EUCHARISTIC PRAYER IV

It is not permissible to change the Preface of this Eucharistic Prayer because of the structure of the Prayer itself, which presents a summary of salvation history.

V. The Lord be with you. R. And with your spirit.

V. Lift up your hearts. R. We lift them up to the Lord.

V. Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. R. It is right and just.

It is truly right to give you thanks, truly just to give you glory,

Father most holy, for you are the one God living and true, existing before all ages and abiding for all eternity, dwelling in unapproachable light; yet you, who alone are good, the source of life, have made all that is, so that you might fill your creatures with blessings and bring joy to many of them by the glory of your light. And so, in your presence are countless hosts of Angels,
who serve you day and night and, gazing upon the glory of your face, glorify you without ceasing. With them we, too, confess your name in exultation, giving voice to every creature under heaven, as we acclaim:

At the end of the Preface he joins his hands and concludes the Preface with the people, singing aloud:

Ho-ly, Ho-ly, Ho-ly Lord God of hosts. Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Ho-san-na in the high-est. Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high-est.

The Principal Celebrant, with hands extended, sings:

We give you praise, Father most holy, for you are great and you have fashioned all your works in wisdom and in love. You formed man in your own image, and entrusted the whole world to his care,
so that in serving you alone, the Creator, he might have dominion over all creatures. And when through disobedience he had lost your friendship, you did not abandon him to the domain of death. For you came in mercy to the aid of all, so that those who seek might find you. Time and again you offered them covenants and through the prophets taught them to look forward to salvation. And you so loved the world, Father most holy, that in the fullness of time you sent your Only Begotten Son to be our Savior. Made incarnate by the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary, he shared our human nature in all things but sin. To the poor he proclaimed the good news of salvation, to prisoners, freedom, and to the sorrow-
-ful of heart, joy. To accomplish your plan, he gave himself up to
dead, and, rising from the dead, he destroyed death and re-
-stored life. And that we might live no longer for ourselves but for
him who died and rose again for us, he sent the Holy Spirit from
you, Father, as the first fruits for those who believe, so that, bring-
ing to perfection his work in the world, he might sanctify creation
to the full.

He joins his hands and, holding them extended over the offerings, sings (one of the
concelebrants):

Therefore, O Lord, we pray: may this same Holy Spirit graciously
He joins his hands and makes the Sign of the Cross
once over the bread and chalice together, singing:

sanctify these offerings, that they may become the Body and
He joins his hands.

Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ for the celebration of this great mys-

He joins his hands.
-tery, which he himself left us as an eternal covenant.

For when the hour had come for him to be glorified by you, Father most holy, having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end: and while they were at supper,

He takes the bread and, holding it slightly raised above the altar, continues:

he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:

He bows slightly.

Take this, all of you, and eat of it, for this is my Body,

which will be given up for you.

He shows the consecrated host to the people, places it again on the paten, and genuflects in adoration.

After this, he continues: He takes the chalice and, holding it slightly raised above the altar, continues:

In a similar way, taking the chalice filled with the fruit of the vine,
he gave thanks, and gave the chalice to his disciples, saying:

He bows slightly.


W H I C H  W I L L  B E  P O U R E D  O U T  F O R  Y O U  A N D  F O R  M A N Y  F O R  T H E  F O R -


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

Then he sings:

T h e  m y s - t e r - y  o f  f a i t h .

A n d  t h e  p e o p l e  c o n t i n u e ,  a c c l a i m i n g :

W e  p r o - c l a i m  y o u r  D e a t h ,  O  L o r d ,  a n d  p r o - f e s s  y o u r  R e s - u r - r e c - t i o n

u n - t i l  y o u  c o m e  a - g a i n .

O r :

W h e n  w e  e a t  t h i s  B r e a d  a n d  d r i n k  t h i s  C u p ,  w e  p r o - c l a i m  y o u r
Death, O Lord, un-til you come a-gain.

Or:

Save us, Sav-ior of the world, for by your Cross and Res-ur-rec-tion

you have set us free.

Then he, with hands extended, sings (one of the concelebrants):

There-fore, O Lord, as we now celebrate the memorial of our re-

demption, we remember Christ’s Death and his descent to the realm

of the dead, we proclaim his Resurrection and his Ascension

to your right hand, and, as we await his coming in glory, we offer

you his Body and Blood, the sacrifice acceptable to you which brings

salvation to the whole world.

Look, O Lord, upon the Sacrifice which you yourself have provided
for your Church, and grant in your loving kindness to all who partake of this one Bread and one Chalice that, gathered into one body by the Holy Spirit, they may truly become a living sacrifice in Christ to the praise of your glory.

(One of the concelebrants)

Therefore, Lord, remember now all for whom we offer this sacrifice: especially your servant N. our Pope, N. our Bishop,* and the whole Order of Bishops, all the clergy, those who take part in this offering, those gathered here before you, your entire people, and all who seek you with a sincere heart. Remember also those who have died in the peace of your Christ and all the dead,

* Mention may be made here of the Coadjutor Bishop, or Auxiliary Bishops, as noted in the General Instruction of the Roman Missal, no. 149.
whose faith you alone have known. To all of us, your children,
grant, O merciful Father, that we may enter into a heavenly inher-
-itance with the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God, and with your
Apostles and Saints in your kingdom. There, with the whole of
creation, freed from the corruption of sin and death, may we glorify
you through Christ our Lord, through whom you bestow on the
world all that is good.

He joins his hands.

He takes the chalice and the paten with the host and raising both, he sings:

Through him, and with him, and in him, O God, almighty Father,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor is yours,
for ever and ever. R. Amen.