselves. At the Last Supper, Jesus prayed for the unity symbolized by the bread and wine. He prayed that we would all love one another.

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✦ During the Presentation and Preparation of the Gifts, bread and wine are presented to the priest.

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✦ The Eucharistic Prayer begins with the priest praying the Preface in our name.

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✦ The Preface is prayed in our name by the priest. It is a prayer of praise and thanksgiving. Our response is to sing the Holy, Holy, Holy.

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✦ The consecration is when the priest asks God to bless our gifts of bread and wine. God makes our gifts into the Body and Blood of Christ.

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✦ After the consecration, we proclaim the Mystery of Faith.

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✦ With the Amen, we proclaim our faith and praise. We agree with all that has been said in the Eucharistic Prayer.

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