Singing the opening dialogue, preface, Sanctus and Benedictus, and conclusion of the Eucharistic Prayer has been part of the received tradition of the Church since the earliest times.

In what follows there is provision for the singing of the dialogue, preface and doxology of Prayers A, B, C and E to chants derived from the traditional melodies of the Church of England, based principally on Sarum tones. This includes provision for Proper Prefaces. Prayer B is set complete.

All the chants are presented at modal pitch, with C as the notional reciting note. However, the G clef devised for the Common Worship plainchant settings is a reminder that this pitch is relative rather than absolute. In most cases, the president will wish to sing these chants at a lower pitch, most likely beginning the dialogue on D, E flat, E or F (with a principal reciting note of G,A flat, A or B flat) according to the range of the voice.

The chant should be sung flowingly at a steady speaking pace, bearing in mind the shape and stress of the text; hollow notes are provided where the reciting pitch is unchanged, and doubled black notes indicate suggested lengthening or weighted sound. Often this will be roughly equivalent to doubling the length of the note. At the end of a phrase such as ‘Lift up your hearts’, which has two notes set to ‘hearts’, both notes are slightly
lengthened, with the second sung more gently than the first.

Eucharistic Prayers

Proper Prefaces are to be found here

Prayer A

If an Extended Preface is used, it replaces all words between the opening dialogue and the Sanctus.

The Lord be with you and also with you.

The Lord is here. His Spirit is with us.

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give thanks and praise.

It is indeed right, it is our duty and our joy,

at all times and in all places to give you thanks and praise,

ho-ly Father, heavenly King, almighty and e-ter-nal God,

through Je-sus Christ your Son our Lord.

The following may be omitted if a Short Proper Preface is used
For he is your living Word;
through him you have created all things from the beginning,
and formed us in your own image.

To you be glory and praise for ever.

Through him you have freed us from the slavery of sin,
giving him to be born of a woman and to die upon the cross;
you raised him from the dead
and exalted him to your right hand on high.

To you be glory and praise for ever.

Through him you have sent upon us your holy and life-giving Spirit,
and made us a people for your own possession.

To you be glory and praise for ever.

Short Proper Preface, when appropriate

Therefore with angels and archangels,
and with all the company of heaven,
we proclaim your great and glorious name,
for ever praising you and singing:

The Sanctus follows and the president continues with the Eucharistic Prayer (here).

For the acclamations, see here.

The Prayer continues (here) and leads into the doxology
The service continues with the Lord's Prayer here.

Prayer B

If an Extended Preface is used, it replaces all words between the opening dialogue and the Sanctus.

The Lord be with you, and also with you.

(or)

The Lord is here, His Spirit is with us.

Lift up your hearts, We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give thanks and praise.

Father, we give you thanks and praise

through your beloved Son Jesus Christ,

your living Word, through whom you have created all things:

who was sent by you in your great goodness to be our Saviour.

By the power of the Holy Spirit he took flesh:
as your Son, born of the bless-ed Vir-gin,

he lived on earth and went a-bout a-mong us;

he opened wide his arms for us on the cross;

he put an end to death by dying for us;

and revealed the resurrection by rising to new life;

so he fulfilled your will and won for you a ho-ly peo-ple.

Short Proper Preface, when appropriate

There-fore with angels and arch-an-gels,

and with all the company of hea-ven,

we proclaim your great and glo-ri-ous name,

for ever prais-ing you and sing-ing:

The Sanctus follows (here).

Lord, you are holy indeed, the source of all ho-li-ness;

grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit,

and according to your ho-ly will,

these gifts of bread and wine

may be to us the body and blood of our Lord Je-sus Christ;

who, in the same night that he was be-trayed,

took bread and gave you thanks:

he broke it and gave it to his disciples, say-ing
One of these four acclamations is used

Great is the mystery of faith:

Christ has died: Christ is risen: Christ will come again.

(or)

Praise to you, Lord Jesus:

Dying you destroyed our death, rising you restored our life:

Lord Jesus, come in glory.

(or)

Christ is the bread of life:

When we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim your death, Lord Jesus, until you come in glory.

(or)
Jesus Christ is Lord:

Lord, by your cross and resurrection you have set us free.

You are the Saviour of the world.

And so, Father, calling to mind his death on the cross,

his perfect sacrifice made once for the sins of the whole world;

rejoicing in his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension,

and looking for his coming in glory,

we celebrate this memorial of our redemption.

As we offer you this our sacrifice of praise and thanks-giving,

we bring before you this bread and this cup

and we thank you for counting us worthy

to stand in your presence and serve you.

