

Worship



Worship Practices in the Old Testament



The Two Trees in the Garden of Eden

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Altar with Sacrifice



Word

“Adam lay with his wife again, and she gave birth to a son and named him Seth . . . Seth also had a son, and he named him Enosh.

At that time men began to call on the name of the LORD.”

Genesis 4:25-26



“By his faith [Noah] condemned the world and became heir of the *righteousness that comes by faith.*”
Hebrews 11:7

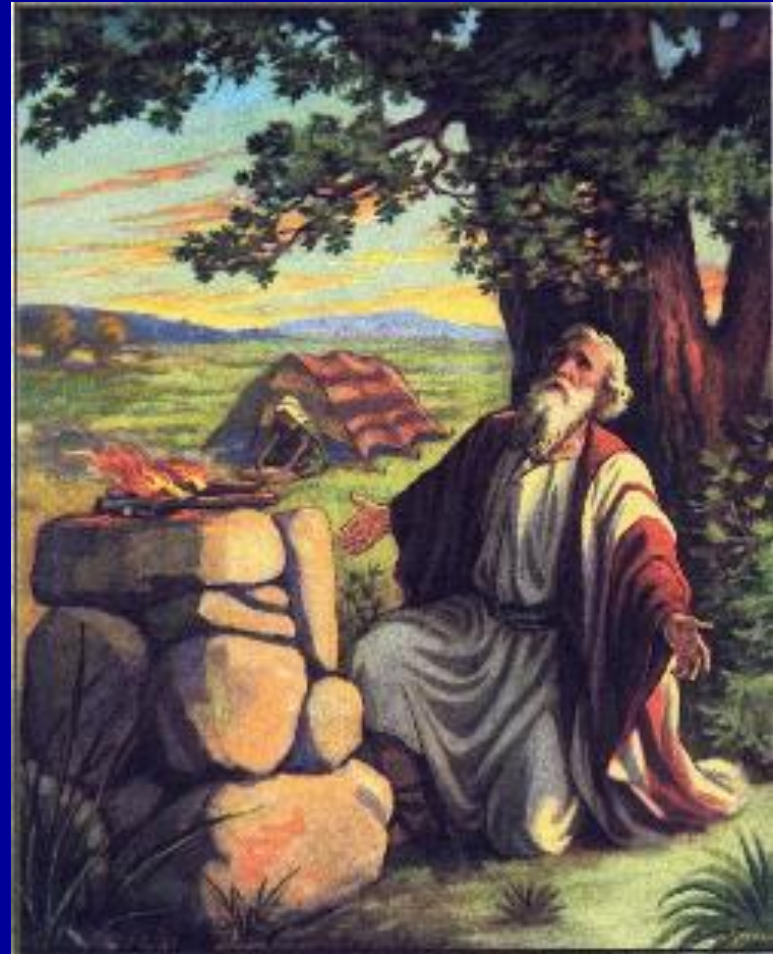


“Then Noah built an altar to the LORD and, taking some of all the clean animals and clean birds, he sacrificed burnt offerings on it.”
Genesis 8:20

The LORD appeared to Abram and said, "To your offspring I will give this land." So he built an altar there to the LORD, who had appeared to him.

From there he went on toward the hills east of Bethel and pitched his tent, with Bethel on the west and Ai on the east. There he built an altar to the LORD and called on the name of the LORD.

Genesis 12:7-8



“For to you and your descendants I will give all these lands and will confirm the oath I swore to your father Abraham. I will make your descendants as numerous as the stars in the sky and will give them all these lands, and through your offspring all nations on earth will be blessed.”

Isaac built an altar there and called on the name of the Lord.

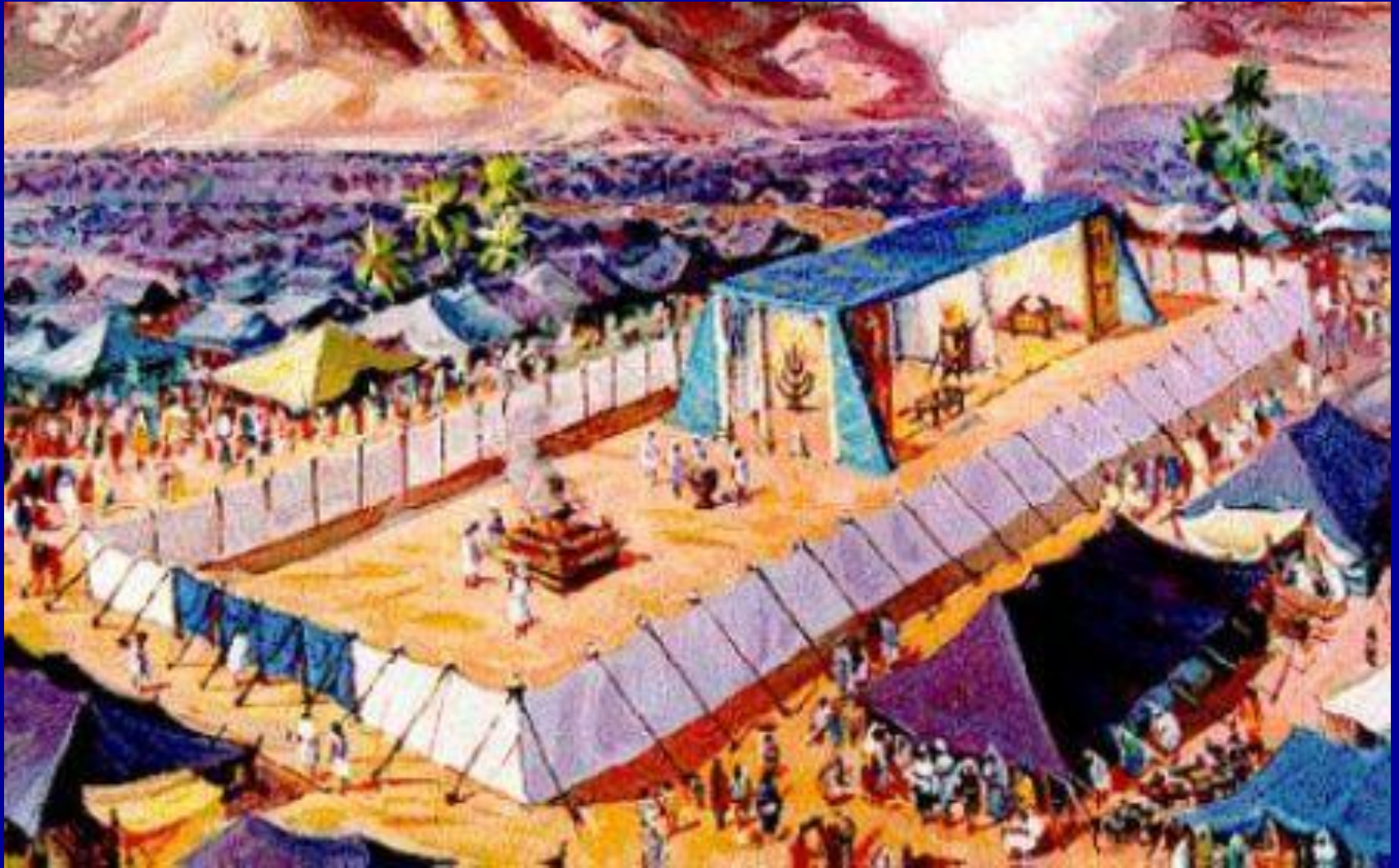
Genesis 26:3-4, 25

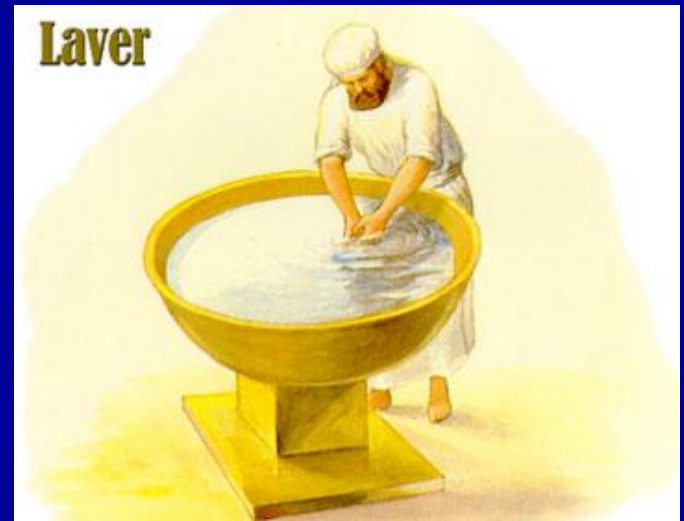
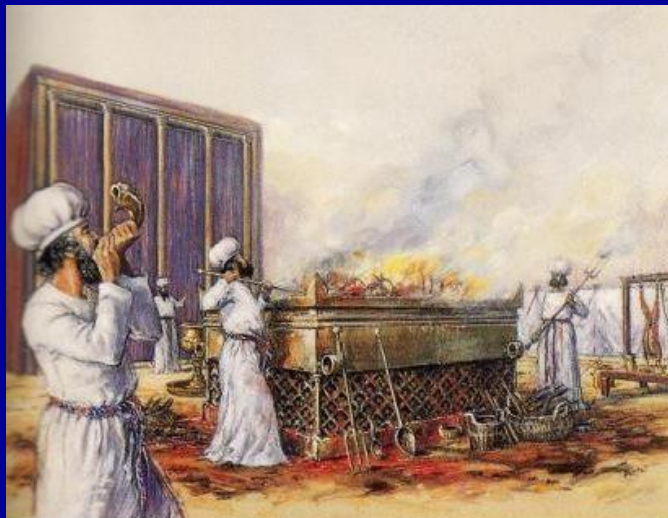


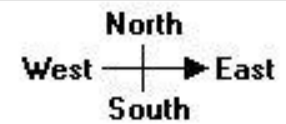
Praise Hymn – Exodus 15

"I will sing to the LORD, for he is highly exalted.
The horse and its rider he has hurled into the sea.
The LORD is my strength and my song; he has become
my salvation.
He is my God, and I will praise him, my father's God,
and I will exalt him.
Your right hand, O LORD, shattered the enemy.
By the blast of your nostrils the waters piled up.
But you blew with your breath, and the sea covered them.
In your unfailing love you will lead the people you have
redeemed.
In your strength you will guide them to your holy dwelling.
You will bring them in and plant them on the mountain of
your inheritance

Worship Space and Furnishings







Ark of the Covenant
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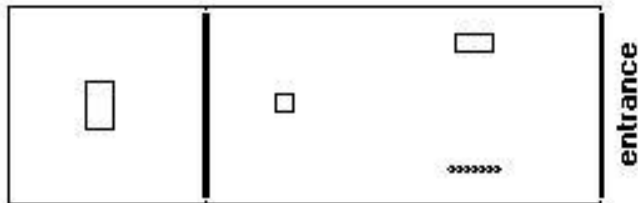
Golden Altar of Incense
 $1 \times 1 \times 2$

Table of Showbread
 $2 \times 1 \times \frac{1}{2}$

Brazen Laver

Brazen Altar of Burnt Offerings
 $5 \times 5 \times 3$

Gate 20 cubits



The Veil

Golden Menorah

The Holy of Holies
 $10 \times 10 \times 10$

The Holy Place
 $10 \times 20 \times 10$

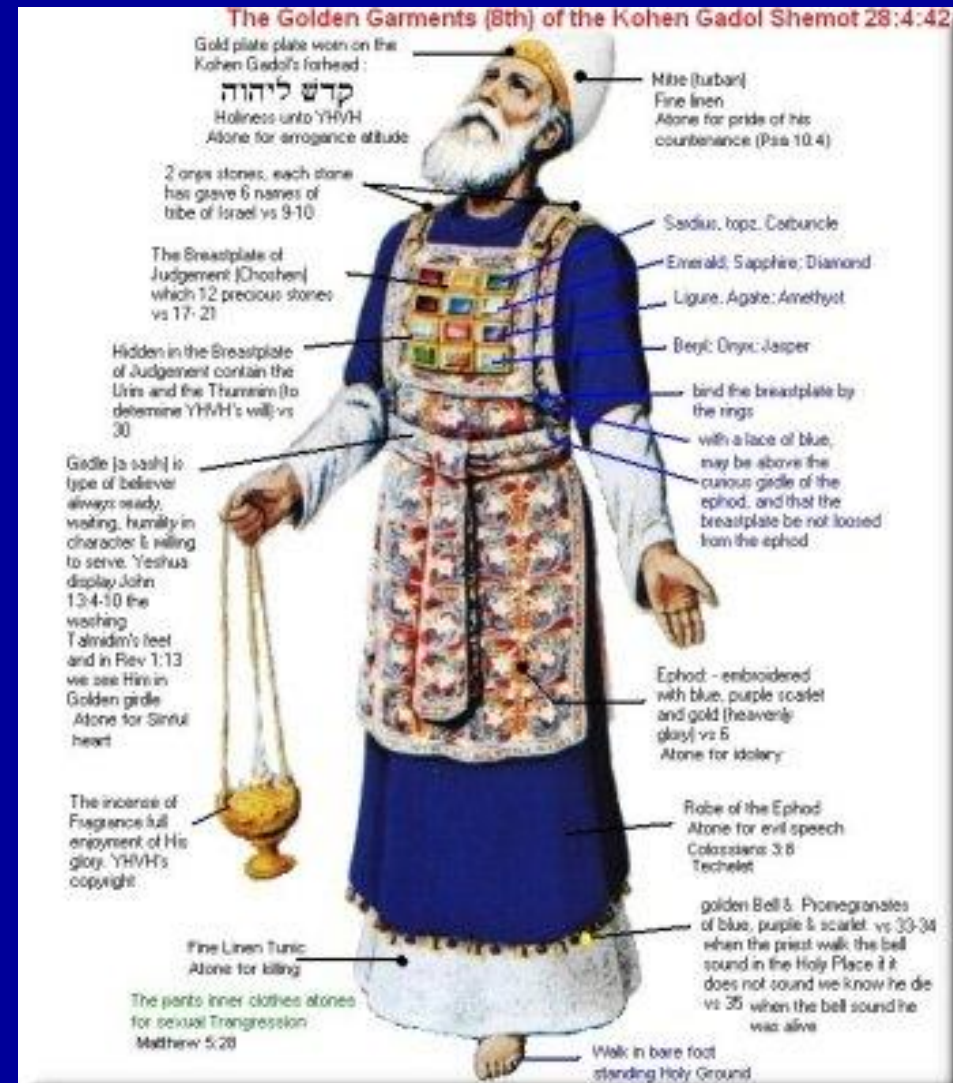
Court of The Tabernacle
 $50 \times 100 \times 5$



