

Dear Student;

This month we are looking at the Lord's Supper, also called Holy Communion, or even Holy Eucharist. The word Eucharist comes from the Greek word for Thanksgiving. We are asked to join together as one family, in thanksgiving, and partake of one meal. In our current epidemic, we cannot do this, but this will not last forever.

This is one of the great sacraments in our church. The Book of Common Prayer defines sacraments as "outward and visible signs of inward and spiritual grace." In Eucharist, the outward and visible sign is bread and wine, and the inward and spiritual grace is the Body and Blood of Christ given to His people and received by faith.

In the Episcopal church, we believe that all who have been baptized into the family of Christ are invited by Christ to join in the communal meal. We do this because we take baptism so seriously.

There is no book in your packet. The next page has more information and links to websites. Please explore them to learn more.

The packet also includes a crossword puzzle and a fun art craft. Please let me know if you need any help with the crossword.

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Eucharist

The sacrament of Christ's body and blood, and the principal act of Christian worship. The term is from the Greek, "thanksgiving." Jesus instituted the eucharist "on the night when he was betrayed." At the Last Supper he shared the bread and cup of wine at a sacred meal with his disciples. He identified the bread with his body and the wine with his blood of the new covenant. Jesus commanded his disciples to "do this" in remembrance of him (see 1 Cor 11:23-26; Mk 14:22-25; Mt 26:26-29; Lk 22:14-20). Christ's sacrifice is made present by the eucharist, and in it we are united to his one self-offering (BCP, p. 859). The Last Supper provides the basis for the fourfold eucharistic action of taking, blessing, breaking, and sharing. Christ's body and blood are really present in the sacrament of the eucharist and received by faith. Christ's presence is also known in the gathered eucharistic community.

In the BCP, the whole service is entitled the Holy Eucharist. The first part of the service is designated the Word of God. It usually includes the entrance rite, the lessons and gradual psalm, the gospel, the sermon, the Nicene Creed, the prayers of the people, the confession of sin and absolution, and the peace. The second portion of the service is designated the Holy Communion. It includes the offertory, the consecration of the bread and wine in the Great Thanksgiving, the communion of the people, and the concluding prayers of thanksgiving and dismissal. A blessing may be given prior to the dismissal.

The eucharist is also called the Lord's Supper, Holy Communion, the Divine Liturgy, the Mass, and the Great Offertory (BCP, p. 859). The Hymnal 1982 includes a section with a variety of hymns for the Holy Eucharist (300-347), including "Come, risen Lord, and deign to be our guest" (305-306), "My God, thy table now is spread" (321), "Now, my tongue, the mystery telling" (329-331), and "I am the bread of life" (335).

The above is from the following website:

<https://episcopalchurch.org/library/glossary/eucharist>

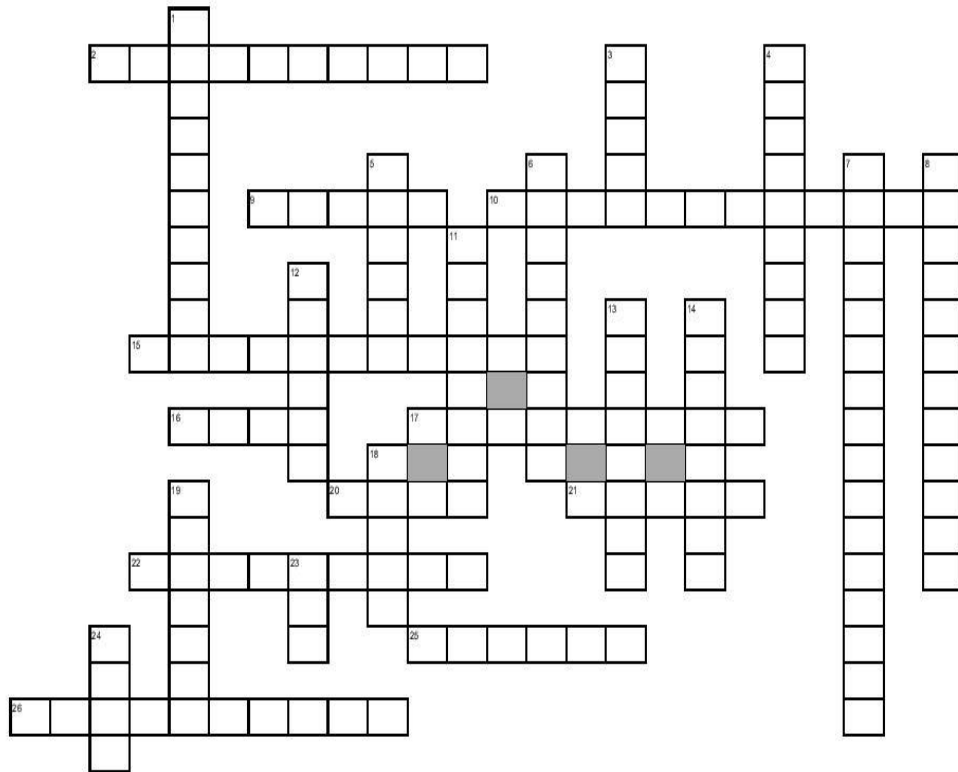
You can also go to <https://episcopalchurch.org/communion> for more information.

For early church history, check out <https://earlychurchhistory.org/beliefs-2/communion-in-the-early-church/> and for the evolution of the Eucharist, got to

<http://www.stmarksottawa.ca/manual.html>.

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The Eucharist



Across

2. We are to reach out by the priest
9. the table in a Christian church at which the bread and wine are consecrated in communion services.
10. a well-known term in the history of spirituality. It has biblical roots, and became the quest of many saints and spirituals through the centuries. Martyrs, virgins, monks are so-called consecrated persons.
15. A long cloth "scarf." According to the manner in which it worn it is the mark of the Office of the priest or deacon. A priest wears it around the neck, letting it hang down in front.
16. Lord's Supper, represents the greatest expression of God's for His people.
17. The Lord Jesus, on the night before he suffered on the cross, shared one last meal with his
20. The stiff, square, white cover that is placed over the paten when it is on the chalice.
21. The symbol of Jesus' body
22. The Eucharist is a type of ...
25. a mark or character used as a conventional representation of an object, function, or process, e.g. the letter or letters standing for a chemical element or a character in reminder of the baptismal garment worn when the new Christian "Put on Christ." musical notation.
26. The Eucharist gives individuals a to Jesus Christ

Down

1. The first mass
3. The Liturgy of the Eucharist begins with the preparation of the ...
4. A word describing Jesus' action in the Last Supper
5. the regard that something is held to deserve; the importance, worth, or usefulness of something.
6. The Priest tells everyone to at the end of the mass
7. The second sequence in the structure of the mass
8. incapable of being fully explored or understood.
11. a statue or structure established to remind people of a person or event.
12. the teaching or revelation of Christ.
13. A white linen cloth on which are placed the vessels containing the bread and wine during Mass which will become the Body and Blood of Christ.
14. an agreement.
18. A saucer-like disk which holds the bread which becomes the Body of Christ.
19. The large cup used at Mass used to hold the wine which becomes the Blood of Christ.
23. A long white garment which can be used by all liturgical ministers. It is a
24. The Symbol of Jesus' blood

Included in the packet was the crossword puzzle, an art craft, and various links to websites.