

A Study of the Divine Service
Worship: What It Is & Why We Do It
Handout

The Sanctus

In the Sanctus we join the angels in their never-ending song of praise. In the Divine Service we too are sinful and, like Isaiah, are in the very presence of holy God.

Isaiah 6:1-5 – Isaiah sees and hears the angels praising God

In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and lifted up, and the train of His robe filled the temple. ² Above it stood seraphim; each one had six wings: with two he covered his face, with two he covered his feet, and with two he flew. ³ And one cried to another and said: “Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts; the whole earth is full of His glory!”

⁴ And the posts of the door were shaken by the voice of him who cried out, and the house was filled with smoke.

⁵ So I said: “Woe is me, for I am undone! Because I am a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips; for my eyes have seen the King, the Lord of hosts.”

Matthew 21:9 – Jesus comes to save.

⁹ Then the multitudes who went before and those who followed cried out, saying: “Hosanna to the Son of David! ‘Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord!’ Hosanna in the highest!”

Revelation 4:8 – The angels never cease to praise God.

⁸ The four living creatures, each having six wings, were full of eyes around and within. And they do not rest day or night, saying: “Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty, who was and is and is to come!”

Psalms 118:25-26 – Jesus comes in name of the LORD to save us

²⁵ Save now, I pray, O Lord; O Lord, I pray, send now prosperity. ²⁶ Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! We have blessed you from the house of the Lord.

The Pre-Communion Prayer or The Lord's Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

All of the requests made in the Lord's Prayer are immediately answered with a resounding "Yes!" in the Lord's Supper.

Matthew 6:9-13 – Jesus teaches how to pray

⁹ In this manner, therefore, pray:

Our Father in heaven, Hallowed be Your name. ¹⁰ Your kingdom come. Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven. ¹¹ Give us this day our daily bread. ¹² And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. ¹³ And do not lead us into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one. **For Yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.*

Hebrews 13:21 – The end of the benediction for the Hebrews.

²¹ make you complete in every good work to do His will, working in you what is well pleasing in His sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever. Amen.

Revelation 1:5b-6 – Part of John's greeting to the Seven Churches

To Him who loved us and washed us from our sins in His own blood, ⁶ and has made us kings and priests to His God and Father, to Him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

1 Chronicles 29:11-12 – David's prayer as he turned power over to Solomon

¹¹ Yours, O Lord, is the greatness, the power and the glory, the victory and the majesty; for all that is in heaven and in earth is Yours; Yours is the kingdom, O Lord, and You are exalted as head over all. ¹² Both riches and honor come from You, and You reign over all. In Your hand is power and might; in Your hand it is to make great and to give strength to all.

The Pre-Communion Prayer

In the prayer, we give thanks to the Lord for the redemption which He has secured for us by His cross; we ask Him to prepare us to receive that redemption in living and joyful faith.

The Prayer of Thanksgiving

11. The Words of Institution

The Words of Institution are Jesus' words that He spoke at the Last Supper with His disciples. The words He spoke then are **the words He speaks at the Lord's Supper that we eat.**

Jesus took the bread, gave thanks, broke it, and gave it to His disciples saying:

“Take, eat. This is My body which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me.”

Jesus took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to the disciples saying:

“Drink of it, all of you. This cup is the new testament in My blood, which is shed for you, for the forgiveness of sins. This do as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.”

Matthew 26:26-28 – The Lord's Supper

²⁶ And as they were eating, Jesus took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to the disciples and said, “Take, eat; this is My body.”

²⁷ Then He took the cup, and gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, “Drink from it, all of you. ²⁸ For this is My blood of the new covenant, which is shed for many for the remission of sins.

Mark 14:22-25 – The Lord's Supper

²² And as they were eating, Jesus took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them and said, “Take, eat; this is My body.”

²³ Then He took the cup, and when He had given thanks He gave it to them, and they all drank from it. ²⁴ And He said to them, “This is My blood of the new covenant, which is shed for many. ²⁵ Assuredly, I say to you, I will no longer drink of the fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it new in the kingdom of God.”

Luke 22:19-20 – The Lord’s Supper

¹⁹ And He took bread, gave thanks and broke it, and gave it to them, saying, “This is My body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of Me.”

²⁰ Likewise He also took the cup after supper, saying, “This cup is the new covenant in My blood, which is shed for you.

1 Corinthians 11:23-26 – The Lord’s Supper

²³ For I received from the Lord that which I also delivered to you: that the Lord Jesus on the same night in which He was betrayed took bread; ²⁴ and when He had given thanks, He broke it and said, “Take, eat; this is My body which is broken for you; do this in remembrance of Me.” ²⁵ In the same manner He also took the cup after supper, saying, “This cup is the new covenant in My blood. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.”

²⁶ For as often as you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord’s death till He comes.