

## WHAT IS WORSHIP?

True Worship is recognized by the fact that:

1. We worship the Triune God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit
2. Our worship is centered in Jesus Christ, the Son of God.

Worship is to receive the gifts which God seeks to give to us: the reading, preaching and proclamation of His Word and the Sacraments. It is God coming to us.

The Ordinary is those parts that are the same, the same texts of the Liturgy that do not change, many directly from the Scriptures. The Propers are those parts that change. They change with the Season (like the Scripture lessons).

### 1. THE PREPARATION

An Opening Hymn is sung. This hymn helps prepare us for the theme of the day. Each Sunday usually has a theme or common thread.

#### The Invocation

The service begins with the name of the Triune God.

'Invocation' from the Latin 'call upon'

In the Invocation we call upon God to be true to His Word that 'Where two or three are gathered in My name, there am I among them.' Matthew 18:20.

We come before Him seeking His blessing upon that which is done in His name.

At the beginning of the service the Invocation reminds us of our own baptism. The sign of the cross was made on our head and heart. We are His by baptism.