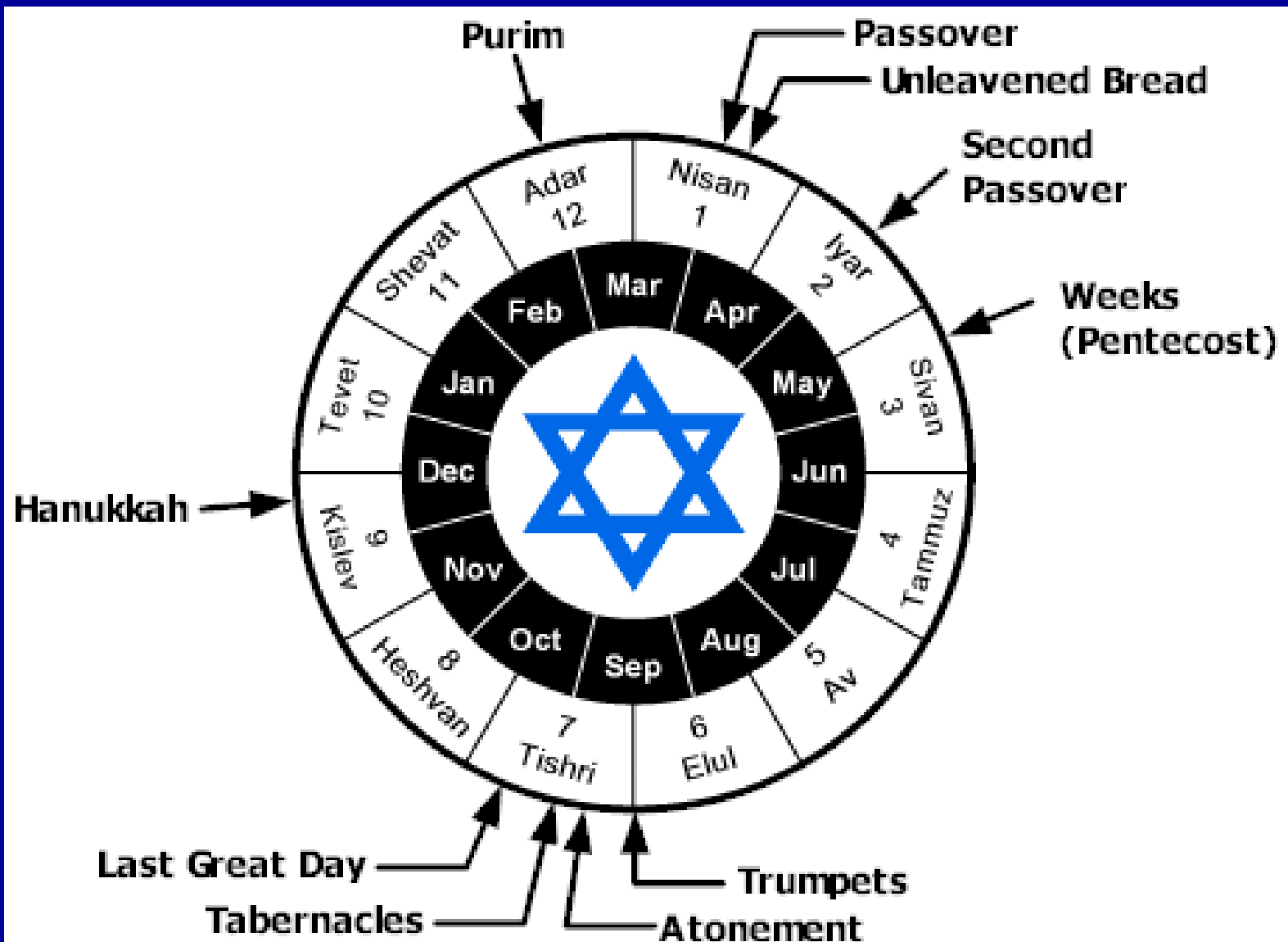
Old Testament Sacraments



Office of Priest, Anointing & Vestments



The Old Testament Church Year



False Worship & True Worship



“You must not worship the LORD your God in their way. But you are to seek the place the LORD your God will choose from among all your tribes to put his Name there for his dwelling. To that place you must go . . . There, in the presence of the LORD your God, you and your families shall eat and shall rejoice.” *Deut. 12:4-5, 7*

Office of Prophet

The LORD your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among your own brothers. You must listen to him. For this is what you asked of the LORD your God at Horeb on the day of the assembly when you said, "Let us not hear the voice of the LORD our God nor see this great fire anymore, or we will die."

The LORD said to me: "What they say is good. I will raise up for them a prophet like you from among their brothers; I will put my words in his mouth, and he will tell them everything I command him. If anyone does not listen to my words that the prophet speaks in my name, I myself will call him to account."

Deuteronomy 18:15-19

Psalms

The Old Testament Hymn Book

“Surely you desire truth in the inner parts; you teach me wisdom in the inmost place. Cleanse me with hyssop, and I will be clean; wash me, and I will be whiter than snow. Let me hear joy and gladness; let the bones you have crushed rejoice. Hide your face from my sins and blot out all my iniquity.

Create in me a pure heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me. Do not cast me from your presence or take your Holy Spirit from me.

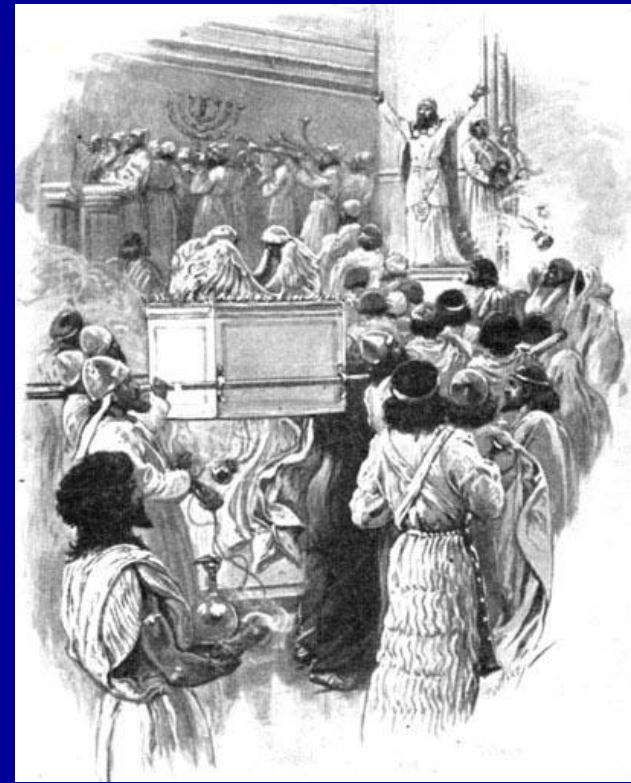
Restore to me the joy of your salvation and grant me a willing spirit, to sustain me.

Then I will teach transgressors your ways, and sinners will turn back to you. *Psalms 51*

God Dwells in the Temple

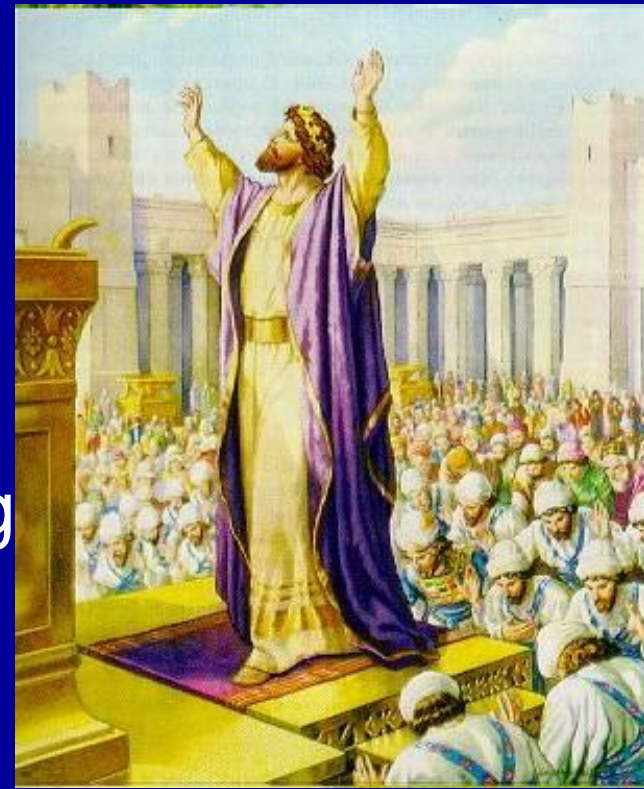
The priests then brought the ark of the LORD's covenant to its place in the inner sanctuary of the temple, the Most Holy Place, and put it beneath the wings of the cherubim. . .

When the priests withdrew from the Holy Place, the cloud filled the temple of the LORD. And the priests could not perform their service because of the cloud, for the glory of the LORD filled his temple. *1 Kings 8:6,10*



Solomon's Prayer for Forgiveness

“Hear the supplication of your servant and of your people Israel when they pray toward this place. Hear from heaven, your dwelling place, and when you hear, forgive. . . When your people Israel have been defeated by an enemy because they have sinned against you, and when they turn back to you and confess your name, praying and making supplication to you in this temple, then hear from heaven and forgive the sin of your people Israel and bring them back to the land you gave to their fathers.” 1 Kings 8:30, 33-34



Syncretism

Then the king of Assyria gave this order: "Have one of the priests you took captive from Samaria go back to live there and teach the people what the god of the land requires." So one of the priests who had been exiled from Samaria came to live in Bethel and taught them how to worship the LORD.

Nevertheless, each national group made its own gods in the several towns where they settled, and set them up in the shrines the people of Samaria had made at the high places. . . They worshiped the LORD, but they also served their own gods in accordance with the customs of the nations from which they had been brought.

2 Kings 17:27-29, 33

Ezra Reads the Book of the Law

So on the first day of the seventh month Ezra the priest brought the Law before the assembly, which was made up of men and women and all who were able to understand. He read it aloud from daybreak till noon . . . And all the people listened attentively to the Book of the Law. . . The Levites . . . read from the Book of the Law of God, making it clear and giving the meaning so that the people could understand what was being read.

Nehemiah 8:2, 8



Jewish Worship in the Synagogue

Reading of the Word

Pentateuch

Psalm

Prophets

Psalm

Historical Writings

Psalm

Interpretation of the
Readings

Preaching

Teaching

The Shema, Deut 6:4 (Creed)

Hear, O Israel: The
LORD our God, the
LORD is one.

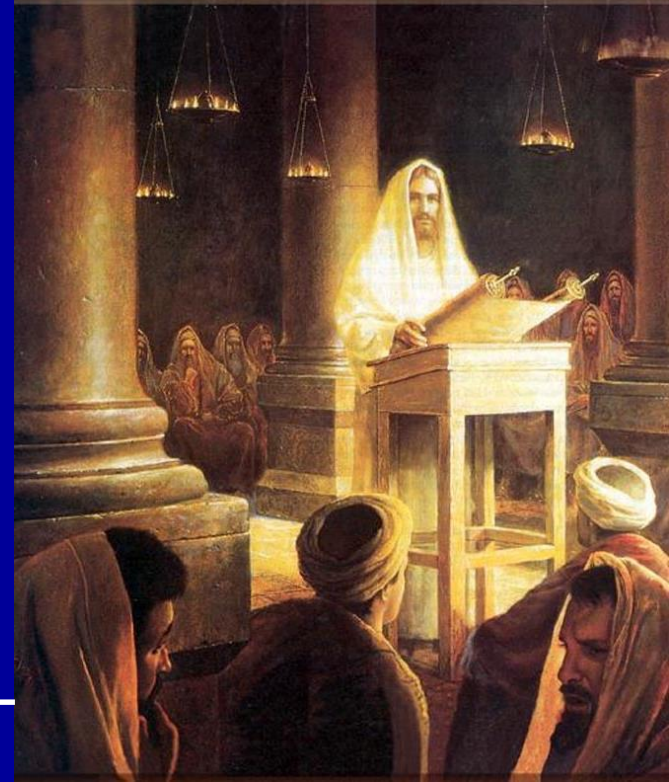
The Sanctus, Isaiah 6, Ps 118

"Holy, holy, holy is the
LORD Almighty; the
whole earth is full of his
glory. Blessed is he who
comes in the name of
the LORD.

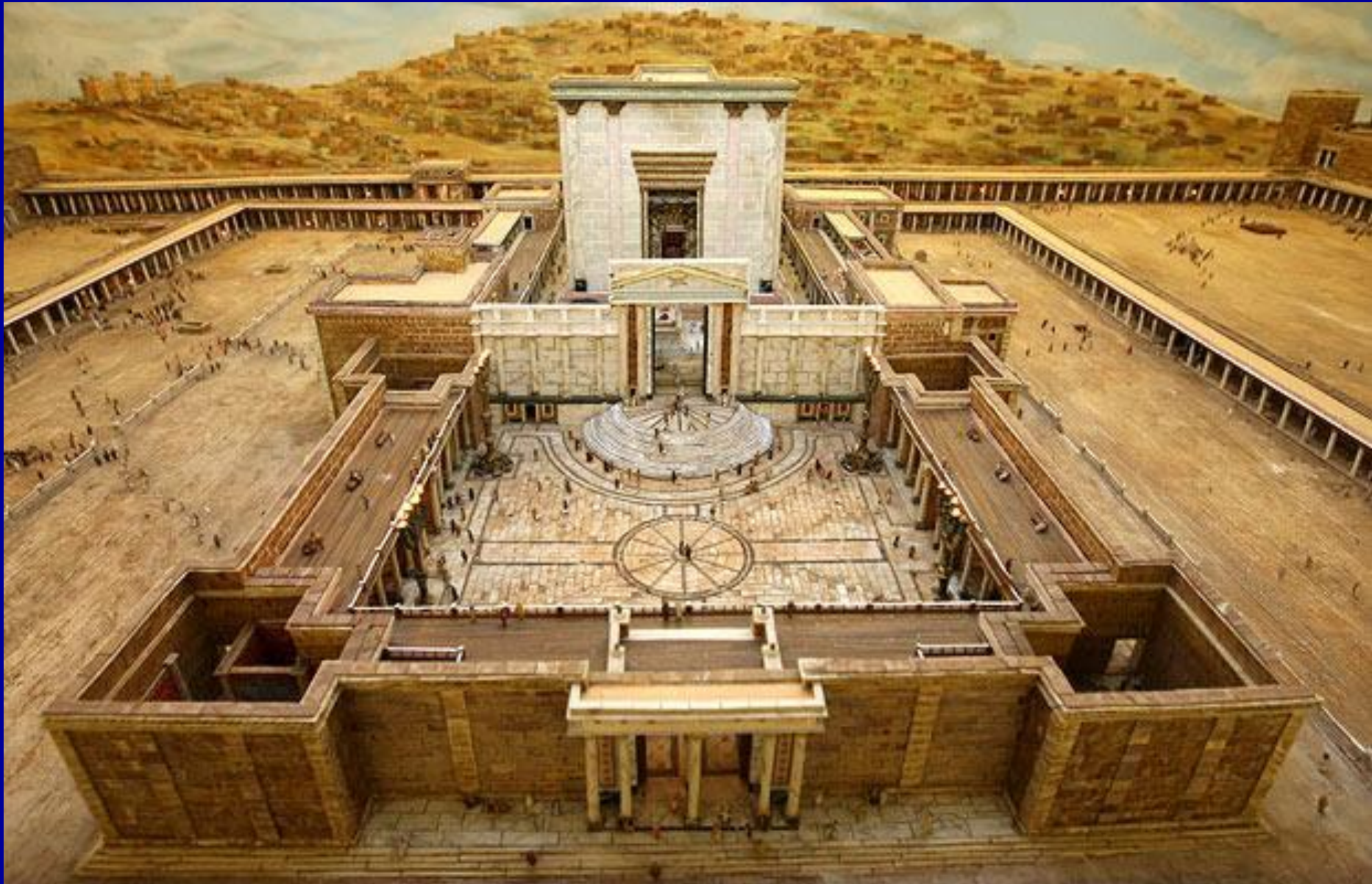
Prayer based upon the Word

Jesus Preaches in the Synagogue

On the Sabbath day he went into the synagogue, as was his custom. And he stood up to read. The scroll of the prophet Isaiah was handed to him. Unrolling it, he found the place where it is written: "The Spirit of the Lord is on me, because he has anointed me to preach good news to the poor. . ." Then he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant and sat down. The eyes of everyone in the synagogue were fastened on him, and he began by saying to them, "Today this scripture is fulfilled in your hearing." *Luke 4:18, 21*



Jewish Worship at the Temple



Jesus Purifies the Temple

Jesus entered the temple area and began driving out those who were buying and selling there. He overturned the tables of the money changers and the benches of those selling doves, and would not allow anyone to carry merchandise through the temple courts. And as he taught them, he said, "Is it not written: 'My house will be called a house of prayer for all nations'? But you have made it 'a den of robbers.'" *Mark 11:15-17*



Jesus Preaches at the Temple

Every day he was teaching at the temple.

He was teaching the people in the temple courts and preaching the gospel.

Each day Jesus was teaching at the temple, . . . and all the people came early in the morning to hear him at the temple.

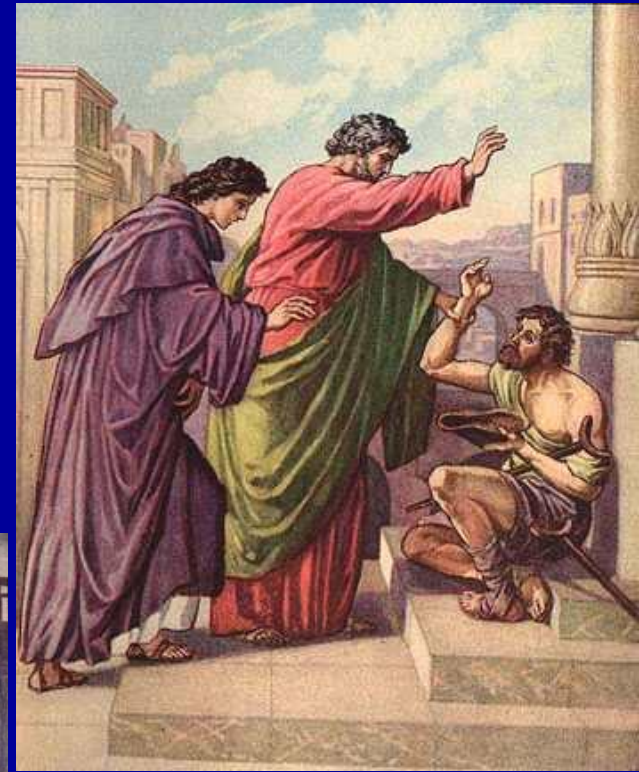
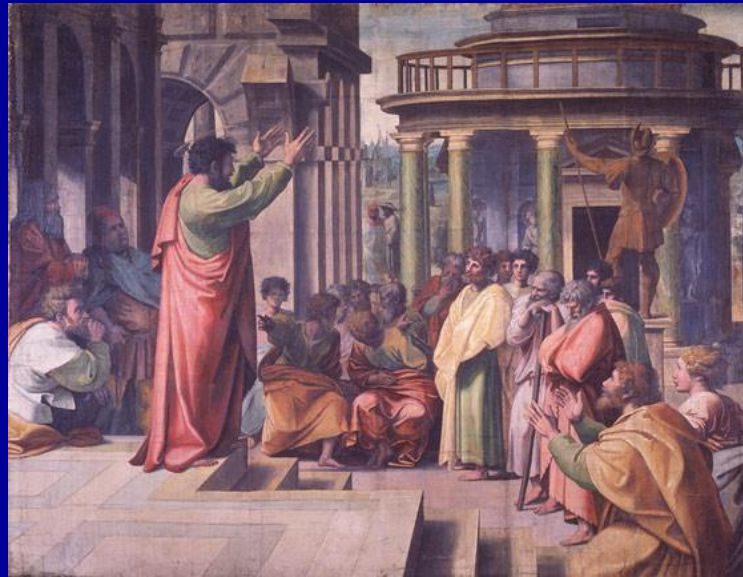
At dawn he appeared again in the temple courts, where all the people gathered around him, and he sat down to teach them.



Apostles Worship at the Temple and Preach at the Synagogue

“One day Peter and John were going up to the temple at the time of prayer --at three in the afternoon.” *Acts 3:1*

“When they arrived at Salamis, they proclaimed the word of God in the Jewish synagogues.”
Acts 13:5



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Word



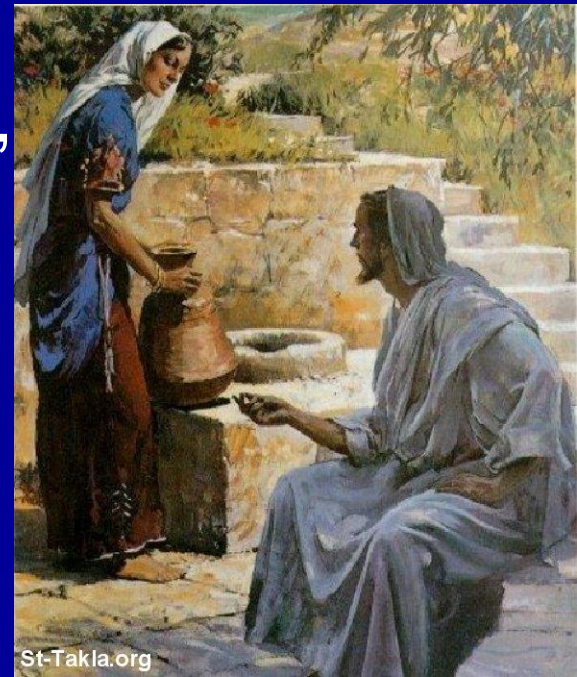
Sacrament

Worship not limited to one place

"Sir," the woman said, "I can see that you are a prophet. Our fathers worshiped on this mountain, but you Jews claim that the place where we must worship is in Jerusalem."

Jesus declared, "Believe me, woman, a time is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. . . Yet a time is coming and has now come when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for they are the kind of worshipers the Father seeks. God is spirit, and his worshipers must worship in spirit and in truth."

John 4:19-21, 23-24



Worship in the Presence of Christ

"Again, I tell you that if two of you on earth agree about anything you ask for, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. For where two or three come together in my name, there am I with them."

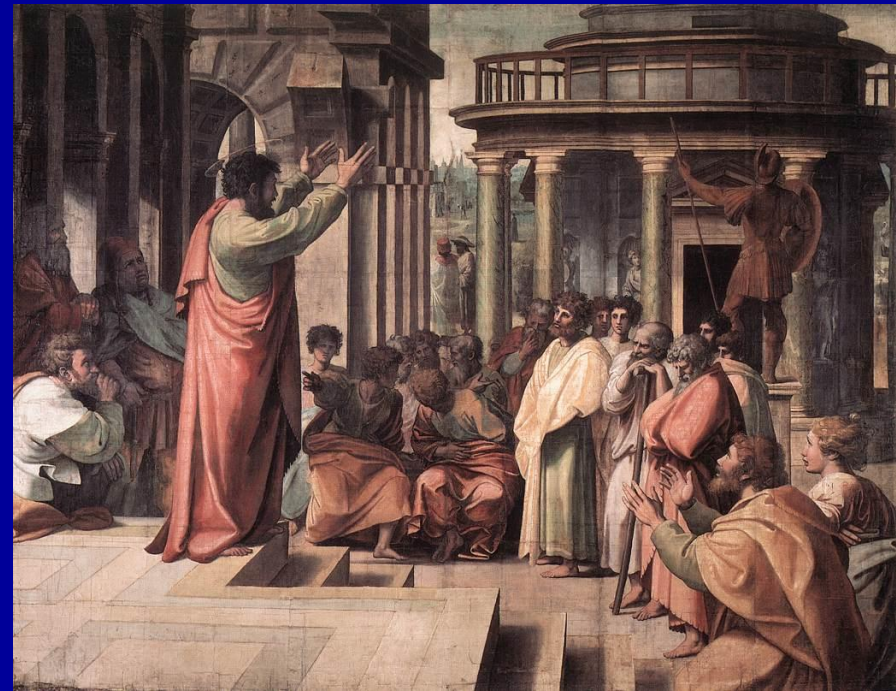
Matthew 18:19-20



Word and Sacrament

Those who accepted his message were baptized, and about three thousand were added to their number that day. They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer. Acts 2:41-42

On the first day of the week we came together to break bread. Paul spoke to the people and, because he intended to leave the next day, kept on talking until midnight. Acts 20:7



Instructions on Worship

In the following directives I have no praise for you, for your meetings do more harm than good. In the first place, I hear that when you come together as a church, there are divisions among you . . . When you come together, it is not the Lord's Supper you eat, for as you eat, each of you goes ahead without waiting for anybody else. One remains hungry, another gets drunk. Don't you have homes to eat and drink in? Or do you despise the church of God and humiliate those who have nothing? . . . So then, my brothers, when you come together to eat, wait for each other. If anyone is hungry, he should eat at home, so that when you meet together it may not result in judgment. And when I come I will give further directions. 1 Corinthians 11:17f

Edification and Order are Necessary

But in the church I would rather speak five intelligible words to instruct others than ten thousand words in a tongue. . . What then shall we say, brothers? When you come together, everyone has a hymn, or a word of instruction, a revelation, a tongue or an interpretation. All of these must be done for the strengthening of the church. If anyone speaks in a tongue, two--or at the most three--should speak, one at a time, and someone must interpret. . . For God is not a God of disorder but of peace. . . But everything should be done in a fitting and orderly way.

1 Corinthians 14:19f

Avoid False Teaching/Teachers

Dear friends, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits to see whether they are from God, because many false prophets have gone out into the world. *1 John 4:1*

Anyone who runs ahead and does not continue in the teaching of Christ does not have God; . . . If anyone comes to you and does not bring this teaching, do not take him into your house or welcome him. *2 John 1:9-10*

I urge you, brothers, to watch out for those who cause divisions and put obstacles in your way that are contrary to the teaching you have learned. Keep away from them. *Romans 16:17*

Weekly Worship of the Christians

(Justin Martyr, died 167 A.D.)

“And on the day called Sunday, all who live in cities or in the country gather together to one place, and the memoirs of the apostles or the writings of the prophets are read, as long as time permits; then, when the reader has ceased, the president verbally instructs, and exhorts to the imitation of these good things. Then we all rise together and pray, and, as we before said, when our prayer is ended, bread and wine and water are brought, and the president in like manner offers prayers and thanksgivings, according to his ability, and the people assent, saying Amen; and there is a distribution to each, and a participation of that over which thanks have been given.”

Of the Eucharist (Justin Martyr)

“And this food is called among us the Eucharist, of which no one is allowed to partake but the man who believes that the things which we teach are true, and who has been washed with the washing that is for the remission of sins, and unto regeneration, and who is so living as Christ has enjoined. For not as common bread and common drink do we receive these; but in like manner as Jesus Christ our Savior, having been made flesh by the Word of God, had both flesh and blood for our salvation, so likewise have we been taught that the food which is blessed by the prayer of His word, . . . is the flesh and blood of that Jesus who was made flesh.

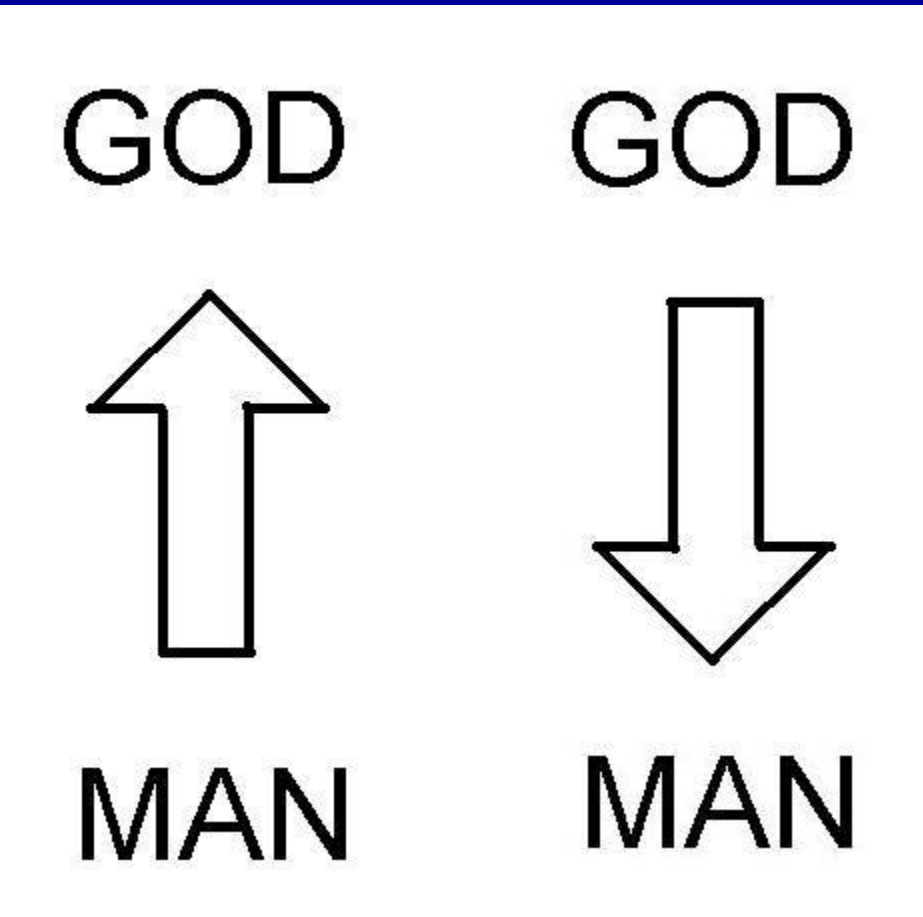
False Religions

Christianity

Man
appeases
God by
working to
merit
salvation.

