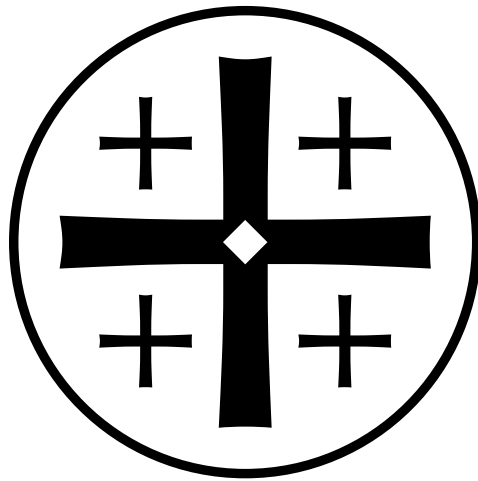


THE HOLY EUCHARIST

RITE III



ART AND SOUL

The Episcopal Seminary of the Southwest, Austin, Texas
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Integral to the eucharist is a display of art
created by student participants
Spring 2004

GATHERING:

Hallelujah from the heart of God, and from the hand of the artist inimitable
and from the echo of the heavenly harp in sweetness magnificent and mighty
(Christopher Smart, 18th c. poet)

NEW TESTAMENT READING:

Colossians 1:15-16

THE GOSPEL:

John 1:1-14

The Holy Gospel according to the Community of John

Praise to you, Risen Christ

(Reading)

The Gospel of Our Christ

Praise to you, Risen Christ.

REFLECTIONS

BLESSING OF THE ART

Each participant says one line:

In the name of the Creator of Light

In the name of the Lover of Color

In the name of the Designer of Form

In the name of the Shaper of Space

In the name of the Handler of Clay

In the name of the Dark and the Light

In the name of the Fashioner of all things

In the name of the One who knits us together

In the name of the Spirit who creates

In the name of the Spirit in whom we create

In the name of the artists who have gone before

In the name of the painters

In the name of the potters

In the name of the sculptors

In the name of the architects

In the name of the stone masons

In the name of the glass workers

In the name of all who have given glory to God with beauty

In the name of all who have blessed the Body of Christ with creativity

In the name of all who have given witness to the Spirit's power

In the name of the Christ in whom all holds together

(As all say this prayer, hands are extended over the art)

We now bless these nichos, icons, paintings, clay, collages and journals that they may be to us signs of Christ's own Life, offered for the life of the world. May these offerings of our hands remind us of the beauty that saves the world. Amen.

PRAYERS FOR THE WORLD AND THE CHURCH

THE PEACE

PREPARATION OF THE TABLE

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

SHARING THE GIFTS

POST COMMUNION PRAYER:

From the beauty of light to the beauty of darkness
we come again, creating God,
and from the praise of waking to the praise of sleep.
Give us each day some portion in your work,
for we are your image and so we must create
what will be good in your sight.
We ask this in Jesus' name.

Amen. (Adapted from *A Prayer Book for Remembering the Women*)

Be blessed in the Name of God, Creator of all,
Be blessed in the Name of the God of our mothers and fathers,
Be blessed by our God who blesses us with every spiritual blessing.
Amen.

Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!