

Family Catechetics First Holy Communion 15



Aim: To help the child to learn about the “Holy ,Holy, Holy” at Mass.

Note to the Parent:

This will be a story-telling and action session, helped on by other members of the family.

Room Setting:

All are seated in a circle in the room.

Parent: Welcome the child and the other members of the family.

Invite all to become quiet and think of Jesus and say quiet words of praise to him.

Allow a few minutes for this.

Parent: Invite the child and the other members of the family to share their words of prayer:

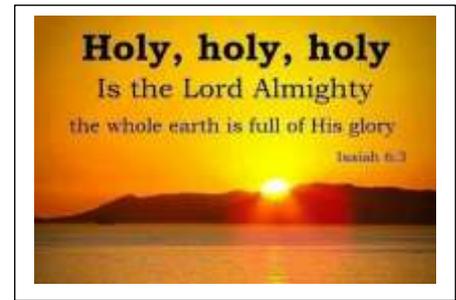
- Perhaps all could say AMEN after each.
- You can invite the child and other members of the family to add new expressions of praise to God.

Parent: Helped freely by the child and other members of the family:

- Last time we had a look at the “Lord, have Mercy, Christ have Mercy”.
- Perhaps you can remember how we came to use it as the followers of Jesus.

Child and other members of the family freely contributing:

- We found that it was a very old way of regarding the king or leader.
- Some of the people, who saw the wonderful things that Jesus did, called him Lord.
- The Early Christians called Jesus “The Lord”.



Parent Today we are going to have a look at the Holy, Holy, Holy.

- Can anyone tell us when we say or sometimes sing: “Holy, Holy, Holy Lord...”?
- Let us discover where it really comes from.
- But first, can we say it all together, or maybe we can sing it.

Parent and other members of the family: (P=Parent, M=Family Member)

P. Many centuries before Jesus, the Prophet Isaiah had a vision, (see Isaiah 6;3).

M. Let us imagine the scene:

P. It is a great Hall and God is sitting on a beautiful and magnificent throne.

M. He is surrounded by all the angels and saints.

P. They are all singing: **“Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God, of Hosts. All the Earth is full of our glory.”**

M. At Holy Mass, before the Consecration, the priest says a great prayer in praise of God and he invite us to join in with the angels and saints as they praise God.

P. So we all join in and say or sing: **“Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God of Hosts, Heaven and Earth are full of your glory! Hosanna in the highest.”**

Parent: There is another part after this, maybe you know it too. We will look at this the next time.

Celebration

Parent: Let us imagine ourselves in heaven with all the angels and saints:

- Let us make gestures of joy and praise, as we join in with them and repeat, as loud as we can, their words: **“Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God of Hosts, Heaven and Earth are full of your glory! Hosanna in the highest.”**
- This can be repeated several times.

Now let us sing it as we sing it in Church:

- This can be repeated several times.

A glass of cool juice all round!