Man serves
God.

Religion of
works (Law)



Salvation
by man

Salvation
by God

God is the
giver and
we are the
receiver of
His gifts.

God serves
us.

Religion of
Grace
(Gospel)

Divine Liturgy / Divine Service

Leitourgia (Liturgy) – a secular word - a tax, obligation, or responsibility for the sake of the nation. A service done for the larger good.

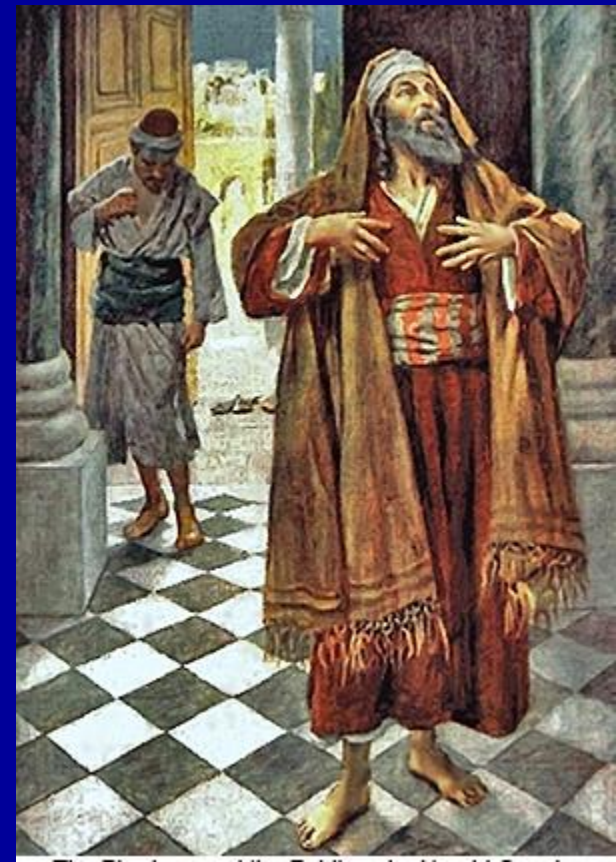
Who is doing the serving for the sake of the larger good?

Divine Service

God serves us with his gifts

Praise Service

We serve God with our praise



God Centered vs.

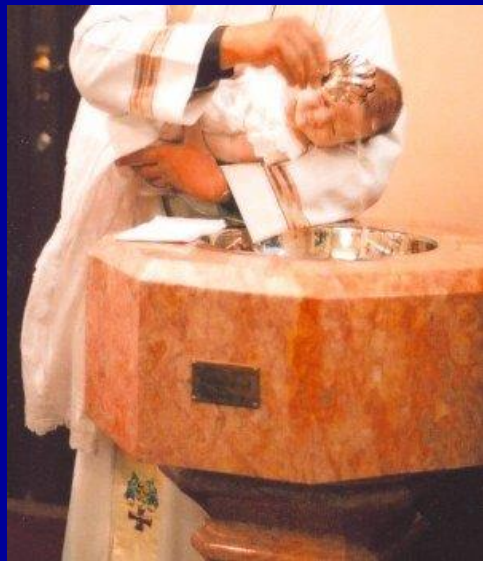
Man Centered Worship

"Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. The Pharisee stood up and prayed about himself: 'God, I thank you that I am not like other men--robbers, evildoers, adulterers--or even like this tax collector. I fast twice a week and give a tenth of all I get.'

"But the tax collector stood at a distance. He would not even look up to heaven, but beat his breast and said, 'God, have mercy on me, a sinner.'

"I tell you that this man, rather than the other, went home justified before God. For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted." *Luke 18:10-14*

Divine Service



Praise Service



Roots of the Historic Liturgy or Common Service

30-312 A.D. – Domestic period , house churches,
contained space, simple

312-600 A.D. – Imperial period, increased space of
cathedrals allows movement

600-1500 A.D. – Medieval period, clergy & monks do
the liturgy, laity observes

1517 and following – Luther's reforms, returns to
liturgy of Imperial period

Structure of the Common Service

Service of The Word



Service of the Sacrament



Invocation
Confession
Absolution

Entrance

Introit

Kyrie
Gloria

Preparation

Word

Salutation

Collect

Old Testament

Gradual

Epistle

Alleluia Verse

Gospel

Creed

Hymn of the Day

Sermon

Response

Prayers

Offering

Offertory

Prayers

Preparation

Sacrament

Salutation

Preface

Proper Preface

Sanctus

Eucharistic Prayer

Lord's Prayer

Words of Institution

Peace

Agnus Dei

Distribution

Response

Post Communion

Canticle

Collect

Benedicamus

Benediction

Invocation (16th Century)

In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

“In every place where I cause my name to be remembered I will come to you and bless you.”

Exodus 20:24

“For where two or three come together in my name, there am I with them.” *Matthew 18:20*



Confession (16th Century)

P: Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

“Therefore, brothers, since we have confidence to enter the Most Holy Place by the blood of Jesus, by a new and living way opened for us through the curtain, that is, his body, and since we have a great priest over the house of God, let us draw near to God with a sincere heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled to cleanse us from a guilty conscience and having our bodies washed with pure water.”

Hebrews 10:19-22

Confession (Part 1)

P: Our help is in the name of the Lord,

Psalm 124:8

C: Who made heaven and earth.

P: I said, I will confess my

transgressions unto the Lord,

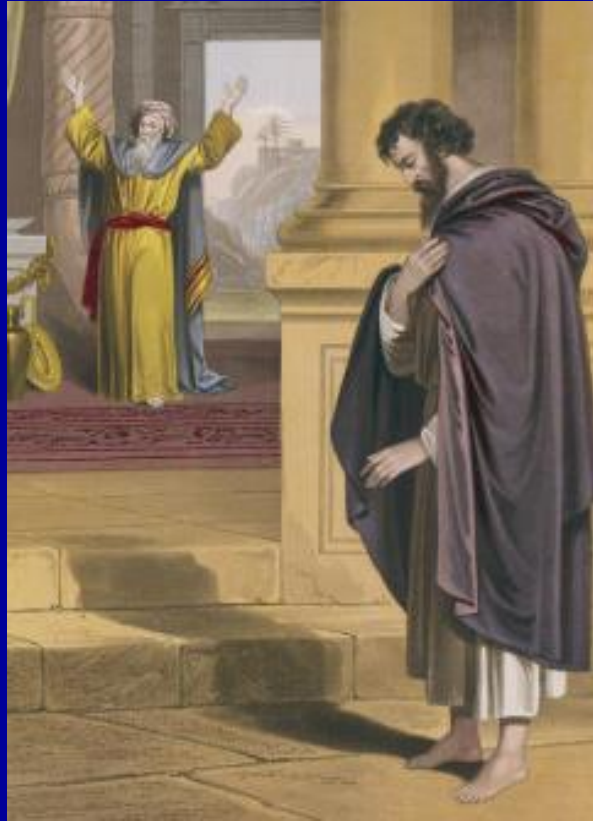
C: and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

Psalm 32:5

O almighty God, merciful Father, I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor sinful being.

Confession

“But the tax collector stood at a distance. He would not even look up to heaven, but beat his breast and said, ‘God, have mercy on me, a sinner.’”
Luke 18:13



Absolution (Part 2)

P: Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.



Absolution

Again Jesus said, "Peace be with you! As the Father has sent me, I am sending you." And with that he breathed on them and said, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive anyone his sins, they are forgiven; if you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven."
John 20:21-23



Introit

(“Entrance” Psalm or Hymn, 4th Century)



Introit

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the LORD!

We bless you from the house of the LORD. (Psalm 118:26)

Lift up your heads, O gates! And be lifted up, O ancient doors,
that the King of glory may come in.

Who is this King of glory?

The LORD, strong and mighty, the LORD, mighty in battle!

Lift up your heads, O gates! And lift them up, O ancient doors,
that the King of glory may come in.

Who is this King of glory?

The LORD of hosts, he is the King of glory! (Psalm 24:7-10)

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the LORD! (Antiphon,

We bless you from the house of the LORD. voice

answering voice)

Gloria Patri

Doxology (Words of Glory)

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

“ . . . to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen. *Ephesians 3:21*



Kyrie

Kyrie Eleison (Lord have mercy, 7th Century)

Lord have mercy upon us. Christ have mercy upon us.
Lord have mercy upon us.

Then they came to Jericho. As Jesus and his disciples, together with a large crowd, were leaving the city, a blind man, Bartimaeus (that is, the Son of Timaeus), was sitting by the roadside begging. When he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to shout, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!"

Many rebuked him and told him to be quiet, but he shouted all the more, "Son of David, have mercy on me!"

Kyrie

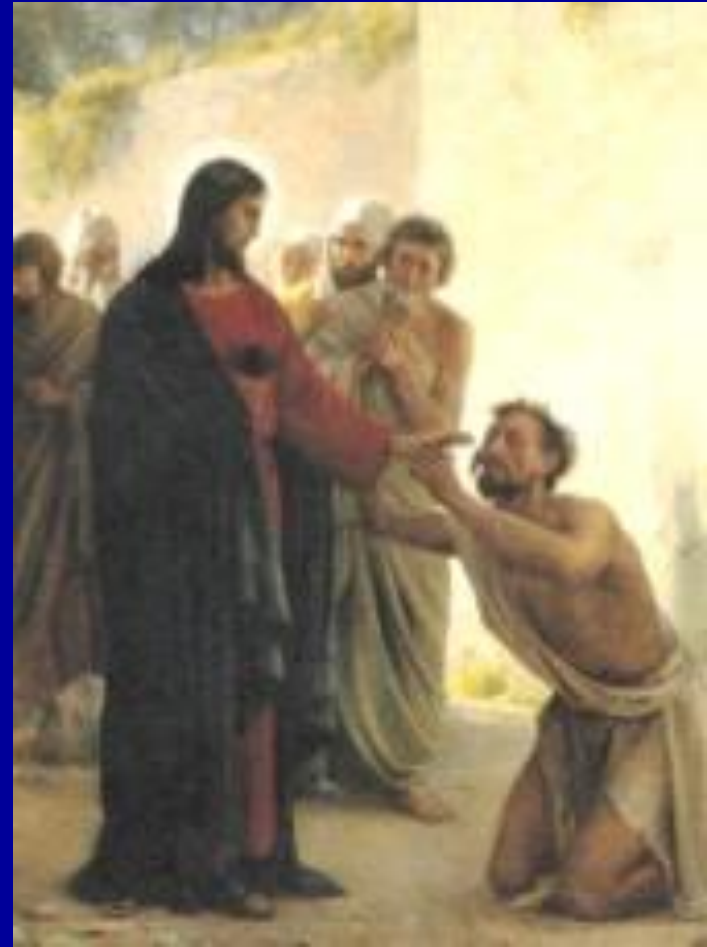
Jesus stopped and said, "Call him."

So they called to the blind man, "Cheer up! On your feet! He's calling you." Throwing his cloak aside, he jumped to his feet and came to Jesus.

"What do you want me to do for you?" Jesus asked him.

The blind man said, "Rabbi, I want to see."

"Go," said Jesus, "your faith has healed you." Immediately he received his sight and followed Jesus along the road. *Mark 10:46f*



Gloria in Excelsis

Glory in the Highest (4-5th Century)

Glory be to God on high: and on earth peace, good will toward men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we worship Thee, we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory. O Lord God, heav'nly King, God the Father Almighty.

Suddenly a great company of the heavenly host appeared with the angel, praising God and saying, "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to men on whom his favor rests." Luke 2:13-14



Gloria in Excelsis

O Lord, the only begotten Son, Jesus Christ; O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us. Thou that takest away the sin of the world, receive our prayer.

The next day John saw Jesus coming toward him and said, "Look, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!"
John 1:29



Gloria in Excelsis

Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us. For Thou only art holy; Thou only art the Lord. Thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost, art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

“Christ Jesus, who died--more than that, who was raised to life--is at the right hand of God and is also interceding for us.”

Romans 8:34



Service of the Word

Salutation

P: The Lord be with you.

C: and with thy spirit.



“The Lord be with your spirit.” *2 Timothy 4:22*



“The Lord (is/be) with you.” *Luke 1:28*

P: Let us pray.

Almighty God,

through the resurrection of

Your Son You have secured
peace for our troubled consciences.

Grant us this peace evermore

that trusting in the merit of Your Son
we may come at last to the perfect
peace of heaven;

through the same Jesus Christ, Your
Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns
With You and the Holy Spirit, one
God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

Collect

(5th Century)

Invocation to God

Basis for the
petition based on
God's will

Petition

Desired outcome
or blessing

Doxological
ending

The Readings

(Historic Lectionary 9th Century,
Three Year Lectionary 20th Century)



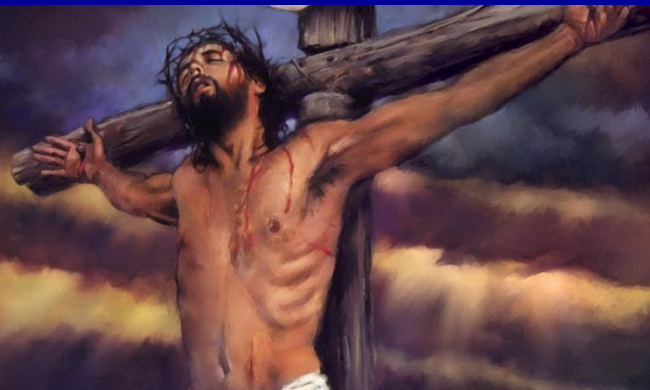
Old Testament (Prophets)

Gradual (step)

Epistle (Apostles)



Alleluia Verse
(Praise ye the Lord)



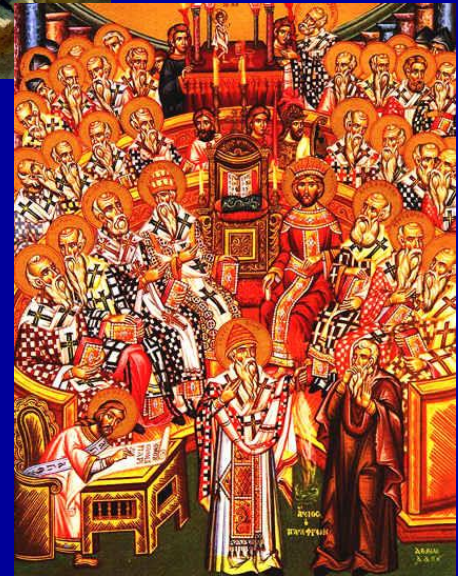
Gospel (Evangelists)

Creed (I Believe)

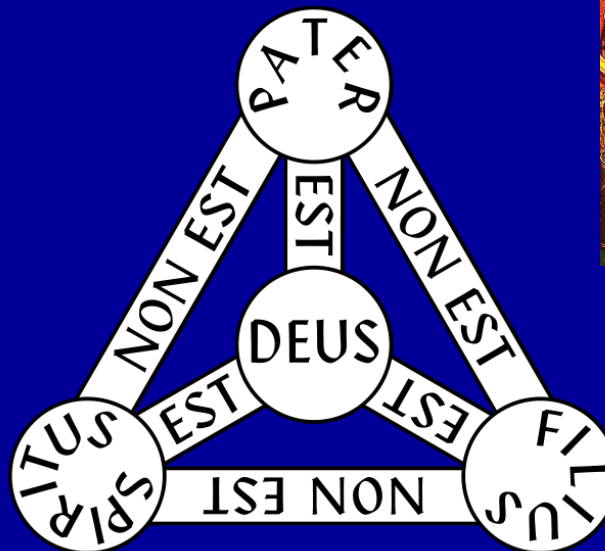
1. The Apostles' Creed
(6-7th Century)



2. The Nicene Creed
(4th Century)



3. The Athanasian
Creed
(5th Century)



Creed

“Whoever acknowledges me before men, I will also acknowledge him before my Father in heaven.”

