

Catechism Class – Sacraments – April 25th 2021

Opening Prayer:

O God, who taught the hearts of your faithful people by sending to them the light of your Holy Spirit: Grant us by the same Spirit to have a right judgement in all things, and evermore to rejoice in his holy comfort; through Jesus Christ your Son or Lord; who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever and ever. *Amen*

Business: List of those who are seeking confirmation and those reception

Sacrament:

What is a sacrament? #121 Answer is: A sacrament is an outward and visible sign of an inward and spiritual grace. God gives us the sign as a means by which we receive that grace and as a tangible assurance that we do in fact receive it.

- ✦ So what does that mean to you?
- ✦ Sacrament is the intersection of the divine and the human
- ✦ The point of grace if you will is a “limen” or “threshold”
- ✦ Limen is a threshold of physiological and/or psychological change
- ✦ In it the nature of a person or a being is changed
- ✦ **From a theological point of view the Holy Spirit changes the state of being (ontological change)**
- ✦ There are 2 **dominical sacraments** (ordained) necessary for salvation 1) Baptism 2) Holy Communion
- ✦ The church is appointed to reflect the importance of those two sacraments

- ✦ There are five others that arose from practices of the apostles and the early Church. They were also blessed by God in scripture.
- ✦ Confirmation, Ordination, Marriage, Absolution and Unction/Anointing of the sick
- ✦ Articles of Religion 25 and 28 BCP 781 & 783

Baptism

Look at questions 57-58

Review the Baptismal Rite p162 BCP

Holy Communion

Look at questions p58-59

Review the Liturgy for Holy Communion BCP 131

- ✦ Service of the Word and of the Table (or Blessed Sacrament)

Questions

Closing Prayer:

Grant, Almighty God, that we, who have been redeemed from the old life of sin by our baptism into the death and resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ, may be filled with your Holy Spirit, and live in righteousness and true holiness; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen