

Eucharistic Prayer for the Children

R = Reader (one of the children or Seán)

C = Children (all of the other children beside the reader)

E = Everybody (All the community)

R: God, you are like a great **dancer**.

you dance with real stars;

you dance with big galaxies;

you dance with planets;

you dance with the wind;

and you dance with the rain.

And so we honor you.

C: **Yes, we honor you.**

R: God, you are like a famous **artist**.

You paint sunrises and sunsets;

You paint the feathers of birds;

You paint the wings of butterflies;

You paint the petals of flowers;

And so we honor you.

C: **Yes, we honor you.**

R: God, you are like a **writer**.
But the leaves in your greatest book
are the leaves on the trees;
and the exclamation points
are the tall redwoods.
And so we honor you.

C: **Yes, we honor you.**

R: God, you are just like a **musician**.
You make music in the wind;
you make music in the waves;
you make music in the rain;
you make music in the thunder.
And so we honor you.

C: **Yes, we honor you.**

R: God, you are brilliant at **Math**.
You can count all of the stars;
you can count all of the grains of sand
on all of the beaches of the world.
And so we honor you.

C: **Yes, we honor you.**

R: God, you are like a great **scientist**.

You made everything,
and you help us figure out
how everything works.

Everything,
from tiny atoms to huge planets.
And so we honor you.

C: **Yes, we honor you.**

R: God, you are like an **architect**.

You teach birds how to make nests;
you teach spiders how to make webs;
you teach mothers how to make babies;
And so we honor you.

C: **Yes, we honor you.**

R: God, you sent Jesus
to teach us;
to heal us;
and to bring us into communion with you.
And so we honor you.

C: **Yes, we honor you.**

E: Once, when Jesus was eating with his friends,
he wanted to show
that planet Earth feeds us from her own body,
just like a mother does.
So he took some bread
and he blessed it
and he broke it into pieces for each of them.

**[Here Seán breaks a larger host
and gives a piece to each of the children;
the children hold the bread in their hands
for the rest of the consecration prayer]**

E: Then Jesus said,
“I am a gift from God.
When you eat with me,
you share my life
and you share my love.
Every time you have a meal together,
you should remember
that you, also, are a gift from God.”

[Each one holds their bread up high and then lowers it]

[Each child now holds their own cup during the following prayer]

E: Then Jesus took a cup filled with grape juice
and he blessed it.
He said,
“This grape juice reminds us
that we are all sisters and brothers.
When we drink it together
we must remember that all food comes from God.
And so we must share our food
with all the people and all the animals of the planet.”

[Each one holds their cup up high and then lowers it]

R: Let's sing a song to thank God.

[Led by the choir we sing a song to praise God]

R: God, you are like a great **ocean**
playing with waves and playing with tides.
You give food and a home
to all kinds of fishes.
Help us to remember.

C: Yes, help us to remember.

R: God, you are like a playful little **lamb**
running about with the butterflies,
in a meadow filled with flowers.
Help us to remember.

C: Yes, help us to remember.

R: God, you are like a mighty **forest**
filled with trees and shrubs and grasses,
that give food and shelter
to all kinds of birds and animals.
Help us to remember.

C: Yes, help us to remember.

R: God, you teach us
that everything on the planet
is sister and brother to us.
the rocks are;
the plants are;
the birds are;
the fish are;
the animals are;
the insects are;
even the slowly moving snails are.
And Old Turtle is.
Help us to remember.

C: Yes, help us to remember.

R: God, you teach us that all humans
are sisters and brothers to us;
whatever country they live in;
whatever color their skin is;
whatever language they speak;
whatever religion they follow;
Help us to remember.

C: Yes, help us to remember.

R: God, please ask all of these
brothers and sisters of ours
to help wake us up fully
so that we can love without fear;
so that we can shine light into the darkness;
so that we can bring life out of death.
Amen, may it be so.

E: Amen, may it be so.