

The Preparation of the Gifts

When the priest has received the gifts of bread and wine, he mixes water with the wine as a sign that we share in God's life as God shares in ours. Then he offers them to God and asks us to join him in prayer that they may be acceptable to God our Father. There is a slight change to the last line of our response where we add 'holy' church. This reminds us that we are called to be holy and are united with Jesus in his Body, the Church, the Family of God.



The priest says:

Pray, brothers and sisters, that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father.

And we reply:

May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands for the praise and glory of his name, for our good and the good of all his holy Church.

To bring my sacrifice means the things that I do to help others, the sacrifices I make by putting other people first are brought to the Lord as a sign of my wanting to be close to him.

Talk to your child/children about these questions:

How can I be holy?

What do I bring as my sacrifice to show my love for other people?