

THE DEDICATION OF A CHURCH IN WHICH SACRED CELEBRATIONS  
ARE ALREADY REGULARLY TAKING PLACE

Preface  
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Eucharistic Prayer I or III is said with this Preface:

V. The Lord be with you. R. And with your spir-it.

V. Lift up your hearts. R. We lift them up to the Lord.

V. Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. R. It is right and just.

It is truly right and just, our duty and our sal-va-tion, al-ways and  
everywhere to give you thanks, Lord, holy Father, almighty and e-  
-ter-nal God, through Christ our Lord. For in this visible house  
that you have let us build and where you never cease to show favor  
to the family on pilgrimage to you in this place, you wonderfully  
manifest and accomplish the mys-ter-y of your com - mun-ion with  
us. Here you build up for yourself the temple that we are and  
cause your Church, spread throughout the world, to grow ever more

and more as the Lord's own Bod-y, till she reaches her fullness

in the vi-sion of peace, the heavenly cit-y of Je-ru-sa-lem. And

so, with the countless ranks of the blessed, in the temple of your

glo-ry we praise you, we bless you, and proclaim your greatness,

as we ac-claim:

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