

Liturgy of the Eucharist

Doxology and Conclusion with Great Amen

“Through him, with him, in him....”

The traditional conclusion to the Eucharistic Prayer is a solemn statement of praise and thanksgiving, usually in the form of a Trinitarian expression of faith (doxology), to which all respond, “Amen.” The value and significance of this “Amen” was attested as early as the mid-second century. The bread and chalice are raised on high, in a gesture of offering as the doxology is sung or said by the priest. The whole congregation, as a priestly people, acclaims “Amen” as a sign of support and adherence.