Send the Holy Spirit on your people

and gather into one in your kingdom

al who share this one bread and one cup,

so that we, in the company of [N and] all the saints,

may praise and glorify you for ever,

through Jesus Christ our Lord;
by whom, and with whom, and in whom,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all honour and glory be yours, almighty Father,
for ever and ever. Amen.

The service continues with the Lord's Prayer here.

Prayer C

The Lord be with you and also with you.
(or) The Lord is here. His Spirit is with us.

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give thanks and praise.

It is indeed right, it is our duty and our joy,
at all times and in all places to give you thanks and praise,

holy Father, heavenly King,

almighty and eternal God, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Short Proper Preface, when appropriate

[or, when there is no Proper Preface

For he is our great high priest, who has loosed us from our sins

and has made us to be a royal priesthood to you,

our God and Father.]
The Sanctus follows and the president continues with the Eucharistic Prayer (here).

For the acclamations, see here.

The Prayer continues (here) and leads into the doxology.

through Je-sus Christ our Lord,

by whom, and with whom, and in whom,

in the unity of the Ho-ly Spi-rit,

all honour and glory be yours, al-migh-ty Fa-ther,


The service continues with the Lord's Prayer here.

Prayer E

The Lord be with you. and al-so with you.

The Lord is here. His Spi-rit is with us.

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give thanks and praise.
Here follows an Extended Preface or the following:

Father, you made the world and love your creation.

You gave your Son Jesus Christ to be our Saviour.

His dying and rising have set us free from sin and death.

And so we gladly thank you,

with saints and angels praising you, and singing:

The Sanctus follows and the president continues with the Eucharistic Prayer (here).

One of these four acclamations is used:

Great is the mystery of faith:

Christ has died: Christ is risen: Christ will come again.

(or)

Praise to you, Lord Jesus:

Dying you destroyed our death, rising you restored our life:

Lord Jesus, come in glory.

(or)

Christ is the bread of life:

When we eat this bread and drink this cup,

we proclaim your death, Lord Jesus, until you come in glory.

(or)

Jesus Christ is Lord:

Lord, by your cross and resurrection you have set us free.

You are the Saviour of the world.
The Prayer continues (here) and leads into the doxology

Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ,

in the unity of the Holy Spirit,

all honour and glory are yours, O loving Father,

for ever and ever. Amen.

The service continues with the Lord’s Prayer here.

Palm Sunday

Short Preface

And now we give you thanks because, for our salvation,

he was obedient even to death on the cross.

The tree of shame was made the tree of glory;

and where life was lost, there life has been restored.

Extended Preface

It is indeed right and just, our duty and our salvation,

always and everywhere to give you thanks,

holy Father, almighty and eternal God,

through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Monday to Wednesday of Holy Week

Short Prefaces

The Short Preface provided for Palm Sunday ([here](#)) or this Short Preface may be used.

And now we give you thanks

because for our sins he was lifted high up-on the cross,

that he might draw the whole world to himself;

and, by his suffering and death,

became the source of eternal salvation

for all who put their trust in him.

Extended Preface

The Extended Preface provided for Palm Sunday may be used ([here](#)).
Maundy Thursday

Short Preface

And now we give you thanks

because, having loved his own who were in the world,

he loved them to the end:

and on the night before he suffered,

Extended Preface

It is indeed right to give you thanks.

Father most holy, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

For on this night he girded himself with a towel

and, taking the form of a servant, washed the feet of his disciples.

He gave us a new commandment

that we should love one another as he has loved us.

Knowing that his hour had come,

in his great love he gave this supper to his disciples

to be a memorial of his passion,

that we might proclaim his death until he comes again,

and feast with him in his kingdom.
The Easter Liturgy

Short Preface

But chiefly are we bound to praise you

because you raised him gloriously from the dead.

For he is the true paschal lamb who was offered for us.

and has taken away the sin of the world.

By his death he has destroyed death,

and by his rising to life again

he has restored to us everlasting life.

Extended Preface

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,

always and everywhere to give you thanks,

almighty and eternal Father,
and on this night/day of our redemption to celebrate with joyful hearts the memory of your wonderful works.

For by the mystery of his passion Jesus Christ, your risen Son, has conquered the powers of death and hell and restored in men and women the image of your glory.

He has placed them once more in paradise and opened to them the gate of life eternal.

And so, in the joy of this Passover, earth and heaven resound with gladness, while angels and archangels and the powers of all creation sing for ever the hymn of your glory:

### Easter Day

#### Short Prefaces

The Short Preface provided for The Easter Liturgy ([here](#)) or this Short Preface may be used:

And now we give you thanks because in his victory over the grave a new age has dawned, the long reign of sin is ended, a broken world is being renewed and humanity is once again made whole.

#### Extended Preface

The Extended Preface provided for The Easter Liturgy may be used ([here](#)).