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*The place the Samaritan woman met Jesus.*

# THE BEAUTY OF THE DIVINE LITURGY

*“And on the day called Sunday, all who live in cities or in the country gather together to one place, and the memoirs of the apostles or the writings of the prophets are read...then, when the reader has ceased, the overseer verbally instructs, and exhorts to the imitation of these good things. Then we all rise together and pray...when our prayer is ended, bread and wine and water are brought, and the overseer in like manner offers prayers and thanksgivings, according to his ability, and the people assent, saying Amen; and there is a distribution to each, and a participation of that over which thanks have been given...” Justin Martyr*

*“As they ministered to the Lord and fasted, the Holy Spirit said, “Now separate to Me Barnabas and Saul for the work to which I have called them. Then, having fasted and prayed, and laid hands on them, they sent them away.” Acts 13:2-3*

## **You are not the primary audience!**

*“For whoever desires to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for My sake will find it.” Matthew 16:25*

## **We offer ourselves to God, and He offers Himself to us.**

*“For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.” John 3:16*

*“For when we were still without strength, in due time Christ died for the ungodly. For scarcely for a righteous man will one die; yet perhaps for a good man someone would even dare to die. But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.” Romans 5:6-8*

*“We receive within us the same body of our Lord Christ that was born in the manger of Bethlehem, the same body that walked on the sea of Galilee, the same body that was crucified on Calvary, the same body that was resurrected from the tomb, the same body that ascended into heaven and now sits on the right hand of the Father. There is no power in life greater than this.” St. John Chrysostom*

***“Who ever read in the Scriptures, that my body is the same as the sign (symbol) of my body? Not one of the Fathers of the Church, though so numerous...not one of them ever said, It is only bread and wine; or, the body and blood of Christ is not there present...Certainly, in so many Fathers, and in so many writings, the negative might at least be found in one of them, had they thought the body and blood of Christ were not really present: but they are all of them unanimous.” Martin Luther***

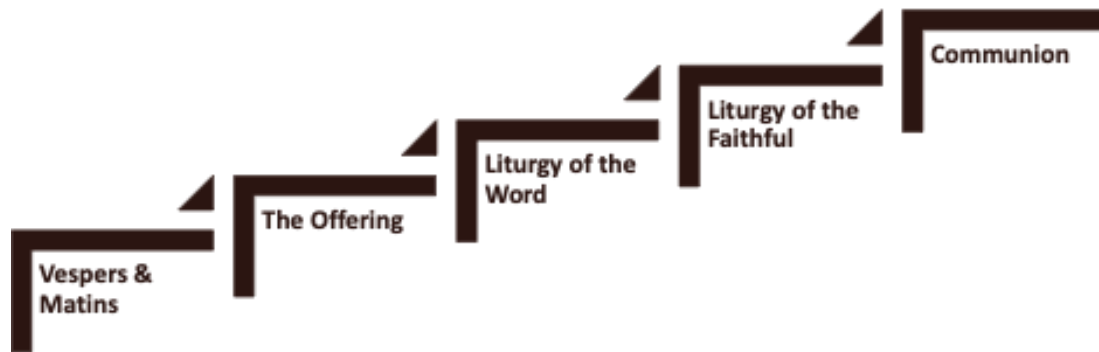
**Selfishness leads to emptiness;  
Sacrifice leads to satisfaction.**

***“Let nothing be done through strife or vainglory; but in lowliness of mind let each esteem other better than themselves. Look not every man on his own things, but every man also on the things of others. Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus, who, being in the form of God, did not consider it robbery to be equal with God, but made Himself of no reputation, taking the form of a bondservant, and coming in the likeness of men. And being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself and became obedient to the point of death, even the death of the cross.” Philippians 2:3-8***

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**The liturgy is designed to engage the whole being.**

*“You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength” Mark 12:30*



*“We ask You, O our Master, receive our prayers to Yourself. Let our prayers be set forth before you as incense, the lifting up of our hands, as the evening sacrifice. For You are the true evening sacrifice, who has offered Yourself upon the cross for our sins...” Vespers (silent prayer)*

*“Christ our God, the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world, Lord hear us, have mercy on us and forgive us our sins.” Offering*

**You can never out-give God.**

*“Praise the Lord, my soul, and forget not all his benefits who forgives all your sins and heals all your diseases, who redeems your life from the pit and crowns you with love and compassion, who satisfies your desires with good things so that your youth is renewed like the eagle’s.”*

*Psalm 103:2-5*

*“...grant us and all your people a mind free from wandering and a clear understanding that we may know and understand how profitable are Your holy teachings and as he (St. Paul) followed your example O Author of life, so make us also worthy to be like him in deed and in faith that we may glorify your holy name...” Pauline Prayer (silent)*

*“And make us all worthy O our Master, to greet one another with a holy kiss, that, without falling into condemnation we may partake of your immortal and heavenly gift in Christ Jesus our Lord.” Prayer of Reconciliation*

*“Therefore, if you are offering your gift at the altar and there remember that your brother or sister has something against you, leave your gift there in front of the altar. First go and be reconciled to them; then come and offer your gift.” Matthew 5:23-24*

*“He instituted for us this great mystery (Eucharist) of godliness for being determined to give Himself up to death for the life of the world.” Institution Narrative*

**Am I determined to follow Him faithfully?**

**PREPARE MYSELF  
PRESENT AN OFFERING  
PARTICIPATE FULLY**

# Welcome

*Whether you're just visiting or looking to stay, it's great to have you with us!*

## COFFEE'S ON US

Enjoy a hot cup of coffee and snacks.

## WE'D LOVE TO MEET YOU

Stop by the Connection Table so we can get to know each other and pick up your welcome gift.

## FILL YOUR BUCKET

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