

The Eucharistic Prayer's Prayers – The Last Hurrah!

The final prayer in all the different Eucharistic Prayers is the **Great Doxology**: *Through him, with him, in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor is yours, almighty Father, for ever and ever. AMEN!* **Doxa** is the Greek word for 'glory', and to "glorify" or "give glory" to God means to give honor, gratitude, and high praise to God, both because of what God has given and done for us, and simply because of who, how, and what God is. We give God glory in our prayer, but the greatest way we glorify God is how we live our lives in and through communion with Christ, that is, in loving service of others, especially the poor and most needy. This *Great Doxology* has been a part of the EP from very early in the history of the Mass. It summarizes the whole of the EP which concludes, as it began, with an explicit note of praise. The priest begins the Doxology in the name of the whole Congregation, who confirm and approve it by their **GREAT AMEN!**

{And again – please send me your personal *What I Am Doing and Why* about your presence, participation, and prayer at Mass, as I requested in last week's Bulletin, 4.24.2011, to dkrettek@juno.com – Thank you!}

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