

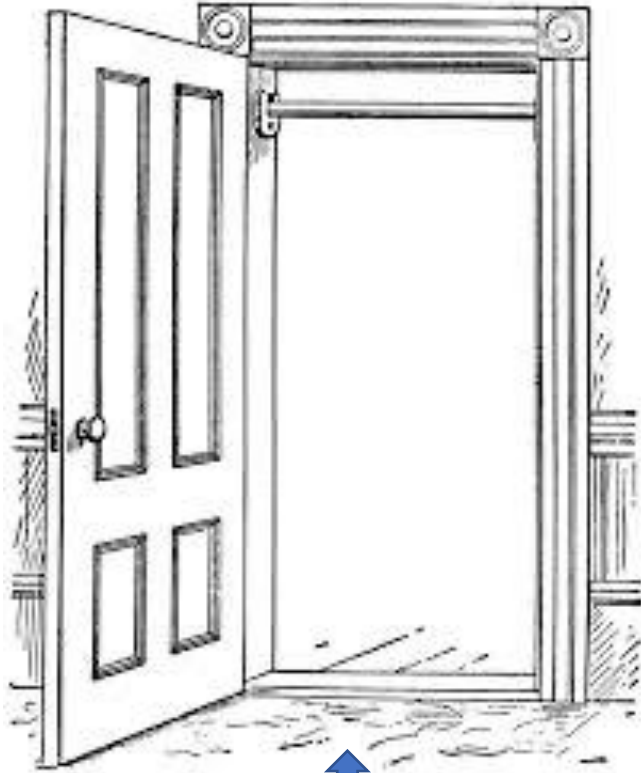
What is a Sacrament?

An Outward and Visible Sign of an Inward and Spiritual Grace.

To Be A Christian, P.56

The Anglican Church IS a sacramental church in liturgy and life.

Sacraments



Compare what happens to the movement through a door.



Limen: Threshold that is crossed where a change is made. A change of state/position is accomplished at a particular point

Sacraments

Sacraments Ordained by Jesus Christ “generally necessary to salvation”:

✠ Baptism

✠ Holy Communion

Other Rites and Institution commonly called sacraments:

✠ Confirmation

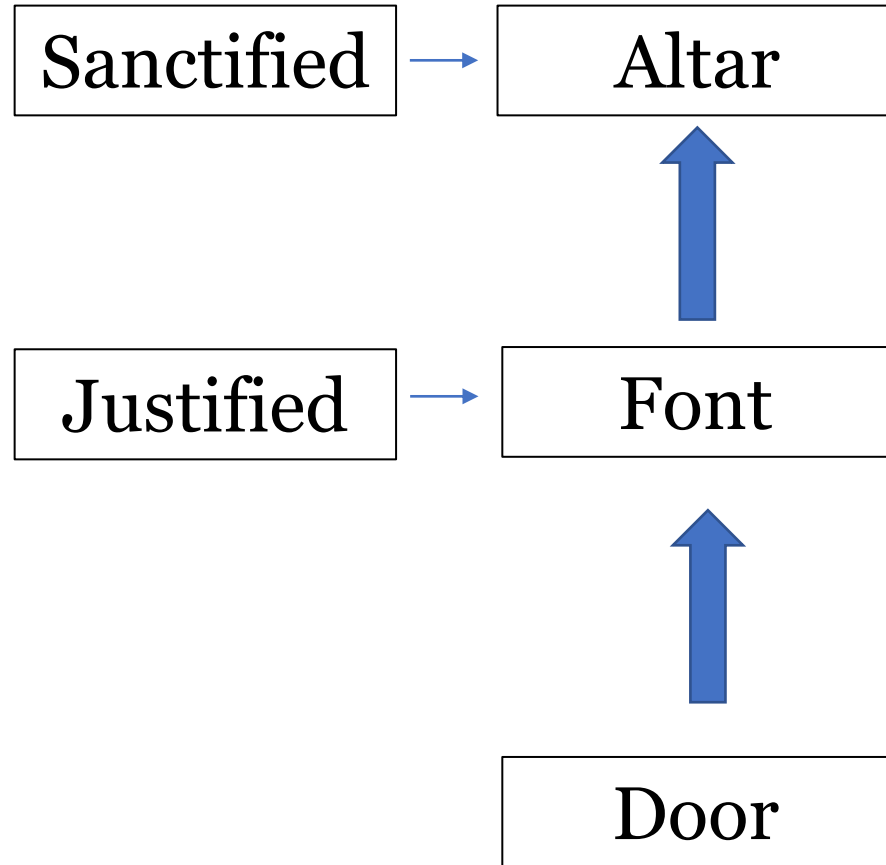
✠ Ordination

✠ Marriage

✠ Absolution

✠ Anointing of the Sick (Unction)

Sacraments



The importance of Baptism and Holy Communion are reflected in the placement of the furniture of the church.

- ✠ We are brought into the Body of Christ by our Baptism
- ✠ We are sustained and fed spiritually by the Holy Meal

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Baptism:

✠ Outward and visible sign is water – inward and spiritual grace is death to sin and new birth to righteousness through union with Christ in his death and resurrection. *TBC, p.57*

Holy Communion:

✠ Outward and visible sign is bread and water. - Inward and spiritual grace is the gift signified is the Body and Blood of Christ, which we take by faith (Consubstantiation – Christ's presence) *TBC, p.57*

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Confirmation:

- ✠ Outward and visible sign is the laying on of the bishop's hands – Inward and spiritual grace is the gift of the Holy Spirit for daily growth in wisdom, courage, and humility.....In all things of sanctification
- ✠ Empowers Christians to bear witness to Christ in their lives... *TBC, p.60*

Ordination:

- ✠ Outward and visible sign is the laying on of the bishop's hands to confirm, call and authority to serve Christ in his Church in their respective offices – Inward and spiritual grace is the gift of the Holy Spirit
- ✠ Three orders are bishops, priests and deacons *TBC, p.60,61*

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Marriage:

- ✠ Lifelong covenant between one man and one woman..... *TBC, p. 61*
- ✠ Marriage signifies the communion between Christ, the heavenly bridegroom, and the Church, his holy bride.
- ✠ Outward and visible sign is the ring – Inward and Spiritual grace is the uniting of the man and woman to be one.

Absolution:

- ✠ Outward and visible sign is the pronouncement by a priest, acting under God's authority, God's forgiveness in response to true repentance and confession of sin. *TBC, p.62* – Inward and Spiritual grace is the reconciliation to God and the reestablishment of peace with him.

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Annointing of the Sick (Unction)

✠ Outward and visible signs are prayers and anointing with holy oil, invoking God's blessing... - Inward and spiritual grace gifting of healing, strength and peace, either for recovery from injury or illness, or perseverance in adversity. *TCB,p.63*

Trinity



Trinity

To Be a Christian, p. 35-48

I believe in God..... God is one divine Being eternally existing in three divine Persons: The Father; the Son, and the Holy Spirit. *TBC, p. 35*

- ✠ **God the Father** is the first Person of the Holy Trinity, from whom the Son is eternally begotten and the Holy Spirit eternally proceeds
- ✠ Jesus Christ is the eternal Word and **Son** of God, the second Person of the Holy Trinity. He took on human nature to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world, the only Mediator between God and fallen humanity.
- ✠ **God the Holy Spirit** is the third Person in the one Being of the Holy Trinity, coequal and coeternal with God the Father, God the Son and equally worthy of our honor and worship