

We Prepare Our Gifts

Keep these ideas in mind as you study Chapter 19.

❖ We bring gifts of bread and wine to the altar. Sometimes we bring other gifts such as money. These gifts are signs of ourselves. We offer these gifts to show God our love.

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❖ We pray “Blessed be God for ever” after we offer our gifts. We pray this in hopes that God accepts our gifts. They are our sacrifice.

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❖ The word *Eucharist* means “giving thanks.” Jesus is the best gift. It is right to give God thanks and praise.

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❖ We sing or say “Holy, Holy, Holy” to praise God. We do this after we have sent our gifts to the altar but before receiving the Eucharist.

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❖ The bread is made from wheat. It becomes the Body of Christ. The wine is made from grapes. It becomes the Blood of Christ.

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