Matthew 10:32

“But what about you?” he asked. “Who do you say I am?”

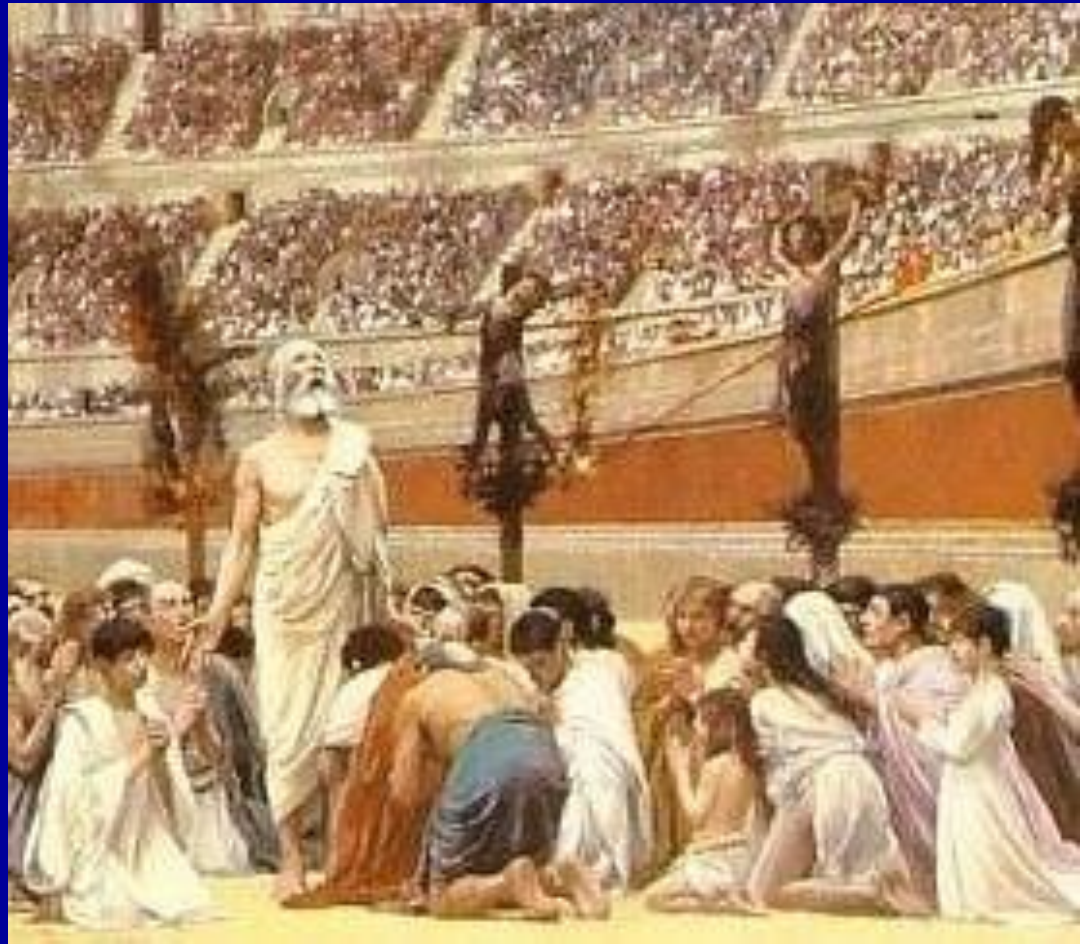
Simon Peter answered, “You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.”

Jesus replied, “Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah, for this was not revealed to you by man, but by my Father in heaven. And I tell you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not overcome it.” *Matthew 16:15-18*

Creed

That if you confess with your mouth, "Jesus is Lord," and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you confess and are saved.

Romans 10:9-10



Hymn of the Day

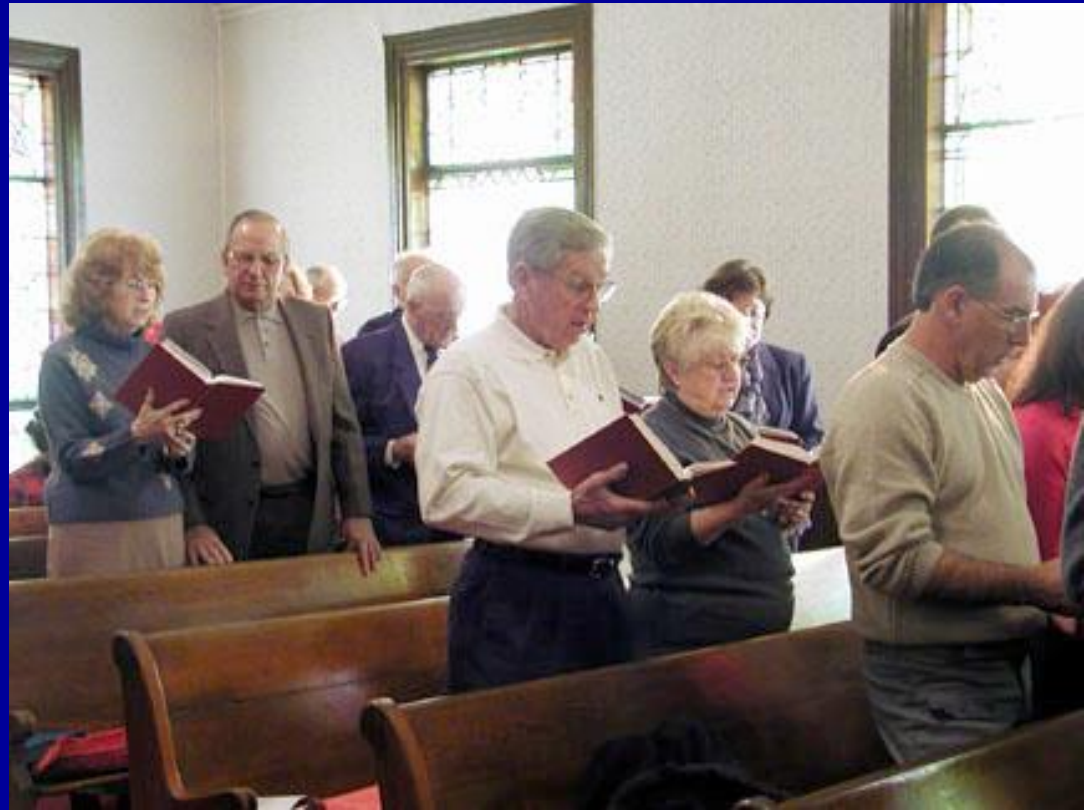
(16th Century)

Hymn – A song of praise to God (Augustine)
A sung confession of faith (Lutherans)

Lex Orandi,
Lex Credendi

The law of praying
(is) the law of believing

As we worship,
we believe



Hymn Singing in the New Testament

“Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom, and as you sing psalms, hymns and spiritual songs with gratitude in your hearts to God.” *Colossians 3:16*

“Speak to one another with psalms, hymns and spiritual songs. Sing and make music in your heart to the Lord.” *Ephesians 5:19*

Psalms – Old Testament Psalms

Hymns – New Testament Canticles

Spiritual Songs – Written Hymns Outside of Scripture

Hymn Fragments in Scripture

“Beyond all question, the mystery of godliness is great:
He appeared in a body,
was vindicated by the Spirit,
was seen by angels,
was preached among the nations,
was believed on in the world,
was taken up in glory.” *1 Timothy 3:16*

“God, the blessed and only Ruler, the King of kings
and Lord of lords, who alone is immortal and who lives
in unapproachable light, whom no one has seen or
can see. To him be honor and might forever. Amen.”
1 Timothy 6:15-16

Hymn Fragments in Scripture

“Here is a trustworthy saying:

If we died with him,
 we will also live with him;
if we endure,
 we will also reign with him.
If we disown him,
 he will also disown us;
if we are faithless,
 he will remain faithful,
 for he cannot disown
 himself.”

2 Timothy 2:11-13

For it is light that
makes everything
visible. This is why
it is said:

“Wake up, O sleeper,
 rise from the dead,
 and Christ will shine
 on you.”

Ephesians 5:14

Hymn Fragments in Scripture

In a loud voice they sang:

"Worthy is the Lamb, who was slain,
to receive power and wealth and wisdom and strength
and honor and glory and praise!"

Then I heard every creature in heaven and on earth
and under the earth and on the sea, and all that is in
them, singing:

"To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb
be praise and honor and glory and power,
for ever and ever!"

The four living creatures said, "Amen," and the elders
fell down and worshiped. *Revelation 5:12-14*

New Testament Canticles

Magnificat – Song of Mary – Vespers p. 231

"My soul glorifies the Lord
and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior,
for he has been mindful
of the humble state of his servant.
From now on all generations will call me blessed,
for the Mighty One has done great things for me--
holy is his name.
His mercy extends to those who fear him,
from generation to generation.
He has performed mighty deeds with his arm;
he has scattered those who are proud in their
inmost thoughts. . . . *Luke 1:46-55*

New Testament Canticles

Benedictus – Song of Zechariah – Matins p. 226

"Praise be to the Lord, the God of Israel,
because he has come and has redeemed his people.
He has raised up a horn of salvation for us
in the house of his servant David
(as he said through his holy prophets of long ago),
salvation from our enemies
and from the hand of all who hate us--
to show mercy to our fathers
and to remember his holy covenant,
the oath he swore to our father Abraham . . .

Luke 1:68-79

Old Hymns

Shepherd of Tender Youth

Clement of Alexandria, c. 170-220, LSB 864

Te Deum Laudamus

Ambrose/Augustine, 4th century, Matins

Savior of the Nations Come

Ambrose of Milan, c. 340-397, LSB 332

O Blessed Light, O Trinity

Ambrose of Milan, C. 340-397, LSB 890

Of the Father's Love Begotten

Aurelius Clemens, c. 348-413, LSB 384

Lord Jesus, Think on Me

Synesius of Cyrene, c. 365-414, LSB 610

Old Hymns

I Bind unto Myself Today

Patrick, c. 372-466, LSB 604

The Star Proclaims the King Is Here

Coelius Sedulius, 5th century, LSB 399

Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence

Liturgy of St. James, 5th century, LSB 621

Christ Is the World's Redeemer

Columba, c. 521-597, LSB 539

Father, We Praise Thee

Gregory I, c. 540-604, LSB 875

Sing, My Tongue, the Glorious Battle

Venantius Fortunatus, c. 530-609, LSB 454

Old Hymns

Hail Thee, Festival Day

Venantius Fortunatus, c. 530-609, LSB 489

A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing

Bede, c. 673-735, LSB 493

Come, You Faithful, Raise the Strain

John of Damascus, c. 696-754, LSB 487

The Day of Resurrection

John of Damascus, c. 696-754, LSB 478

Come, Holy Ghost, Creator Blest

Rabanus Maurus, c. 776-856, LSB 498

Creator Spirit, by Whose Aid

Rabanus Maurus, c. 776-856, LSB 500

Old Hymns

Christ the Lord Is Risen Today; Alleluia

Wipo of Burgundy, c. 1050, LSB 463

O Sacred Head, Now Wounded

Bernard of Clairvaux, c. 1091-1153, LSB 449/450

O Jesus, King Most Wonderful

Bernard of Clairvaux, c. 1091-1153, LSB 554

Latin Hymns

Holy God, We Praise Thy Name – 4th century, LSB 940

Draw Near and Take the Body of the Lord – 7th century,
LSB 637

Christ Is Our Cornerstone – 8th century, LSB 912

Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation – 8th century, LSB 909

Only-Begotten, Word of God Eternal – 9th century, LSB 916

From God the Father, Virgin-Born – 5th-10th century,
LSB 401

O Christ, Our Hope, Our Hearts' Desire – 5th-10th century,
LSB 553

At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing – 5th-10th century, LSB 633

Father Most Holy – 10th century, LSB 504

Alleluia, Song of Gladness – 11th century, LSB 417

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel – 12th century, LSB 357

Martin Luther

The Father of Modern Hymnody, credited with 37 hymns

Luther's First Hymn – *A New Song Here Shall Be Begun*

July 21, 1523 in Brussels, two teenage boys in a cloister (Voes and Esch) were given a choice – “deny your new Lutheran faith or die.” They refused to deny the truth of the Gospel and were burned at the stake while they sang the Te Deum.



A New Song Here Shall Be Begun

Verse 1

*A new song here shall be begun
The Lord God help our singing!
Of what our God himself hath done,
Praise, honor to him bringing.
At Brussels in the Netherlands
By two boys, martyrs youthful
He showed the wonders of his hands,
Whom he with favor truthful
So richly hath adorned.*



A New Song Here Shall Be Begun

Verse 2

*The first right fitly John was named,
So rich he in God's favor;
His brother, Henry – one unblamed,
Whose salt lost not its savor.
From this world they are gone away,
The diadem they've gained;
Honest, like God's good children, they
For his word life disdained,
And have become his martyrs.*



Lord Keep Us Steadfast in Thy Word - 1541

Written by Luther for children during a particularly dark time in the church and society. The Turks were all over Hungary and Vienna was under siege. Germany was living in fear. Luther wrote this hymn for the children to sing during a special day of prayer.

The original first stanza included polemic language against the pope the Turks.

