

# Liturgy: Yesterday, Today, Tomorrow

## Session 7

### *The Liturgy of the Sacrament*

1. When worship was held in houses during the first 300 years of early Christian worship, what *action* ended the service of the word? The \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_.
2. When the service of the sacrament began, food was brought from another part of the house and placed on a table in the worship area. Why did the early Church receive from a table rather than an altar?  
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3. What's the difference between a table and an altar in worship?
  - a. A table: \_\_\_\_\_
  - b. An altar: \_\_\_\_\_
4. House worship in the early Church:
  - a. What were its two basic structures? \_\_\_\_\_
  - b. Why was the worship so basic? \_\_\_\_\_
  - c. How was God present among the people? \_\_\_\_\_
5. Word and sacrament in the early Church:
  - a. Which was more important? \_\_\_\_\_
  - b. How was Christ present in each? \_\_\_\_\_
6. What part of worship began the service of the sacrament? \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. The Lord be with you. (Luke 1:28) Who spoke those words long ago and to whom?  
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  - b. What is the pastor communicating when he says them today? \_\_\_\_\_
  - c. When the people respond: And with thy spirit. What does that mean? The people were simply saying that the \_\_\_\_\_, standing in the stead and by the command of God, was going to speak words by which God was now going to be present in a \_\_\_\_\_ way.
  - d. Lift up your hearts. (Lam. 3:41; Ps. 86:4) What does that mean? Heaven and \_\_\_\_\_ are now going to come together. God is going to come in His heavenly \_\_\_\_\_. And the people respond: We lift them up unto the \_\_\_\_\_. In speaking, the people are indicating their readiness to enter into this \_\_\_\_\_ worship.
  - e. Let us give thanks unto the Lord, our God. (Ps. 50:14; 69:30; 95:2) It is meet and right so to do. Why give thanks to God? Because He has come into our midst in order to give us His \_\_\_\_\_.

7. In the Proper Preface these words are spoken: "Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven ..." But why? Those words \_\_\_\_\_ us that we are not \_\_\_\_\_ when we gather around the table of the Lord.
- How can we know that heavenly things and people are present? \_\_\_\_\_
  - Heaven is a place, but where is heaven? \_\_\_\_\_
  - So wherever God is, we can say that heaven itself is also \_\_\_\_\_.
8. Following the Proper Preface is the Sanctus: "Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Sabaoth; Heaven and earth are full of Thy glory ... [Isaiah 6:3] Blessed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord..." (Ps. 118:26) With those words we declare that both \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ are full of God's glory, God's presence!
9. The term "eucharist" comes from the Greek word for "\_\_\_\_\_." The Eucharistic Prayer is a prayer of thanksgiving for the elements of \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ that have been provided for the meal about to be served.
10. This meal of Jesus' body and blood, in, with, and under the bread and wine, was the way in which the people of God, both then and now, saw how they were \_\_\_\_\_ with \_\_\_\_\_ in \_\_\_\_\_.
11. As we celebrate the Sacrament of the Altar, what are we proclaiming? (1 Cor. 11:26) \_\_\_\_\_
12. When thinking of Jesus' presence with us, we should know He is with us in His \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ in the Sacrament of Altar in order to distribute His gifts; furthermore, we should anticipate the day that He will return in His fullness, in all His \_\_\_\_\_!
13. In the early Church there was this order: words of institution, Lord's Prayer, distribution. In what order to do we typically follow today? \_\_\_\_\_
14. Regarding communion distribution, the people in the early Church would say: The \_\_\_\_\_ things for the \_\_\_\_\_ people. Therefore, this food was for people who had been \_\_\_\_\_ and now were being \_\_\_\_\_ by the very body and blood of the Son of God.
15. Dr. Just said that in receiving Jesus' body and blood, we are joined with all Christians of all times and all places. How do we know that is true? (Luke 9:28-36) \_\_\_\_\_
16. What should be the topic of Christian worship? \_\_\_\_\_  
Then we actually partake of His body and blood.
17. As Christians living in a world of sin and death, let us take great comfort in the reality that by God's grace and power, we are \_\_\_\_\_!