The presider greets the people and bids them to prayer, during which the people respond:

V. The Lord be with you.   R. And also with you.  V. Lift up your hearts.  R. We lift them to the Lord.  V. Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  R. It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is truly right, and good and joyful, to give you thanks, all holy God, source of life and fountain of mercy. You have
filled us and all creation with your blessing and fed us with your constant love; you have redeemed us in Jesus Christ and knit us into one body. Through your Spirit you replenish us and call us to fullness of life. Therefore, joining with Angels and Archangels and with the faithful of ev’ry generation, we lift our voices with all creation as we sing: