

Father will now say the prayer of Consecration, using those words that Jesus himself spoke at the Last Supper. To consecrate is to make sacred. This moment is the consecration of the Mass – the most sacred moment. Jesus comes amongst us. My Lord and my God.

**(Before Communion)**

**R13** We now hear the words John the Baptist used when he pointed out Jesus to the crowds.  
(pause)

Jesus is here and Jesus is God. We use the word **HOST** to describe the small white circular piece of bread which has been consecrated, and which is now Jesus with us.  
We will form our hands into a throne to receive the king of kings.  
(the children receive Holy Communion)

**(After Communion)**

**ALL:** Soul of Christ sanctify me. Body of Christ save me. Blood of Christ fill me.

Water from the side of Christ wash me. Passion of Christ strengthen me. Within your wounds hide me. Do not let me get separated from you. In the hour of my death call me. Bid me come to you. That with your saints, I may praise you. For ever and ever. Amen.

**R14** We say the body of Christ. And when the chalice is used, we say the blood of Christ. Because that is the language Our Lord used at the Last Supper. It is the language St Paul used. But Jesus is present under the form of the host or under the form of wine. The language Jesus used is strange to us, speaking of body and blood. It would really be better if we could say "This is Jesus" or "My Lord and my God"

**R15** When Father says the blessing, we make the sign of the cross. It reminds us of our baptism when we became followers of Jesus. Then he sends us on our way reminding us that what we have done here, we must practice in our lives.  
Christ in our heads and in our hearts and in our hands.



# St Teresa's Year 5 Mass

**R1** Today, as at every Mass, we speak to God –we ask His forgiveness

**R2** Then God speaks to us – in the Scripture or Bible.

**R1** The we offer to God – gifts of bread and wine. They stand for the offering we make of our lives to God

**R2** And finally God offers to us –Himself under forms of bread and wine.

**R1** So: We speak to God. God speaks to us. We offer to God. God offers to us.

**R2** It was at that Last Supper, on the night before He died, that Jesus gave the gift of Himself under forms of bread and wine to the apostles. This was his farewell gift

**R1** He had found this wondrous way of leaving this world but promising to be with us for all time.

**R2** But the Mass also goes back to Calvary, to the cross, the crucifixion, to Good Friday when Jesus died for us. So we sometimes say: "The sacrifice of the Mass" because Jesus lay down his life for us and every Mass is about Jesus offering himself out of love.

**Priest:** In the name of.....  
The Lord be with you

**ALL:** And with your Spirit

**R3** Let us ask God to forgive us for the times we have not welcomed Him with respect and reverence. Lord have mercy.  
**ALL** *Lord have mercy*

Lord we thank you for this gift of yourself in Holy Communion  
Make us worthy to receive You. Forgive us our sins just as we try to forgive those who sin against us. Christ have mercy  
**ALL** *Christ have mercy*

Forgive us for the times when we follow our own paths and act selfishly. Lord have mercy.  
**ALL:** *Lord have mercy*

**PRIEST:** Opening Prayer:  
God our Father, during these moments at Mass,  
Jesus comes to us under forms of bread and wine.  
Make us worthy to meet Him in this eucharist.  
Make us like Jesus in all that we do and say.  
We ask this ....

#### **READER 5**

A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles  
The followers lived together like members of one family.  
When they had supper together, they broke the bread, and shared it among them, as Jesus had done at the Last Supper, on the night before He died.  
They remembered what Jesus had done for everyone.  
They spent time in prayer.  
They shared everything with one another.  
They sold their property and possessions and shared the money out so nobody went without anything he needed.  
This is the word of the Lord.  
Thanks be to God

**READER 6** Alleluia. Alleluia.  
I am the living bread, says the Lord.  
Anyone who eats this bread will live for ever. Alleluia.

#### **BIDDING PRAYERS**

**R7** The response today is: " Lord hear our prayer"  
Heavenly Father, you look upon us with love. We turn to you in our need.

For the children in Year 4 who are preparing for the sacraments of Confirmation and Holy Communion. Keep them close to you  
May all of us, always treasure this sacrament of God's love.  
May we grow in love for Him.

Lord hear us .....

**R 8** We bring before God all who care for us at home.  
May we try to make our home a place where Jesus is at home.

Lord hear us.....

For our troubled world and especially the suffering of the people in Syria.

May those with power and influence make every effort to find the solutions that will end the suffering and bloodshed.

Lord hear us.....

**R9** Let us ask Our Lady to share our prayer. **Hail Mary** .....  
In silence for a moment, we pray about those things that are special to us...(pause).....

O sacrament most holy, O sacrament divine.

All praise and all thanksgiving, be every moment thine

( The gifts are now brought to the altar by 4 children)

**R10** We now offer gifts of bread and wine. They stand for the offering we make of our lives – all our work and play, and our relationships. Blessed are you Lord, God of all creation. Through your goodness we have this bread to offer, fruit of the earth and work of human hands. It will become for us the bread of life  
**ALL SAY:** Blessed be God for ever

**R12** What follows now is the Eucharistic Prayer preparing us for the coming of Jesus under forms of bread and wine.  
(pause)