*Lord, keep us in Thy word and work.
Restrain the murderous Pope and Turk.
Who'st they would tear from off Thy throne.
Christ Jesus Thou Thy beloved Son.*

Luther Hymns in LSB

- 358 From Heaven Above to Earth I Come
- 382 We Praise You, Jesus, at Your Birth
- 406 To Jordan Came the Christ, Our Lord
- 458 Christ Jesus Lay in Death's Strong Bands
- 497 Come, Holy Ghost, God and Lord
- 505 Triune God, Be Thou Our Stay
- 556 Dear Christians, One and All, Rejoice
- 581 These Are the Holy Ten Commands
- 607 From Depths of Woe I Cry to Thee
- 617 O Lord, We Praise Thee
- 627 Jesus Christ, Our Blessed Savior
- 655 Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word

Luther Hymns in LSB

656 A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

755 In the very Midst of Life

766 Our Father, Who from Heaven Above

768 To God the Holy Spirit Let Us Pray

823 May God Bestow on Us His Grace

938 In Peace and Joy I Now Depart

948 All Glory Be to God Alone

954 We All Believe in One True God

960 Isaiah, Mighty Seer in Days of Old

Trademarks of Luther's Hymnody

Textual – drawn from the Scriptures

Doctrinal - his hymns are called a theological handbook

Ballad like – hymns tell a story (incarnation, atonement, our state and what God has done for us)

Law/Gospel – distinction is very clear

Objective – not about the individual but what God has done

Sensitive – Father/child relationship and gentleness

Deals with sin and Satan – hymns tell the reality of our sin and Satan in our lives

Use of Music in Worship by Reformation Leaders

Luther – full use of music in worship, good for teaching, music is the highest art form in the church second only to preaching (theology).

Calvin – guarded use of music in worship, encouraged psalm singing, all lyrics must come directly from Scripture.

Zwingli – banished all singing from church, fearing secular connections

Other Early Lutheran Hymn Writers (1523-1670)

Paul Speratus – Salvation unto Us Has Come
(Luther's Favorite), LSB 555

Paul Eber – When in the Hour of Deepest Need,
LSB 615

Johan Walter – The Bridegroom Soon Will Call Us,
LSB 514

Nicolas Decius – All Glory Be to God on High, LSB 947
Lamb of God, Pure and Holy, LSB 434

Nicolas Selnecker (150 hymns)

Lord Jesus Christ, with Us Abide, LSB 585

Let Me Be Thine Forever, LSB 689

Other Early Lutheran Hymn Writers (1523-1670)

Philip Nicolai – Wake, Awake, for Night Is Flying,
LSB 516

Johann Hermann (400 hymns) - O Dearest Jesus,
What Law Hast Thou Broken, LSB 439

Johann Rist (680 hymns)
Lord Jesus Christ, Life-Giving Bread, LSB 625

Simon Dach (150 hymns)
Through Jesus' Blood and Merit, LSB 746

Matthaus Apelles von Lownstern - Lord of Our Life
and God of Our Salvation, LSB 659

Martin Rinckart – Now Thank We All Our God, LSB 895

Johann Cruger (tune writer)

O Lord, How Shall I Meet You, LSB 334

O Dearest Jesus, What Law Hast Thou Broken,
LSB 439

Awake My Heart with Gladness, LSB 467

Jesus Lives, the Victory Won, LSB 490

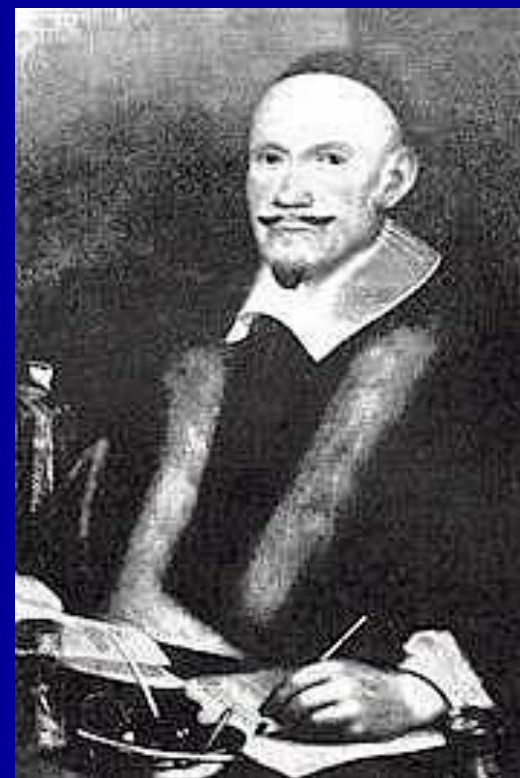
Soul Adorn Thyself with Gladness,
LSB 636

Jesus Christ, My Sure Defense,
LSB 741

Jesus Priceless Treasure, LSB 743

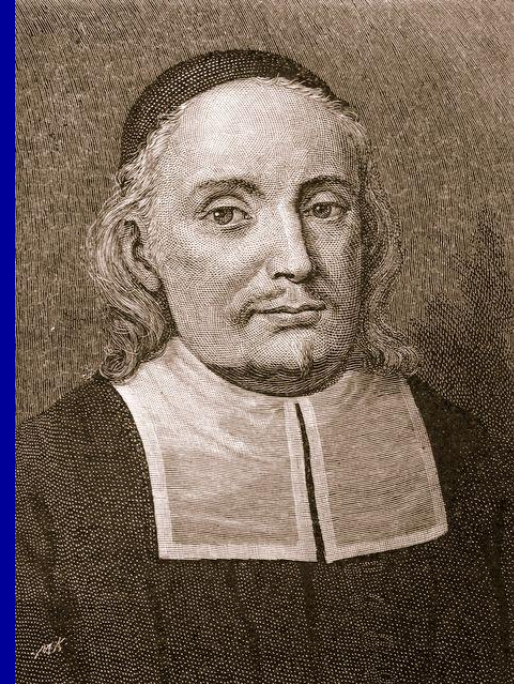
Feed Thy Children, God Most Holy,
LSB 774

Now Thank We All Our God, LSB 895



Paul Gerhardt (132 hymns) Considered the number one hymn writer of Germany.

334 O Lord, How Shall I Meet You
438 A Lamb Goes Uncomplaining Forth
453 Upon the Cross Extended
467 Awake, My Heart, with Gladness
596 All Christians Who Have Been
Baptized
726 Evening and Morning
737 Rejoice, My Heart, Be Glad and Sing
756 Why Should Cross and Trial Grieve Me



Theology of the Cross

1. How God Reveals Himself

In His hiddenness

As seen in His Incarnation

As seen as the Servant of all

As seen in His suffering

His highest glory is revealed on
the Cross in the atonement



372 O Jesus Christ, Thy Manger Is

438 A Lamb Goes Uncomplaining Forth

453 Upon the Cross Extended

Theology of the Cross

2. How God Refines His Own

The vine dresser prunes the vine so that it may blossom, grow, and bear fruit.

God strips away our independence so we cling to Him and His cross alone.

God sends adversity into our lives out of love for us.

745 In God, My Faithful God

756 Why Should Cross and Trial Grieve Me

760 What God Ordains Is Always Good

765 God Moves in a Mysterious Way

Theology of Glory

All about us (anthropocentric)

Experiential

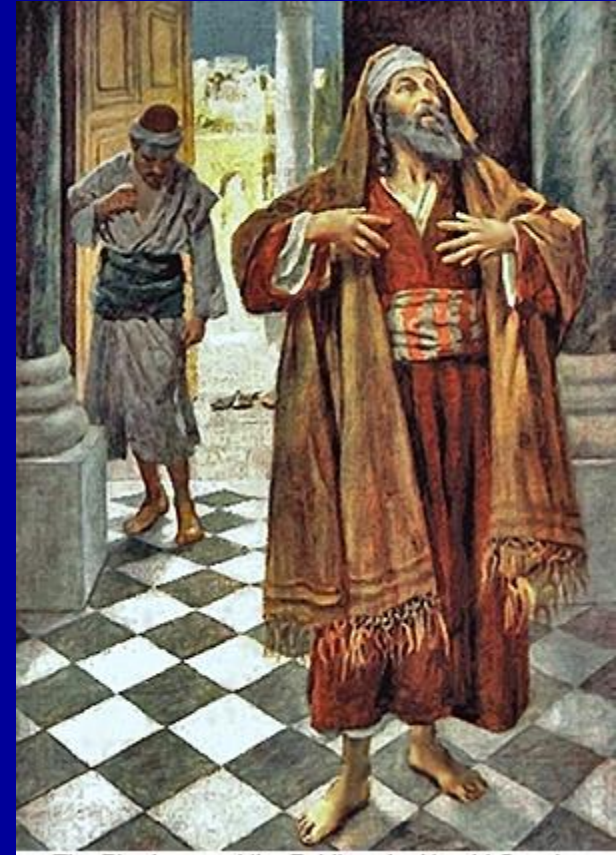
Focused on Law Realm

Pietism

- focuses on self, the individual, and feelings
- is self-absorbed
- weighs how you yourself are doing and then looks around to see how others are doing.

Luther – Faith clings to Jesus

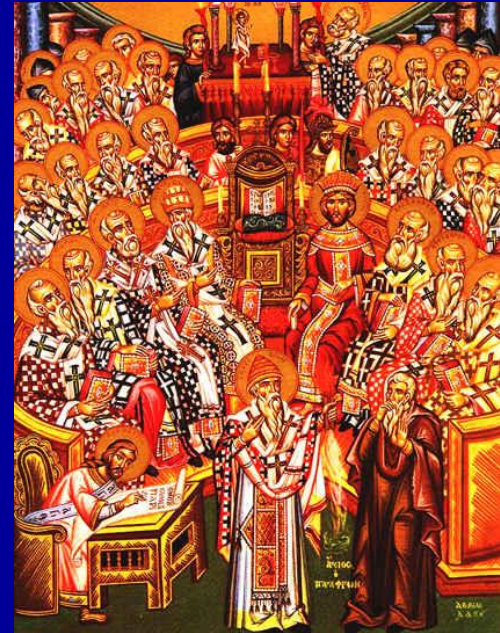
Pietism – The soul talks to itself



Orthodoxy (right praise)

Nicene Creed

*And in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the only-begotten Son of God
begotten of His Father before all worlds,
God of God, Light of Light,
very God of very God,
begotten, not made,
being of one substance with the Father,
by whom all things were made . . .*



Heterodoxy (different praise)

Arian Hymn

*We praise him as without beginning,
because of him who has a beginning.
And adore him as everlasting, because of him
who in time has come to be.
He that is without beginning made the Son a
beginning of things originated; and advanced
him as a Son to himself by adoption.
He has nothing proper to God in proper subsistence.
For he is not equal, no, nor one in essence with him.
Wise is God, for he is the teacher of wisdom.*

Pietistic Hymns

*Feel the faith swell up inside you,
Lift your voice with us and sing.
Accept him with your whole heart,
Oo-and use your own two hands;
With one reach out to Jesus,
And with the other bring a friend (TOSB 242)*

*"He Lives!" "You ask me how I know He lives?
He lives within my heart" (TOSB 61)*

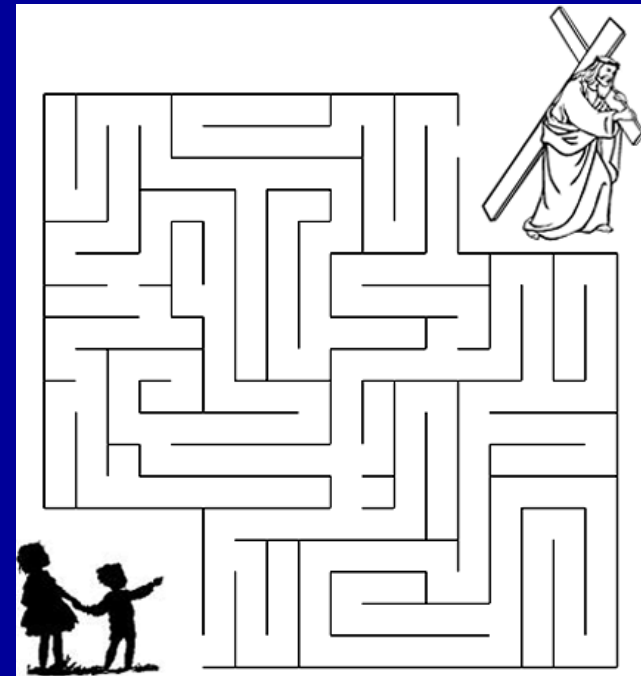
*The blessings come down as the prayers go up,
The blessings come down as the prayers go up,
The blessings come down as the prayers go up,
So build your Life on the Lord (TOSB 224)*

*I have decided to follow Jesus; I have decided to follow Jesus;
I have decided to follow Jesus; No turning back, no turning back.*

*Though I may wonder, I still will follow;
Though I may wonder, I still will follow;
Though I may wonder, I still will follow;
No turning back, no turning back.*

*Though none go with me, still I will follow;
Though none go with me, still I will follow;
Though none go with me, still I will follow;
No turning back, no turning back.*

*Will you decide now to follow Jesus?
Will you decide now to follow Jesus?
Will you decide now to follow Jesus?
No turning back, no turning back.*



“Contemporary” Praise Hymn

You're Worthy of My Praise

Refrain

I will give you all my worship. I will give you all my praise.
You alone I long to worship. You alone are worthy of my
praise.

1. And I will worship with all my heart.

And I will praise you with all of my strength.

And I will seek you all of my days.

And I will follow all of your ways. (*Refrain*)

2. And I will bow down and hail you as king.

And I will serve you. I'll give you everything.

And I will lift up my eyes to your throne.

And I will trust you. I'll trust you alone. (*Refrain*)

Hark, the Voice of Jesus Crying/Calling (LSB 826/827)

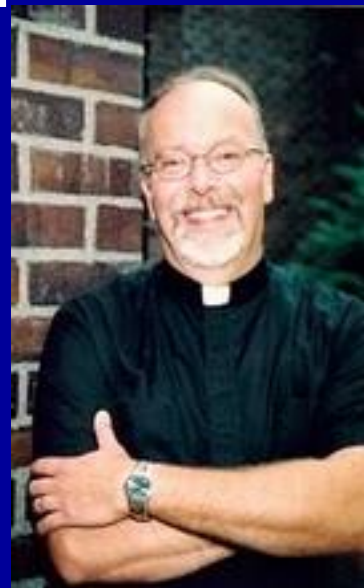
Traditional Hymn by Daniel March, ordained in the Presbyterian ministry in 1845, and joined the Congregational Church later.



Contemporary Hymn

By Stephen Starke, pastor in the LCMS since 1983, promoting Christ-centered hymnody.

“I believe that we live in a time when the Church will greatly benefit from re-embracing her hymnic and liturgical heritage, for it is indeed a rich treasure of which all Christians are heirs.



Criteria for Lutheran Hymnody (Chad Bird)

1. A Lutheran hymn aims not to create the right atmosphere or mood for worship, but serves as a vehicle for the Spirit-filled Word of God.

