

## **“Two Minute Teaching” on the Mass**

### **03-06-2016 – Liturgy of the Eucharist**

After the petitions, we enter into the second major part of the Mass – the Liturgy of the Eucharist, which begins with people bringing up their gifts of bread and wine and collection. There are a number of prayers which the priest says at the altar that you never hear at the weekend masses.

First is the berakah - the Jewish meal prayer over the bread and wine. These are the same words Jesus said at the Last Supper. The priest lifts up the bread and says “Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation, for through your goodness we have received the bread we offer you: fruit of the earth and work of human hands, it will become for us the bread of life.”

Then the priest pours a little water into the wine and says “By the mystery of this water and wine, may we come to share in the divinity of Christ who humbled himself to share in our humanity.” Then the priest lifts up the chalice and says “Blessed are you Lord God of all creation, for through your goodness we have received the wine we offer you: fruit of the vine and work of human hands, it will become our spiritual drink.”

Then the priest washes his hands and says from Psalm 51 “Wash me O Lord, from my iniquity and cleanse me from my sins.”