

Eucharistic Prayers for Lent, Year B

These brief eucharistic prayers are drawn from the themes and imagery of the lectionary texts for the first five Sundays in Lent, Year B. Note that there are five options in each of the three sections that make up the body of the prayer; these are to be used as indicated on the appropriate Sunday in Lent. In this format, the Words of Institution should be used at the Invitation to the Table or the Breaking of the Bread.

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is truly right and our greatest joy to give you thanks and praise,

O Lord our God, creator and ruler of the universe.

- (Lent 1) You established your everlasting covenant with all living creatures, setting your bow in the clouds as a sign of your promise that the waters would never again become a flood to destroy all flesh. (Gen. 9:8-17)
- (Lent 2) You made a covenant with our ancestors Abraham and Sarah, calling us to walk before you and be faithful to you and promising to make us a blessing to the peoples of the world. (Gen. 17:1-7, 15-16)
- (Lent 3) At Sinai, you gave us the gift of your law calling us to worship you—and you alone—and teaching us to live together as you intended. (Exod. 20:1-17)
- (Lent 4) When we gave up hope in the wilderness succumbing to the poison of bitterness and despair, you kept us alive, and set us back on the path to the promised land. (Num. 21:4-9)
- (Lent 5) You have made a new covenant with your people, remembering our sin no more, and writing your law within our hearts, so that all might know you, from the greatest to the least. (Jer. 31:31-34)

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with choirs of angels
with prophets, apostles, and martyrs,
and with all the faithful of every time and place
who forever sing to the glory of your name:

**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.**

You are holy, O God of majesty,
and blessed is Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord.

- (Lent 1) Baptized by John in the Jordan, anointed by your Holy Spirit, and tested in the wilderness, Jesus came to proclaim the good news that the time was fulfilled, and your kingdom had come near. (Mark 1:9-15)
- (Lent 2) For the salvation of the world, Christ underwent great suffering calling each of us to take up our cross and follow him, offering our very lives for the sake of the gospel. (Mark 8:31-38)
- (Lent 3) Christ turned the tables on injustice and corruption;

he came to restore and renew the temple of your presence
by offering us a place in the temple of his risen body. (John 2:13-22)

(Lent 4) Out of your great love for the world you made,
you sent Jesus Christ—not to condemn, but to save us—
so that those who trust in him might not perish, but have eternal life. (John 3:14-21)

(Lent 5) When the hour came Christ to be glorified
you lifted him up—upon a cross—
so that all the earth might see, and believe in him. (John 12:20-33)

Remembering your gracious acts in Jesus Christ,
we take from your creation this bread and this wine
and joyfully celebrate his dying and rising, as we await the day of his coming.
With thanksgiving, we offer our very selves to you
to be a living and holy sacrifice, dedicated to your service.

Great is the mystery of faith:

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

Gracious God, pour out your Holy Spirit upon us
and upon these your gifts of bread and wine,
that the bread we break and the cup we bless
may be the communion of the body and blood of Christ.

By your Spirit, unite us with Christ
and with your church in all the world.

(Lent 1) Save us through the water of baptism in Christ Jesus;
wash us clean from sin and deliver us from death
so that we might be redeemed and reconciled to you. (1 Pet. 3:18-22)

(Lent 2) Give us the gift of faith in Jesus Christ
so that we may trust in your gracious promise
and receive the inheritance of everlasting life. (Rom. 4:13-25)

(Lent 3) Confound the foolishness of our wisdom
by the saving power of the cross of Jesus Christ;
strengthen us to proclaim this good news to all the world. (1 Cor. 1:18-25)

(Lent 4) Show us the way of life you have prepared for us in Christ,
so that we might believe and live in him,
sharing in the immeasurable riches of your grace. (Eph. 2:1-10)

(Lent 5) Hear all of our prayers and supplications
through Jesus Christ, our high priest, your beloved Son,
who is the source of eternal salvation for all who follow him. (Heb. 5:5-10)

Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all glory and honor are yours, almighty God, now and forever. **Amen.**