*Christ, by highest heav'n adored,
Christ, the everlasting Lord,
Late in time behold Him come,
Offspring of a virgin's womb.
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see,
Hail th' incarnate Deity!
Pleased as Man with man to dwell;
Jesus, our Immanuel!
Hark! The herald angels sing,
"Glory to the newborn King!"*

Criteria for Lutheran Hymnody

2. A Lutheran hymn is not entertainment but proclamation.

*“I have decided,
I'm gonna live like a believer,
Turn my back on the deceiver,
I'm gonna live what I believe.”*

Amy Grant – “We prefer to be a little bit sneaky with the lyrics . . . when you start getting churchy, they start running.” “There are songs that can go both ways. I call these God-girlfriend songs – meaning you are either singing it to God or to your boyfriend or girlfriend.”

Orthodox or idolatrous?

Criteria for Lutheran Hymnody

3. A Lutheran hymn is shaped by the theology of the cross.

*A Lamb goes uncomplaining forth,
The guilt of sinners bearing
And, laden with the sins of earth,
None else the burden sharing;
Goes patient on, grows weak and faint,
To slaughter led with out complaint,
That spotless life to offer,
He bears the stripes, the wound, the lies,
The mockery, and yet replies,
“All this I gladly suffer.”*

Criteria for Lutheran Hymnody

3. A Lutheran hymn is shaped by the theology of the cross.

*What God ordains is always good:
He never will deceive me;
He leads me in His righteous way,
And never will He leave me,
I take content
What He has sent;
His hand that sends me sadness
Will turn my tears to gladness.*

3. A Lutheran hymn is shaped by the theology of the cross.

*Great is the Lord, He is holy and just,
by His power we trust in His love.*

*Great is the Lord, He is faithful and true,
by His mercy He proves He is love.*

*Great is the Lord, and worthy of glory,
Great is the Lord, and worthy of praise,
Great are you, Lord now lift up your voice,
Now lift up your voice:*

Great is the Lord! Great is the Lord!

Lord! Lord! Great are you, Lord!

Great are you, Lord! Great are you, Lord! (TOSB 66)

3. A Lutheran hymn is shaped by the theology of the cross.

*We are one in the bond of love;
We are one in the bond of love.
We have joined our spirit with the Spirit of God;
We are one in the bond of love.*

*Let us sing now, ev'ry one;
Let us feel His love begun.
Let us join our hands that the world will know
We are one in the bond of Love. (TOSB 260)*

Christian, Jewish, Muslim, or Deist?

Criteria for Lutheran Hymnody

4. A Lutheran hymn is not bound merely to paraphrase the biblical text; rather, it interprets the Scriptures in reference to Christ.

Jesus Christ, Our Blessed Savior,
Turned away God's wrath forever;
By His bitter grief and woe
He saved us from the evil foe.

As His pledge of love undying,
He, this precious food supplying,
Gives His body with the bread,
And with the wine the blood He shed.

Jesuit Priest
“Those hymns
of Luther will
send more
people to hell
than all of
Luther's
sermons put
together!”

Criteria for Lutheran Hymnody

5. A Lutheran hymn is bound to no culture save the culture of the Church catholic.

“Contemporary music – pop, rock, country/western, rap – continues to be the heart music of today’s generations. As people shop for a church, they look for congregations that value them by valuing their music.” (A Community of Joy: How to Create Contemporary Worship)

5. A Lutheran hymn is bound to no culture save the culture of the Church catholic.

“Rather than filling sacred space with the kinds of music people listen to all week long, the Church fills that space with her own music, a melody of beauty and dignity that mirrors her own beauty and dignity as the Bride of Christ.” Chad Bird

“The church’s music is not to be rooted in the music of adult contemporary or soft rock radio stations, but that it is to be rooted in the church’s own vital and varied traditions, of both the distant and the very recent past” (Through the Church the Song Goes On)

God Himself Is Present

NOT . . .

*God Himself is present;
Let us now adore Him
And with awe appear
before Him.*

*God is in His temple;
All within keep silence;
Humbly knee in deepest
rev'ence.*

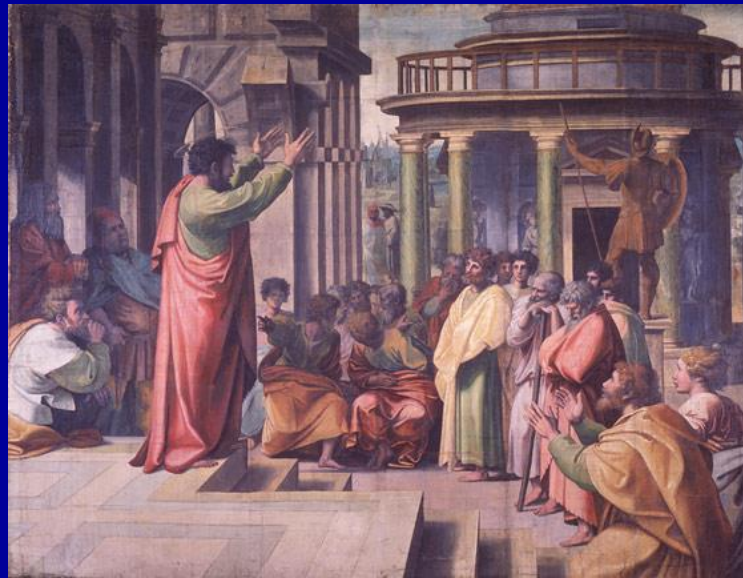
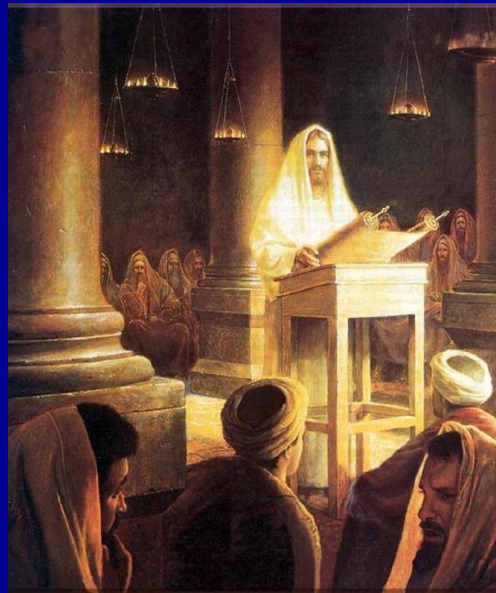
*He alone
On His throne
Is our God and Savior;
Praise His name forever!*

*I'm so glad I'm present,
To massage that feeling,
That just sends my heart
a-reeling*

*I'm so full of rapture,
That I feel like clapping,
While the choir of youth
are rapping.*

*Give me rock!
Give me roll!
God must be just like me –
Wholly ordinary. (C. Bird)*

The Sermon



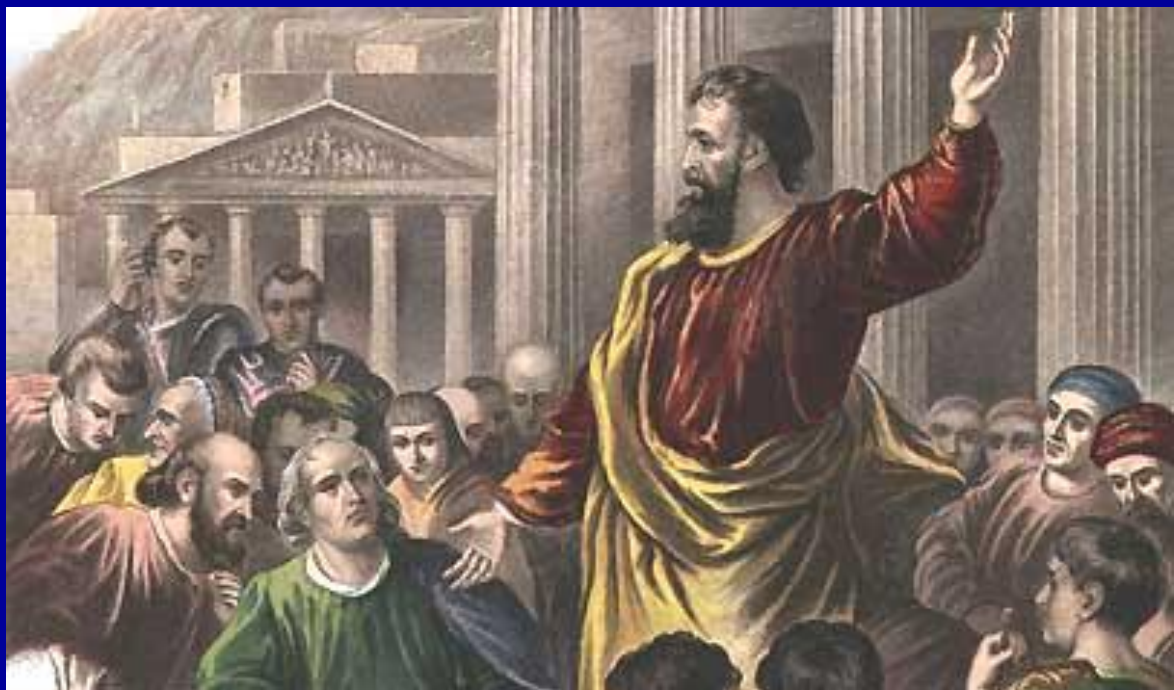
The Sermon

“Grace, mercy and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord.”

Text

Law and Gospel

Christ Crucified

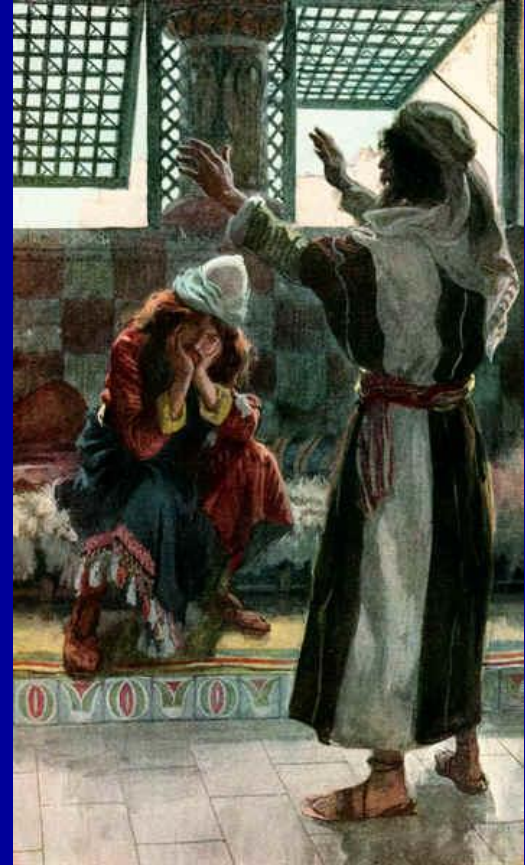


“And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.” *Philippians 4:7*

The Offertory

“Create in me a clean heart, O God,
and renew a right spirit within me.
Cast me not away from Thy presence,
and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me.
Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation,
and uphold me with Thy free spirit.”

Psalm 51:10-12



The Offering

The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit;
a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise.
In your good pleasure make Zion prosper;
build up the walls of Jerusalem.

Then there will be righteous sacrifices,
whole burnt offerings to delight you;
then bulls will be offered on your altar.

Psalm 51:17-19



**The sacrifices of God
are a broken spirit,
a broken and a
contrite heart**

The Offering

“Through Jesus, therefore, let us continually offer to God a sacrifice of praise--the fruit of lips that confess his name. And do not forget to do good and to share with others, for with such sacrifices God is pleased.”
Hebrews 13:15-16

“Anyone who receives instruction in the word must share all good things with his instructor.”
Galatians 6:6



“Yet it was good of you to share in my troubles. Moreover, as you Philippians know, in the early days of your acquaintance with the gospel, when I set out from Macedonia, not one church shared with me in the matter of giving and receiving, except you only; for even when I was in Thessalonica, you sent me aid again and again when I was in need. Not that I am looking for a gift, but I am looking for what may be credited to your account. I have received full payment and even more; I am amply supplied, now that I have received from Epaphroditus the gifts you sent. They are a fragrant offering, an acceptable sacrifice, pleasing to God. And my God will meet all your needs according to his glorious riches in Christ Jesus.

Philippians 4:14-19

Prayers

“I urge, then, first of all, that requests, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for everyone – for kings and all those in authority, that we may live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness. This is good, and pleases God our Savior.”

1 Timothy 2:1-3

“Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God.” *Philippians 4:6*

“This is the confidence we have in approaching God: that if we ask anything according to his will, he hears us.” *1 John 5:4*

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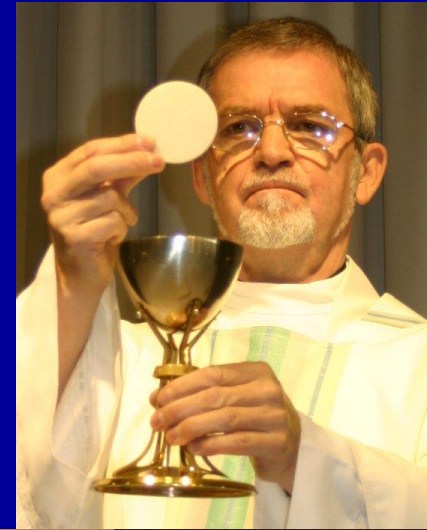
Pure Arts, and useful Sciences

Special Petitions

Conclusion

All the Thanksgivings, Intercessions and Petitions of
this Prayer are offered through Jesus Christ
our Savior

The Service of the Sacrament



Service of the Word – The Good News is proclaimed to all
(Mass of the Catechumens)

Service of the Sacrament – The Good News is applied to each soul
(Mass of the Faithful)



The Preface (Preparatory Words)

P: The Lord be with you.

C: and with thy spirit.



“The Lord be with your spirit.” *2 Timothy 4:22*



“The Lord (is/be) with you.” *Luke 1:28*

Preface (3rd Century)

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them up unto the Lord.

“Since, then, you have been raised with Christ, set your hearts on things above, where Christ is seated at the right hand of God.”

Colossians 3:1



P: Let us give thanks unto the Lord, our God.

C: It is meet and right so to do.

