

Liturgy of the Eucharist

Preface Acclamation "Holy, Holy, Holy Lord"

The "Holy, Holy, Holy Lord" ("*Sanctus*") is a text inspired by the vision of *Isaiah* 6:2-3 and was sung in synagogues at morning offerings from at least the second century. It made its way into the Eucharist Prayed in the East, probably through the influence of Jewish-Christians and by the fifth century was generally accepted in the West. The verse, "Blessed is he" is the acclamation used by the people to greet Christ at his solemn entrance into Jerusalem. The Eucharistic prayers also call upon the Holy Spirit to sanctify or make holy the gifts offered, so that they may become the Body and Blood of the Lord. The inclusion of this specific petition addressed to the Holy Spirit was intended to compensate for the omission of an explicit reference to the Holy Spirit in the Canon.