



## THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

21. When all this has been done, the Offertory Chant begins. Meanwhile, the ministers place the corporal, the purificator, the chalice, the pall, and the Missal on the altar.
22. It is desirable that the faithful express their participation by making an offering, bringing forward bread and wine for the celebration of the Eucharist and perhaps other gifts to relieve the needs of the Church and of the poor.
23. The Priest, standing at the altar, takes the paten with the bread and holds it slightly raised above the altar with both hands, saying in a low voice:

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation,  
for through your goodness we have received  
the bread we offer you:  
fruit of the earth and work of human hands,  
it will become for us the bread of life.

Then he places the paten with the bread on the corporal.

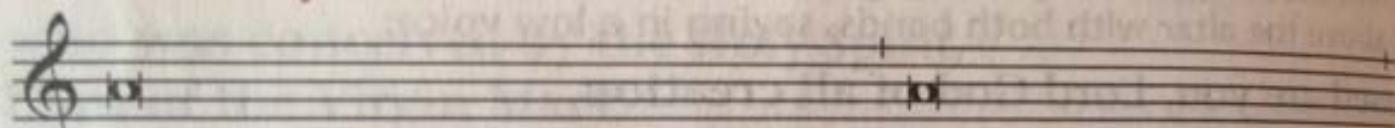
If, however, the Offertory Chant is not sung, the Priest may speak these words aloud; at the end, the people may acclaim:

Blessed be God for ever.

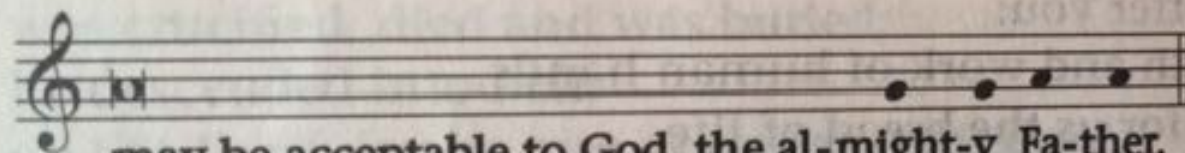
...to the chalice,

Wash me, O Lord, from my iniquity  
and cleanse me from my sin.

Standing at the middle of the altar, **facing the people**, extending and then joining  
his hands, he says:



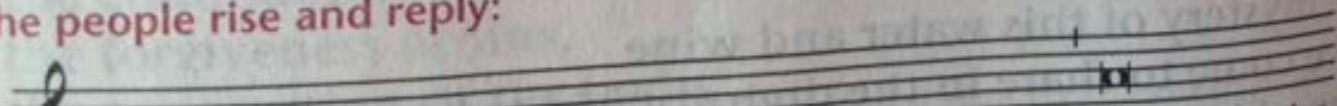
Pray, brethren (brothers and sisters), that my sacrifice and yours



may be acceptable to God, the al-might-y Fa-ther.

Pray, brethren (brothers and sisters),  
that my sacrifice and yours  
may be acceptable to God,  
the almighty Father.

The people rise and reply:



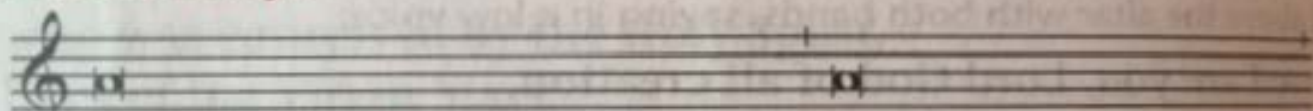


7. If appropriate, he also incenses the offerings, the cross, and the altar. A Deacon or other minister then incenses the Priest and the people.

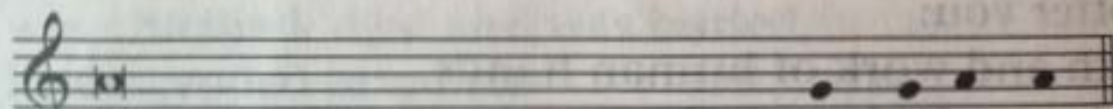
8. Then the Priest, standing at the side of the altar, washes his hands, saying quietly:

Wash me, O Lord, from my iniquity  
and cleanse me from my sin.

9. Standing at the middle of the altar, **facing the people**, extending and then joining his hands, he says:



Pray, brethren (brothers and sisters), that my sacrifice and yours



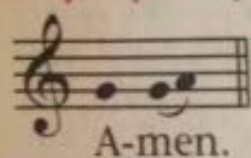
may be acceptable to God, the al-might-y Fa-ther.

Pray, brethren (brothers and sisters),  
that my sacrifice and yours  
may be acceptable to God,  
the almighty Father.

He joins his hands.

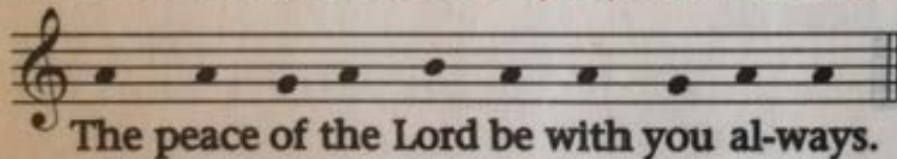
Who live and reign for ever and ever.

The people reply:



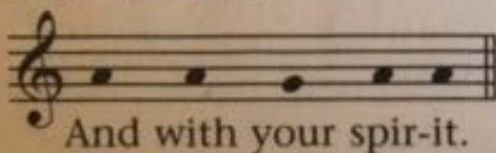
Amen.

127. The Priest, turned towards the people, extending and then joining his hands, adds:



The peace of the Lord be with you always.

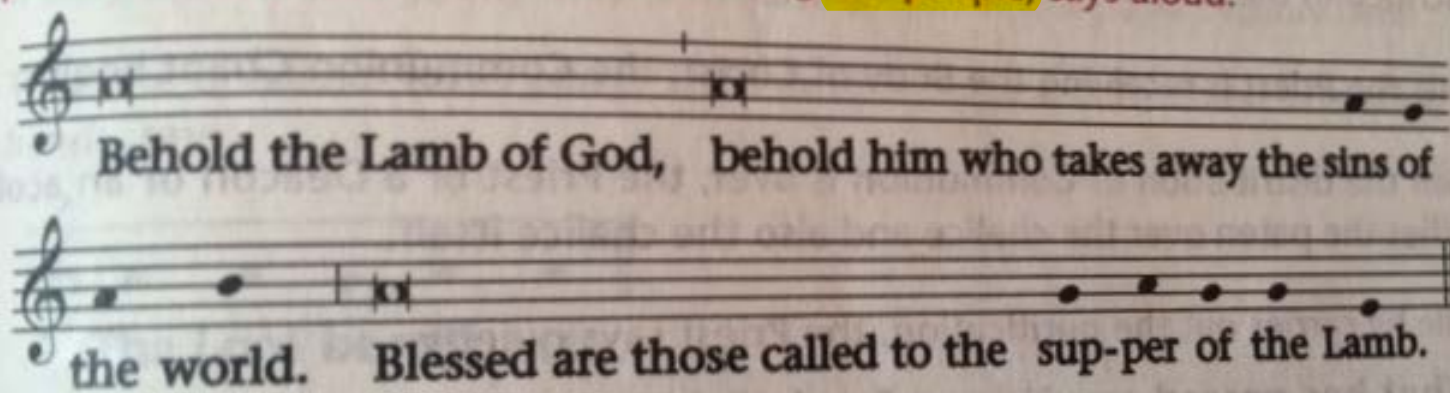
The people reply:



And with your spirit.

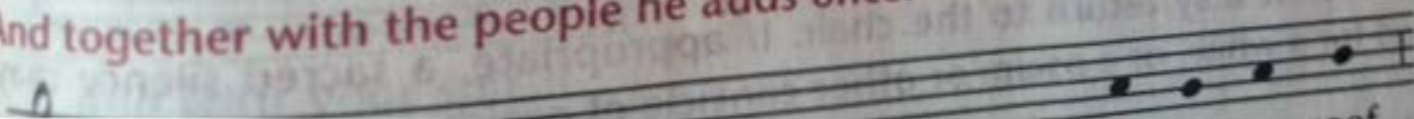
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32. The Priest genuflects, takes the host and, holding it slightly raised above the paten or above the chalice, while facing the people, says aloud:



Behold the Lamb of God,  
behold him who takes away the sins of the world.  
Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb.

And together with the people he adds once:





purifies the patient.

While he carries out the purification, the Priest says quietly:

What has passed our lips as food, O Lord,  
may we possess in purity of heart,  
that what has been given to us in time  
may be our healing for eternity.

3. Then the Priest may return to the chair. If appropriate, a sacred silence may be observed for a while, or a psalm or other canticle of praise or a hymn may be sung.

4. Then, standing at the altar or at the chair and facing the people, with hands joined, the Priest says:

Let us pray.

All pray in silence with the Priest for a while, unless silence has just been observed. Then the Priest, with hands extended, says the Prayer after Communion, at the end of which the people acclaim:

Amen.