

**God Acts – We Give Thanks**

For all the blessings we receive through Christ

**TARGET AUDIENCE**

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**Overview**

This Object is third in a chronologically ordered set of four covering the Order of Mass. A brief explanation of each of the key moments for this part of the Eucharist is provided. The text of the 'Supporting Content' is an edited version of what is displayed in the multimedia element.

The multimedia element of this Object depicts the seven key moments for this part of the Eucharist on a timeline. By clicking on each of the hotspots, you are provided with a brief explanation, the Mass text where applicable and an image representing the key moment.

**Teacher Background**

Teachers are encouraged to review the 'Receiving this English Translation' and 'Celebrating the Eucharist' sections of the DVD Rom *Become One Body One Spirit in Christ* to deepen their understanding of the history of translation, the principles of translation, and the changes to the text, as well as the meaning and significance of the sacrament.

In particular, the following aspects of *Become One Body One Spirit in Christ* provide entry points and context for this Learning Object:

'Receiving this English Translation'

- Within the pathway 'Changes to the Text', watch the video 'Overview'.
- Within the pathway 'Changes to the Text', sub-section 'Missal Texts', review the changes to the words of the Liturgy of the Eucharist by comparing the provided 1973 and 2010 translations. A 'Commentary' is provided wherever there is a change.

*Where appropriate, use this material with the students.*

**Supporting Content**

*This text supports the focus of the multimedia element.*

As the friends of Jesus we want to bring all the things that make up our lives to God. We thank God for the gift of Jesus, his dying to save us, and the new life he gives us. In bread and wine Jesus becomes real for us. It is special food for the friends of Jesus.

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### Supporting Content

There are seven key moments in this part of the Mass. The following names these moments and provides a brief explanation of each.

**Prayer Over the Offerings:** The Priest prays a prayer of blessing over the gifts of bread and wine

**Eucharistic Prayer:** This is the Church's great prayer of praise and thanksgiving to God.

**Communion Rite:** The Rite of Communion is the culmination of the Liturgy of the Eucharist.

**The Lord's Prayer:** This is the prayer that Jesus taught us. We say it together to praise God for all that we have been given

**Rite of Peace:** The Sign of Peace is a sign of our unity as the Body of Christ

**Fraction Rite:** The Lamb of God echoes the scriptural image of Christ as the Passover lamb.

**Communion:** At Communion we receive the One who makes us one.

### For Reflection and Discussion: Ideas for Use

*Select one or more of the following activities for students to complete.*

- 1 **Screen the multimedia element to assist students to complete this task.**  
View or review a particular part of the Liturgy of the Eucharist as a whole class.
- 2 **Invite students to research one of the following parts of the Liturgy of the Eucharist covering the following elements name, what happens, ritualistic actions, place of silence:**
  - Preparation of the Gifts
  - Prayer over the Offerings
  - Preface
  - Epiclesis
  - Institution Narrative
  - Memorial/Anamnesis
  - Intercessions

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- Doxology
- The Lord's Prayer
- Rite of Peace
- Fraction Rite
- Communion

Present the research displaying understanding of the content, words and ritualistic action for this part of the Mass in a graphic format e.g. big book, Photo Story, PowerPoint or Poster. Combine your presentation with the others in the class into one graphic format for class use, reflection and study.

- 3 **Form the students into pairs to complete the following task.**  
Practise invitations and responses within the Liturgy of the Eucharist with a buddy class of older students.
- 4 **Invite students to discuss their answers to the following questions with the class:**  
Why do we give thanks in the Mass. Why is it important?

**Teacher Professional  
Development Resources**

Harrington, Elizabeth, ['The Breaking of the Bread'](#), *Liturgy Lines*, 2002