

Holy, Holy, Holy

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The words of the Eucharistic Prayer are prayed by the priest, but the faithful participate actively in this part of the Mass both through prayer and through three acclamations: the Holy, Holy, Holy (Sanctus); the Memorial Acclamation; and the Amen. Just before we sing the Holy, Holy, Holy, we are reminded that this is the song of angels and saints. In the Holy, Holy, Holy, earth unites with heaven in song. In the revised translation of *The Roman Missal*, you will notice just one change to the Holy, Holy, Holy. Instead of “God of power and might” we will sing, “God of hosts.” The word “hosts” refers to the heavenly hosts, the whole company of heaven. We are reminded not just of God’s mighty power, but of God’s kingdom that encompasses both heaven and earth.

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