Eucharistic Prayer A

The Offering of the Bread and Wine

Blessed are you, Lord, God of all creation.
Through your goodness we have this bread to offer,
which earth has given and human hands have made.
It will become for us the bread of life.
*Blessed be God for ever.*

Blessed are you, Lord, God of all creation.
Through your goodness we have this wine to offer,
fruit of the vine and work of human hands.
It will become our spiritual drink.
*Blessed be God for ever.*

*The people remain standing. The Celebrant, whether bishop or priest, faces them and sings or says*

\[\text{The Lord be with you.} \quad \text{And also with you.} \quad \text{Lift up your hearts.} \quad \text{We lift them to the Lord.} \quad \text{Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.} \quad \text{It is right to give him thanks and praise.}\]
Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds

Here a Proper Preface is sung or said on all Sundays, and on other occasions as appointed.

The people stand or kneel. Then the Celebrant continues

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for

yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to

evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.
He stretched out his arms up-on the cross, and offered himself in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, “Take, eat:

This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.”
After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, “Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me.”

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.
We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faith-
fully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity,

constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all

your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. By him, and with

him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and

glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. Amen.

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,