

Roman Canon

(Old English Translation)

At his discretion the Celebrant may substitute any of the four Eucharistic Prayers in Rite Two (pp. 356–374). In the first Eucharistic Prayer, the words in brackets may be omitted.

The Priest, with hands extended, says:

Celebrant alone

Most merciful Father, we humbly pray thee, through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord,

He joins his hands and, making the sign of the cross once over both bread and chalice, says:

and we ask, that thou accept and bless ✠ these gifts, these presents, these holy and unspoiled sacrifices.

With hands extended, he continues:

We offer them unto thee, first, for thy holy catholic Church: that thou vouchsafe to keep it in peace, to guard, unite, and govern it throughout the whole world; together with thy servant N., our Pope and N., our Bishop and all the faithful guardians of the catholic and apostolic faith.

Commemoration of the Living

Celebrant or one Concelebrant

Remember, O Lord, thy servants and handmaids [N. and N.]

He prays for them briefly with hands joined. Then, with hands extended, he continues:

and all who here around us stand, whose faith is known unto thee and their steadfastness manifest, on whose behalf we offer unto thee, or who themselves offer unto thee, this sacrifice of praise; for themselves, and for all who are theirs; for the redemption of their souls, for the hope of their salvation and safety; and who offer their prayers unto thee, the eternal God, the living and the true.

Celebrant or one Concelebrant

United in one communion,* we venerate the memory, first of the glorious ever-Virgin Mary, Mother of our God and Lord Jesus Christ; † of Joseph her spouse; as also of the blessed Apostles and Martyrs, Peter and Paul, Andrew, [James, John, Thomas, James, Philip, Bartholomew, Matthew, Simon and Thaddaeus; Linus, Cletus, Clement, Xystus, Cornelius, Cyprian, Lawrence, Chrysogonus, John and Paul, Cosmas and Damian] and of all thy Saints: grant that by their merits and prayers we may in all things be defended with the help of thy protection.

** The prayer United in one communion has special forms on particular Feast Days:*

—On the Nativity of the Lord through the Octave

United in one communion, we celebrate the most sacred day (most sacred night), whereon the undefiled virginity of blessed Mary brought forth the Savior of this world: we venerate moreover the memory, first, of the glorious ever Virgin Mary, Mother of the same our God and Lord Jesus Christ; † ...

—On the Epiphany of the Lord

United in one communion, we celebrate the most sacred day whereon thine only-begotten Son, co-eternal with thee in thy glory, visibly appeared in the body, in the true substance of our flesh; we venerate moreover the memory, first, of the glorious ever Virgin Mary, Mother of the same our God and Lord Jesus Christ; † ...

—From the Easter Vigil to the Second Sunday of Easter, inclusive

United in one communion, we celebrate the most sacred day (or most sacred night) of the Resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ according to the flesh: we venerate moreover the memory, first, of the glorious ever Virgin Mary, Mother of the same our God and Lord Jesus Christ; † ...

—On the Ascension of the Lord

United in one communion, we celebrate the most sacred day whereon our Lord, thine only-begotten Son, set at the right hand of thy glory the substance of our frailty united to himself: we venerate moreover the memory, first, of the glorious ever-Virgin Mary, Mother of the same our God and Lord Jesus Christ; † ...