

What's in a Name? The Dynamism of the Eucharist Answer Key

Name	History of / Basis for Name	Dynamic Action Revealed by Name
The Eucharist	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Comes from Greek word <i>eucharistein</i>, meaning "thanksgiving" • Related to the idea of "blessing" because Jesus took, blessed, broke, and gave the bread; the Jewish <i>berakah</i>, integral to the Eucharist, is a blessing that acknowledges God's presence and continued saving action 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • God's action? Actions that reveal God's active presence in Jewish and Christian traditions = giving thanks and blessing God for giving us everything • Our response? Action of thanking and blessing God in return through participation in the Eucharist and by doing God's will in our daily lives
The Lord's Supper	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recalls the Last Supper, a Passover meal • Anticipates the "supper of the Lamb" we will share with Jesus in the Kingdom of Heaven (see 1 Corinthians 11:20, Revelation 19:9) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • God's action? Reveals God's deep love for us, also his active presence in our lives through Jesus Christ • Our response? Action of repeating the words of the Last Supper reminds us of Jesus' actions at the Last Supper; helps to make Jesus' words present for us during the Mass
The Breaking of the Bread	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recalls custom of the duty of a host at a Jewish meal to break bread and distribute it • Signifies that even though bread is broken to share, the Eucharist is the one Christ and we share in his one Body 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • God's action? Gives us a ritual through which we can remember Jesus' sacrifice and God's love • Our response? Action of breaking bread is our participation in the Eucharist; it makes Jesus' action of breaking bread at the Last Supper present for us during the Mass
The Eucharistic Assembly	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Comes from Greek word <i>synaxis</i>, <i>syni</i> meaning "together" and <i>axis</i> meaning "the central point around which something turns" • Recalls that early Christians' lives were centered around the Eucharist • Entire liturgical year built around Sunday because it was the day on which Christ rose from the dead 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • God's action? Calls us to meet together as an assembly to celebrate the Eucharist, following Jesus' example • Our response? Action of gathering to celebrate the Eucharist shows the role of the Eucharist as a unifier of our Christian communities



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The Holy Sacrifice	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Also called the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass, the “sacrifice of praise,” etc. Refers to the idea of the Eucharist as the sacrifice of Christ made present to us in the liturgy 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> God's action? Sacrificing his Son reveals God's deep love for us Our response? Action of preparing the Eucharist at Mass reminds us of Jesus' sacrifice
The Divine Liturgy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Eucharist is sometimes referred to as the Holy and Divine Liturgy, the Sacred Mysteries, and the Most Blessed Sacrament. Refers to the idea of the Eucharist as the source and summit of the lives of Christians 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> God's action? Reveals God's presence at Mass through the Eucharist Our response? Action of sharing in God's holiness and respecting God's holiness
Holy Communion and Holy Mass	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Comes from the reference to the Body and Blood of Christ as being holy Recalls that in the Eucharist we are united to Christ, sharing with him and with the Church as a single body Holy Mass refers to the entire Eucharistic celebration; name is taken from Latin word <i>missa</i>, meaning “dismissal” Underlines importance of dismissal as the sending forth of the assembly to do God's will in the world 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> God's action? Reveals the holiness of the Mass because God is present in the Mass Our response? Action of sharing in and celebrating the memorial of Jesus' death and Resurrection until he comes again in glory

