

# WHAT IS WORSHIP?

## 3. THE SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

This is the celebration of the Sacrament of the Altar also known as the Lord's Supper or Holy Communion.

### The Preface

This is an ancient dialogue between pastor and people  
It is based on 2 Timothy 4:22, Colossians 3:1, and Psalm 136

The Proper Preface changes with the season of the church year and ends with "Therefore we angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven..." With these words we are reminded that our worship is no limited by time or by space. We join the choirs of heaven to worship the Lamb.

### The Sanctus – Latin for 'holy'

This is the angelic hymn sung by the heavenly hosts in the vision of Isaiah 6. In the second part we sing our hosannas to the King who comes in His Supper.

### The Prayer of Thanksgiving

We give thanks to the Lord for what we are about to receive, namely His body and blood for the forgiveness of our sins. Second, we ask God to strengthen our faith and prepare our hearts to receive this Sacrament.

The Words of our Lord – Verba Domini – Latin for the words of the Lord. These words are recited to consecrate or set apart the bread and wine for God's special use in the Sacrament. They are recorded in Matthew 26, Mark 14, Luke 22, and 1 Corinthians 11. We use the words from Corinthians.

In the Sacrament we receive Christ's very body and blood in, with, and under the bread and wine.