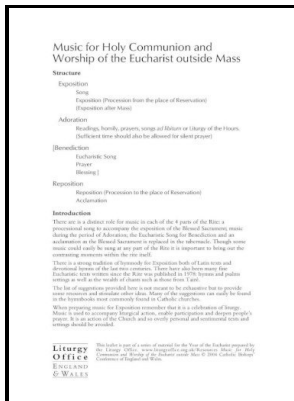


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Eucharist in the Catholic Church

What does it mean that Jesus Christ is present in the Eucharist under the appearances of bread and wine? The requirement for sacramental confession can be dispensed if four conditions are fulfilled: 1 there must be a grave reason to receive Communion for example, danger of death, 2 it must be physically or morally impossible to go to confession first, 3 the person must already be in a state of grace through perfect contrition, and 4 he must resolve to go to confession as soon as possible. There is no standard frequency; John Calvin desired weekly communion, but the city council only approved monthly, and monthly celebration has become the most common practice in Reformed churches today. The former places emphasis on the recipient, and the latter states the Presence is confectioned by the power of the Holy Spirit but not in Christ's natural body.

The Sacrament of Holy Communion in the Catholic Church

For the Bishop, endowed with the fullness of the Sacrament of Order, is the steward of the grace of the high Priesthood, especially in the Eucharist which he either himself offers or causes to be offered, by which the Church continually lives and grows.

The Real Presence of Jesus Christ in the Sacrament of the Eucharist: Basic Questions and Answers

A merely external observation of norms would obviously be contrary to the nature of the Sacred Liturgy, in which Christ himself wishes to gather his Church, so that together with himself she will be one body and one spirit. The bread is unleavened in the Latin, Armenian and Ethiopic Rites, but is leavened in most Eastern Catholic churches. Another reason that many non-Catholics may not ordinarily receive Communion is for their own protection, since many reject the doctrine of the Real Presence of Christ in the Eucharist.

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In 1537, the churches and faithful of Milan, Italy, began celebrating 40 hours of prayer at times other than during the Triduum. Liturgy is never anyone's private property, be it of the celebrant or of the community in which the mysteries are celebrated.

Eucharist in the Catholic Church

The liturgical gestures from both traditions reflect reverence, respect, and adoration. Congregation of Rites, Instruction, Eucharisticum mysterium, n. Incorporation into Christ, which is brought about by Baptism, is constantly renewed and consolidated by sharing in the Eucharistic Sacrifice, especially by that full sharing which takes place in sacramental communion.

Eucharist

Many problems darken the horizon of our time.

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