



about the Great Amen?

As the priest concludes the Eucharistic Prayer, he holds the paten and chalice above the altar as an offering to God, singing or saying the words of the doxology, "Through Him and with Him and in Him..." (*doxa* means glory in Greek). We respond with the Great Amen. Derived from Hebrew, Amen means certainty, truth, assent, "I believe", or "so be it". Jesus used it to seek a full assent to his teachings by his followers (Amen, amen, I say...). We look upon Christ in the mystery of the consecrated elements and give our full and complete assent to the His presence, and the praise, thanksgiving, and petitions that the priest has just prayed on our behalf. Let's make this Amen like we mean it – God is before us! *Want to know more? Our Adult Ed offerings cover this and much more!*