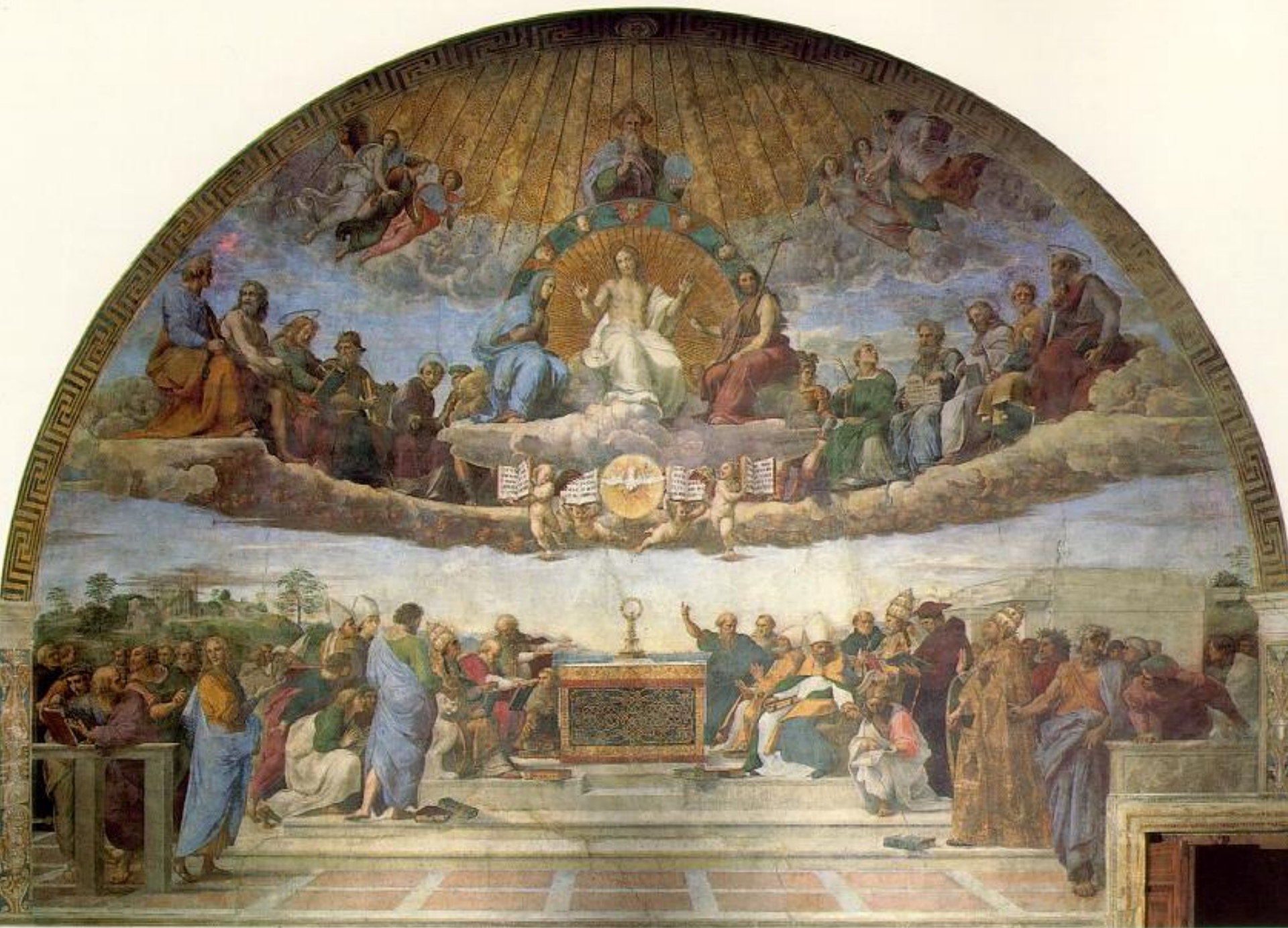
“Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good.

His love endures forever.” Psalm 136

The Proper Preface

Our Lord “gave thanks.”

It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord who after His resurrection appeared openly to all His disciples and in their sight was taken up into heaven that He might make us partakers of His divine life. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:



The Communion of Saints

Then I saw a Lamb, looking as if it had been slain, standing in the center of the throne, encircled by the four living creatures and the elders. . .

Then I looked and heard the voice of many angels, numbering thousands upon thousands, and ten thousand times ten thousand. They encircled the throne and the living creatures and the elders. In a loud voice they sang:

"Worthy is the Lamb, who was slain,
to receive power and wealth and wisdom and strength
and honor and glory and praise!"

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Then I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and on the sea, and all that is in them, singing:

"To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb
be praise and honor and glory and power,
for ever and ever!"

The four living creatures said, "Amen," and the elders fell down and worshiped.

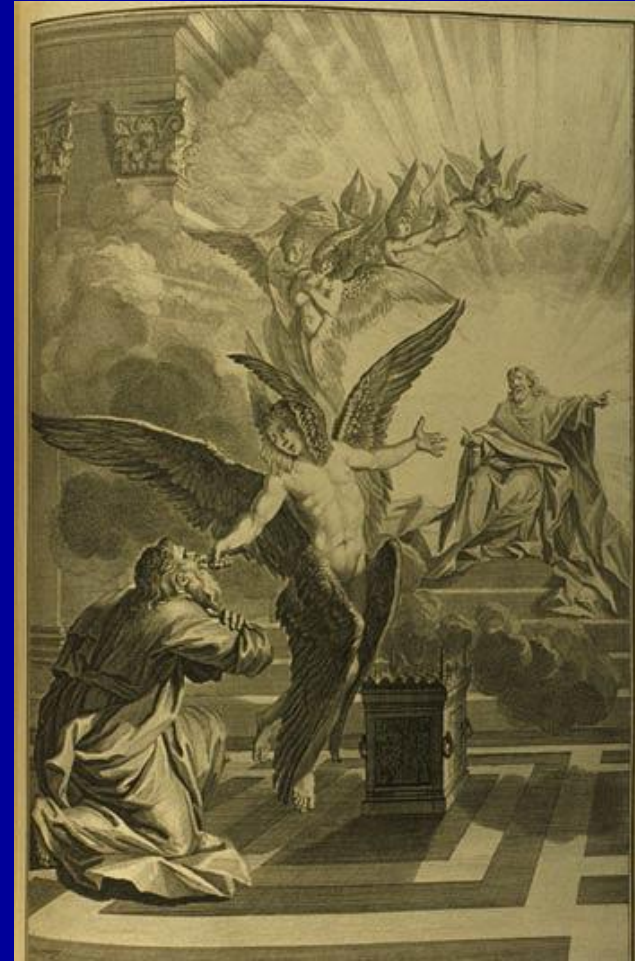
Revelation 5:6, 11-14

The Sanctus (Holy)

Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth; heav'n and earth are full of Thy glory.

“I saw the Lord seated on a throne, high and exalted, and the train of his robe filled the temple. Above him were seraphs, each with six wings: With two wings they covered their faces, with two they covered their feet, and with two they were flying. And they were calling to one another:

"Holy, holy, holy is the LORD Almighty; the whole earth is full of his glory." *Isaiah 6:1-3*



The Sanctus (1st and 2nd Century)

Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest. Blessed is He, blessed is He, blessed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord. Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.

The crowds that went ahead of him and those that followed shouted,

"Hosanna to the Son of David!"

"Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!"

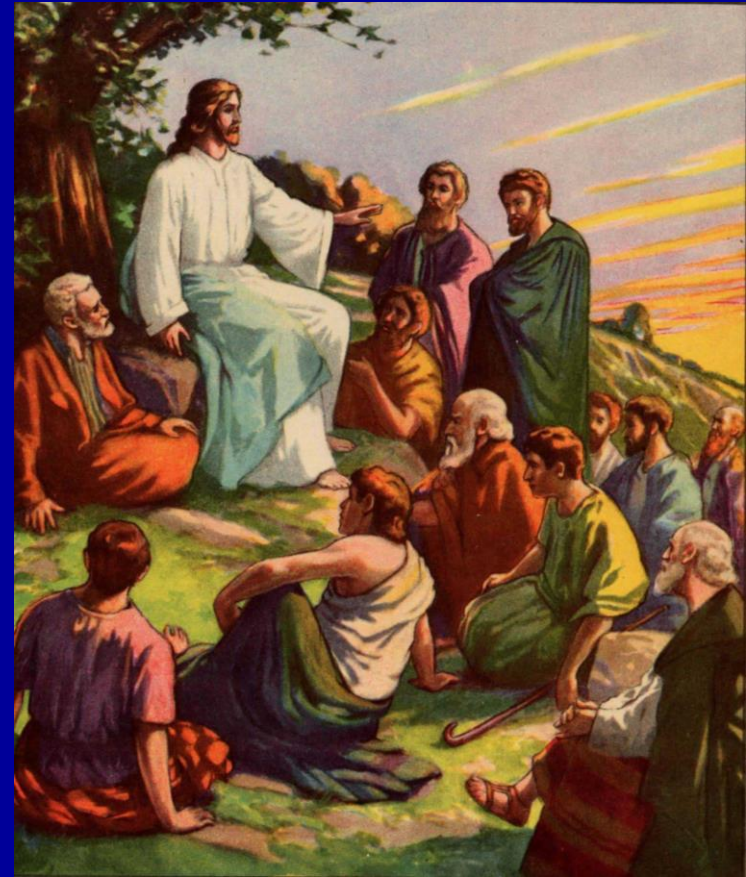
"Hosanna in the highest!"

Matthew 21:9



The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven,
Hallowed be Thy name,
Thy kingdom come,
Thy will be done on earth
as it is in heaven;
Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses
as we forgive those
who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.



Matthew 6:9-13

The Lord's Prayer (Conclusion)

For Thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory
forever and ever. Amen.

“Yours, O LORD, is the greatness and the power
and the glory and the majesty and the splendor,
for everything in heaven and earth is yours.
Yours, O LORD, is the kingdom;
you are exalted as head over all.”

1 Chronicles 29:11

Consecration – setting apart for a holy use

The holy Evangelists Matthew, Mark, Luke, and St. Paul write:

Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: “Take, eat; this is My body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me.”

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying, “Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.”

Roman Catholic Eucharistic Prayer

Father, we now celebrate this memorial of our redemption. We recall Christ's death, his descent among the dead, his resurrection, and his ascension to your right hand; and, looking forward to his coming in glory, we offer you his body and blood, the acceptable sacrifice which brings salvation to the whole world.

Almighty God, we pray that your angel may take this sacrifice to your altar in heaven. Then, as we receive from this altar the sacred body and blood of your Son, let us be filled with every grace and blessing.

Pax Domini – The Peace of the Lord (4th Century)

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: Amen.

On the evening of that first day of the week, when the disciples were together, with the doors locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you!" After he said this, he showed them his hands and side. The disciples were overjoyed when they saw the Lord.

Again Jesus said, "Peace be with you!" *John 20:19-21*



Agnus Dei – Lamb of God

(7th Century)

O Christ, Thou Lamb of God,
that takest away the sin of the world,
have mercy upon us.

O Christ, Thou Lamb of God,
that takest away the sin of the world,
have mercy upon us.

O Christ, Thou Lamb of God,
that takest away the sin of the world,
grant us Thy peace. Amen.



The next day John saw Jesus coming toward him and said, "Look, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!" *John 1:29*

The Distribution

Take, eat; this is the true body of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, given into death for your sins.

Take, drink; this is the true blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, shed for the forgiveness of your sins.

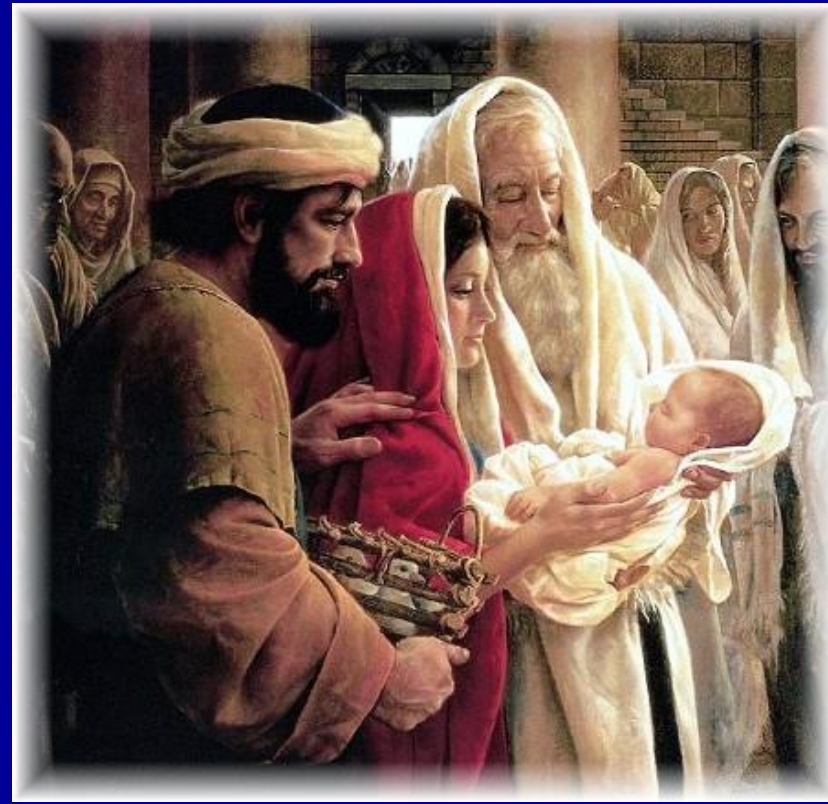
The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting.
Depart in peace. Amen.



In the Consecration and distribution of Holy Communion the liturgy reaches its climax. Here is the chief reason for our coming together each week: to receive our Lord who comes to us in His Body and Blood. We have heard His voice in preaching and absolution. Now in the Sacrament we not only hear Him, but also touch Him, taste Him, and receive Him into ourselves both physically and spiritually for the salvation of our bodies and souls. Here the Church receives her most intimate fellowship with her Lord and is joined to Him as Bride to Bridegroom, Body to Head, and Branches to Vine. Here also our fellowship with the whole Church in heaven and on earth finds its fullest expression, for being thus united with Christ we are also united one to another in Him across time and space as the one Holy catholic and apostolic Church. — *Rev. David A. Kind* —

Nunc Dimittis – Song of Simeon (4th Century)

Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant depart in peace according to Thy word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation, which Thou hast prepared before the face of all people, a light to lighten the Gentiles and the glory of Thy people Israel. Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.



The Thanksgiving

P: O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,
C: and His mercy endureth forever.

“Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good;
his love endures forever.” *Psalms 107:1*

P: We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

Salutation

P: The Lord be with you.

C: and with thy spirit.



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“The Lord (is/be) with you.” *Luke 1:28*

Benedicamus

P: Bless we the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

End of each book of Psalms 41, 72, 89, 106, 150

“Blessed be the Lord”

Benediction

The LORD said to Moses, "Tell Aaron and his sons, `This is how you are to bless the Israelites. Say to them:

P: The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine upon
you and be gracious unto you.
The Lord lift up His countenance
upon you and give you peace.
C: Amen, amen, amen.



"So they will put my name on the Israelites, and I will bless them." *Numbers 6:22-27*

The Lord Blesses Us

When he had led them out to the vicinity of Bethany, he lifted up his hands and blessed them. While he was blessing them, he left them and was taken up into heaven. Then they worshiped him and returned to Jerusalem with great joy. And they stayed continually at the temple, praising God.

Luke 24:50-53

