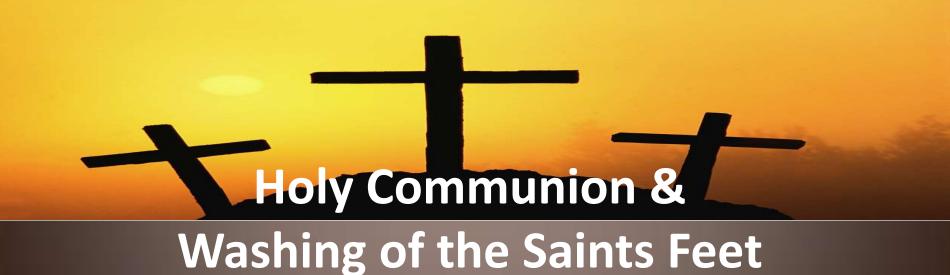
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The Sacraments of the Church

- Holy Communion
- Christian Baptism
- Washing the Saints Feet

Jesus is the central focus of these sacraments

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The Sacraments of the Church

What are sacraments?

From the Latin word sacramentum:

- 1. Implies a mystery
- 2. Refers to an oath of loyalty

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In New Testament the Lord's Supper is called:

- 1. Communion 1 Corinthians 11:20
- 2. Breaking of Bread Acts 2:42
- 3. Holy Communion 1 Corinthians 10:16
- 4. Eucharist (in the Greek language)Rendered "thanksgiving" in English"The Cup of Blessing" 1 Corinthians 10:16

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3 Reasons why we celebrate The Lord's Supper

- 1. Focuses the believer's faith on the person of Jesus Christ John3:16; Isaiah 53:5
- 2. Fosters fellowship amongst the people of God
 - Matthew 5:23, 24
- 3. To receive forgiveness and focus on the forgiveness of God Matthew 6:12

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Theological questions about The Lord's Supper

1. In what sense is Christ present in the Eucharist? – Luke 22:19

Jesus did not say, 'This bread is my physical body.'
Neither did He say, 'This bread represents my body.'
That is why it is a sacrament.

It is more than a symbol or ritual. It is participating spiritually, by faith with the living presence of Christ.

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Theological questions about The Lord's Supper

- 2. In what manner is the Eucharist a means of grace? Ephesians 2:8
- It is not partaking of the sacrament that imparts grace to the believer's heart. Only when believers partake of the sacrament by personal faith in Jesus will God's grace be experienced.

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Theological questions about The Lord's Supper

3. Who may participate in the Eucharist?

The Eucharist is a sacrament of the church and for the church. **Therefore, it is only for believers.**

We practice 'open Communion'.

Confessing Christians are welcome to share at the Lord's Table.





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An ancient custom of hospitality – common practice

When visiting someone's home, visitors were given a basin of water to wash their own feet.

Genesis 18:4 – Angels came to Abraham

Genesis 19:2 – Angels came to warn Lot

Examples also in Genesis 24:32 & 43:24

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Household servants would wash the feet of visitors

1 Samuel 25:41 – When Abigail presents herself
to become King David's wife, she states that
she will wash the feet of his servants.

It is a way of expressing love and servanthood

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Jesus at the home of a Pharisee named Simon

John 7:36-50 – A sinful woman came & washed the feet of Jesus with her tears & dried them

with her hair. No one had washed Jesus' feet.

Simon the Pharisee & others objected to this.

The woman loved Jesus and needed forgiveness.

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Jesus in the home of Lazarus, Martha & Mary Luke 10:38-42 — Mary washes Jesus' feet with

an expensive perfume and wiped his feet with

her hair.

Judas objected to this.

Jesus said the act was done for my burial.

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Jesus institutes the Lord's Supper at Passover Luke 22:24 — Just after the Last Supper Meal the disciples disputed who was the greatest.

Jesus overheard & stated that the greatest must be the least/slave/servant of all.

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John 13:4-5 – Jesus arose from the meal, removed His outer garment, wrapped a towel around His waist, poured water in a basin, then washed the feet of His disciples.

Jesus did this to model what it means to be a leader in the Kingdom of God.

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John 13:14-17

Now that I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also should wash one another's feet. I have set you an example that you should do as I have done for you. Very truly I tell you, no servant is greater than his master, nor is a messenger greater than the one who sent him. Now that you know these things, you will be blessed if you do them.

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This sacrament can be practised in 2 ways:

- 1. Foot Washing Service
- Give thanks that Jesus came as the Servant of all;
- Declare that it is our joy to serve one another.

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2. Practice Hospitality - Romans 12:13

Foot washing is an act of hospitality

Any act that expresses hospitality, benevolence, & kindness to each other, fulfils the command of Christ to serve one another.



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