

Let's start our lesson by lighting a candle together.



Our new topic is Thanksgiving

Here is some vocabulary you may need throughout this topic.

Practice saying these words and discuss what they mean with your family.

Thanksgiving – saying thanks to God.

Eucharist – the name of the bread and wine after it is transformed by the Holy Spirit into Jesus' Body and Blood that Catholics receive during the Mass. Also, the Greek word for thanksgiving.

Liturgy – an act of worship.

Eucharistic Prayer – a special prayer the priest says during the Mass which helps us to remember and give thanks for Jesus' life.

L.O. To understand the importance of
the Eucharistic prayer.

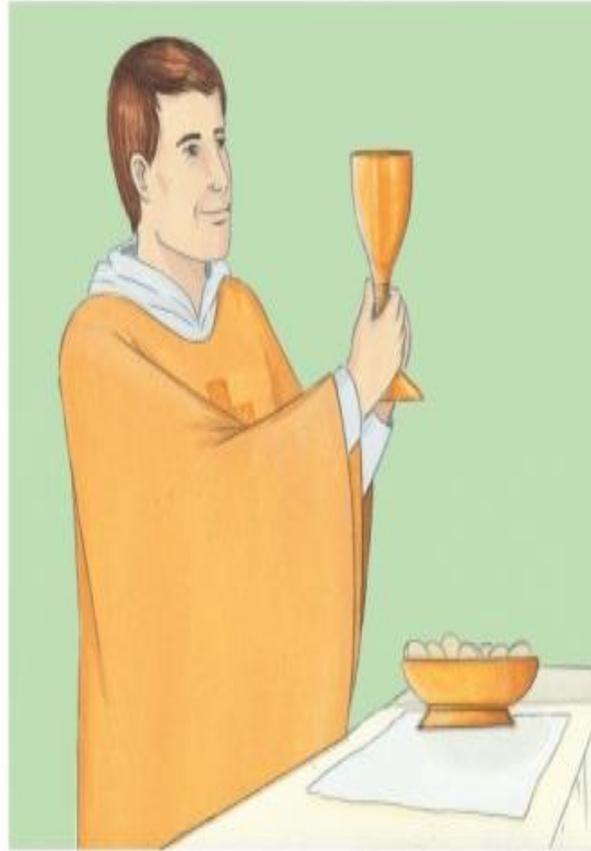
I can **say** some parts of the eucharistic
prayer.

I can **describe** some things we give thanks for.

I can use **religious words** such as
Eucharistic prayer, Communion, Holy, holy
and Amen.

In the Eucharistic Prayer the priest
does what Jesus did at the Last Supper.

'Take this, all of you, and eat of it:
For this is my body.'



