

The Lamb's High Feast

Lesson 10

The Oblation

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WHEREFORE, O Lord and heavenly Father, according to the institution of thy dearly beloved Son our Saviour Jesus Christ, we, thy humble servants, do celebrate and make here before thy Divine Majesty, with these thy holy gifts, which we now offer unto thee, the memorial thy Son hath commanded us to make; having in remembrance his blessed passion and precious death, his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension; rendering unto thee most hearty thanks for the innumerable benefits procured unto us by the same.

An Oblation is a gift to God, specifically in this prayer the Oblation is the Bread and the Wine which is given by the Church to become the Body and Blood of Christ in the Sacrament.

1. Must we use Bread and Wine for the Sacrament? Might we offer other matter for the Oblation, such as grape juice and gluten free rice wafers?
2. What does this this Oblation of Bread and Wine memorialize?
3. With this Oblation we also offer our “hearty thanks for the innumerable benefits procured unto us by the [passion, death, resurrection and ascension of our Saviour Jesus Christ]?” Given that these gifts are innumerable, let us name at least some of these benefits.

The Post Communion Thanksgiving

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This prayer enumerate a partial list of the blessings “Procured unto us by the same.”

ALMIGHTY and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee, for that

- (1) thou dost vouchsafe to feed us, who have duly received these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Saviour Jesus Christ; and
- (2) dost assure us thereby of thy favour and goodness towards us; and that
- (3) we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son, which is the blessed company of all faithful people;
- (4) and are also heirs through hope of thine everlasting kingdom, by the merits of his most precious death and passion.

And we humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to

- (5) assist us with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and
- (6) do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in;

through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honour and glory, world without end. Amen.

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