



*From the Desk of Father Peter*

*Mass —The Great Amen*



*When the priest finishes praying the Eucharistic Prayer, the GREAT AMEN is sung. What's happening at this point of the Mass?*

*We begin with the Lord's prayer, the prayer all Christians share, the prayer that marks all kinds of moments. Here, it is a sign of communion, words that we all can say or sing by heart. From this part of the Mass onward, it is especially clear that what we are doing is our doing, and not simply the priest's. The words of the Lord's Prayer belong to all of us. They sum up the basics of our life: praising God's holiness, praying for the reign of God, asking for daily bread.*

*From the Lord's Prayer we move closer to communion. We exchange a sign of peace. A handshake or a hug, offered to family, friend, and stranger; adult and child—we say by this action that there are no walls, that the reign of God is among us now. Hypocrisy has no place in the Kingdom of God.*

*Our focus then returns to the table of offering. The body of Christ is broken and the blood of Christ poured out for all. We sing the Lamb of God, praising Christ over and over for taking away our sins, begging again and again for mercy and for peace.*



*Peace and love to all.,*

*Fr. Peter Enyan-Boadu*