

The Offertory (Form II)

The Priest, standing at the altar, takes the paten with the bread and holds it slightly raised above the altar with both hands, saying in a low voice:

Blessed art thou, O Lord, God of all creation,
for of thy bounty have we received this bread
which we offer unto thee,
fruit of the earth and the work of human hands:
whence it shall become for us the bread of life.

Then he places the paten with the bread on the corporal.

If, however, the Offertory Chant is not sung, the Priest may speak these words aloud; at the end, the People may acclaim:

Blessed be God for ever.