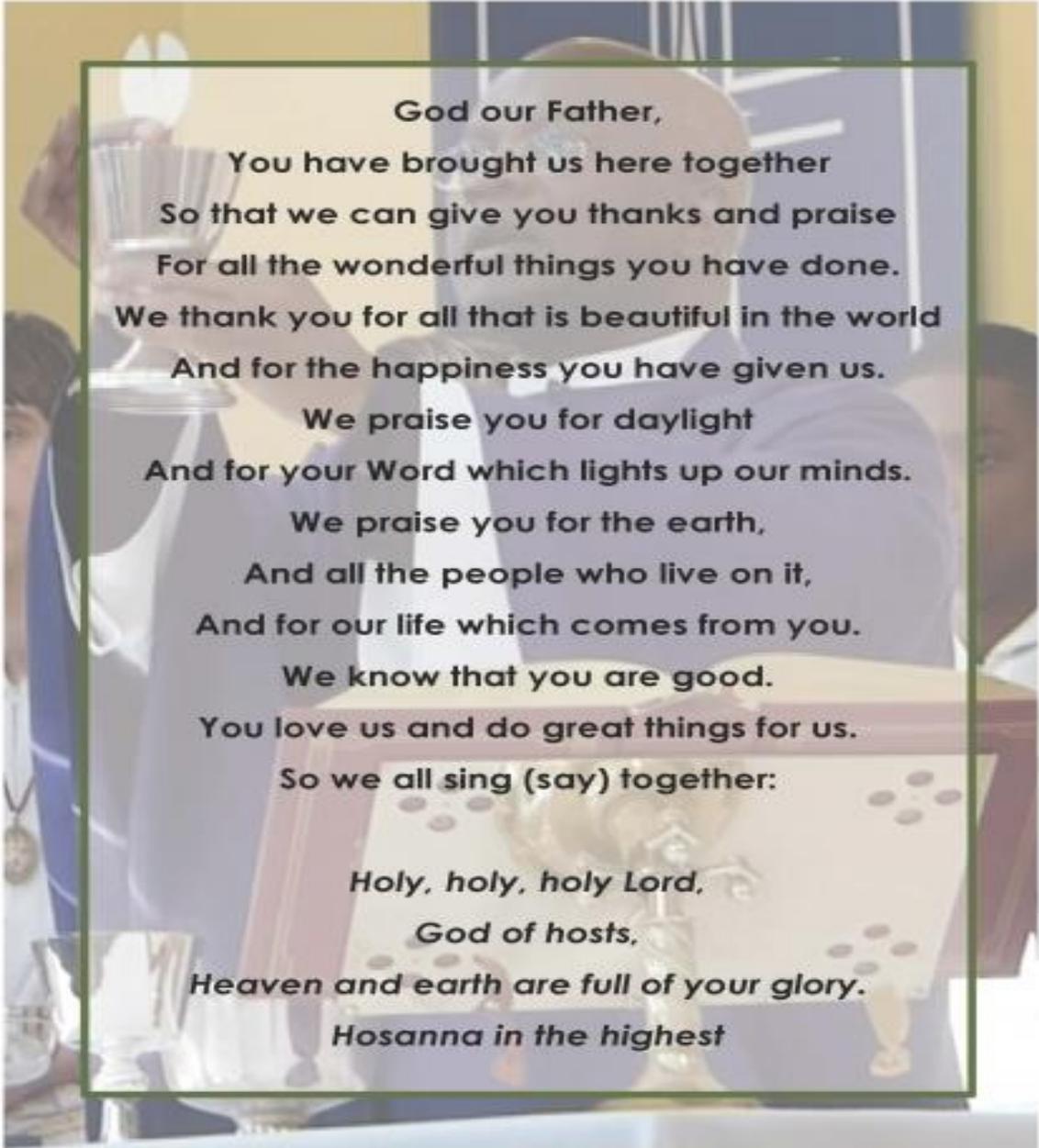
'This is the chalice of my blood.'
'Do this in memory of me.'

Why is the priest holding up
the chalice and the host?

*The priest is holding them up...
because...*

When does this take place
in the mass?

This is when we...

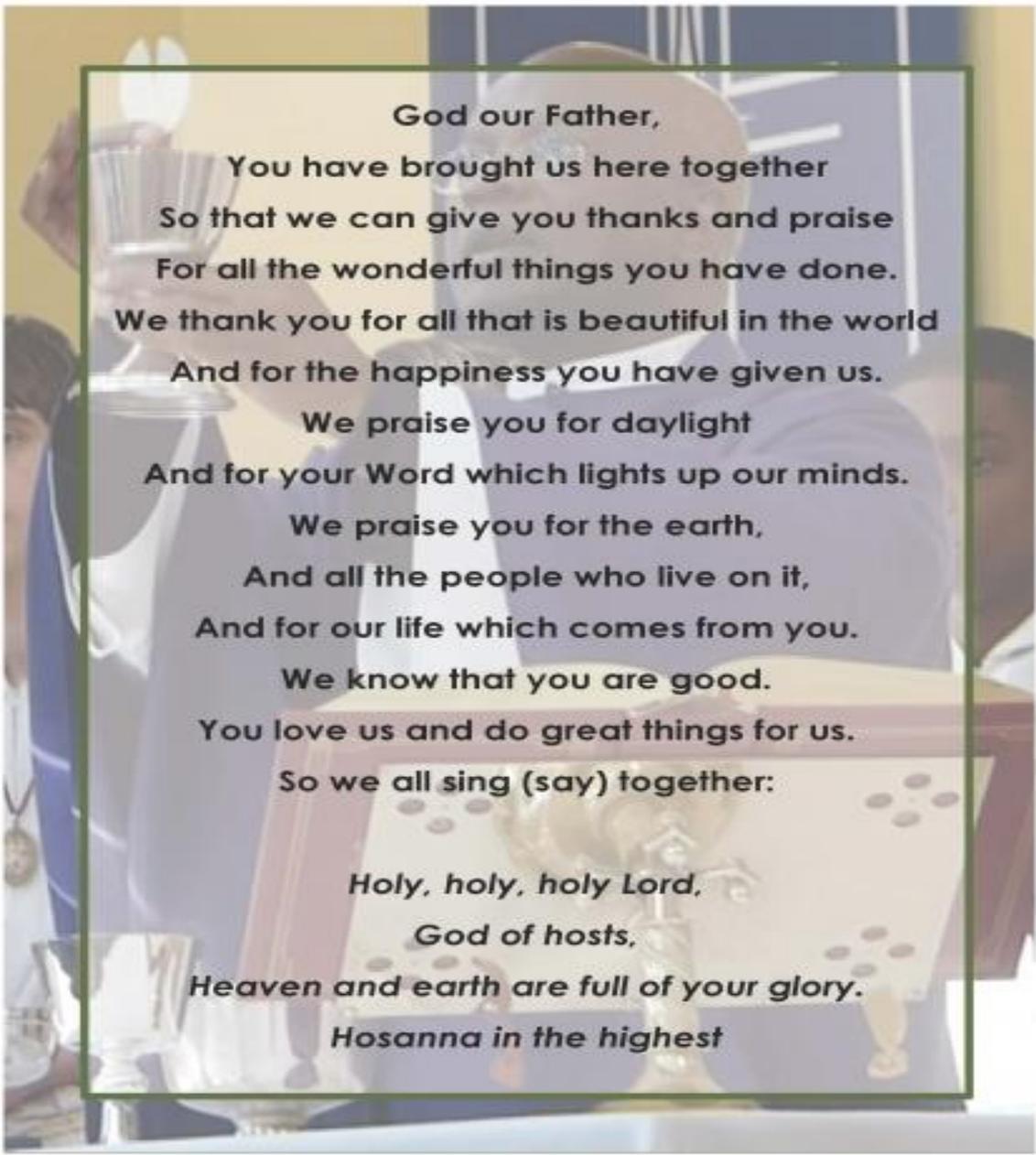


God our Father,
You have brought us here together
So that we can give you thanks and praise
For all the wonderful things you have done.
We thank you for all that is beautiful in the world
And for the happiness you have given us.
We praise you for daylight
And for your Word which lights up our minds.
We praise you for the earth,
And all the people who live on it,
And for our life which comes from you.
We know that you are good.
You love us and do great things for us.
So we all sing (say) together:
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God of hosts,
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Before we receive the body and blood of Jesus or a blessing, the priest will say a eucharistic prayer which means we are giving thanks to God.

Let's read through it.
What are some of the things that we are saying 'thank you' to God, our Father for?

We are saying thanks for...



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Why do we thank God?

We thank God because...

Why do you think we say 'Holy' three times?

We say it 3 times because...

What do you think 'God of hosts' means?

I think it means...because...



“Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God...” This is a song of thanks and praise.

Let us think for a moment what God is like.





Let's say this together enthusiastically and/or sing with John Burland (listen to Holy, Holy John Burland)

*Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of
hosts,
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glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the
name of the Lord,
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Task: Choose your favourite line or lines from the Eucharistic prayer that show what we thank God for. Explain why you have chosen them and illustrate or paint them in a creative way or create a dance of thanksgiving for the Holy, Holy prayer.

Challenge: Write explanations for what each phrase means and why we say it.

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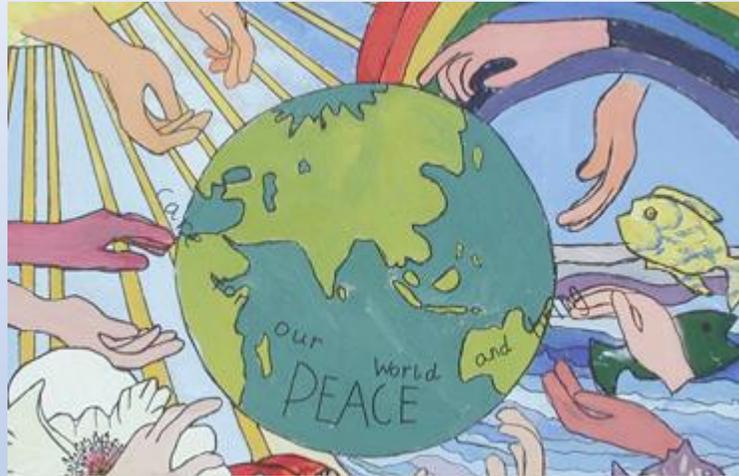
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Some ideas and examples of art.

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Let's think of what we are thankful for and take a minute to reflect and listen to this version of the Holy, Holy.

When you're ready, take some time to go and write, draw what you thank God for on the heart or on paper, a shell or stone.

