

Liturgy that Breathes
Bringing our Shared Prayer to Life



The Elements of Ritual: Actions; Objects; Words.

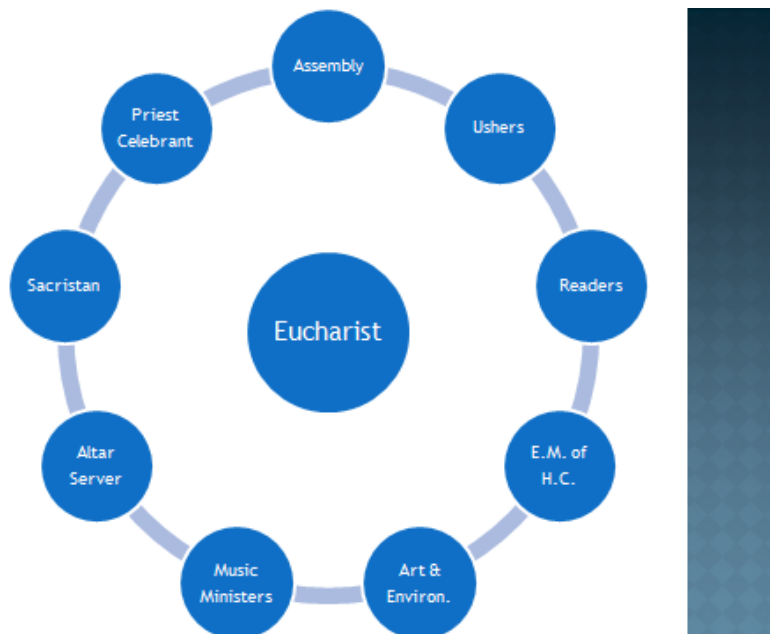
Learning from Ritual:

- It involves a coming together of words, actions and objects;
- This combination is predictable – familiar, expected...
- For festivity and unity sung words underscore important actions;
- Consideration is given to the quality and appropriateness of the objects used;
- Not everybody has to do everything – but there are no spectators;
- All spontaneously participate in the ritual...

For coherency, all the element must work together to support the ritual purpose.

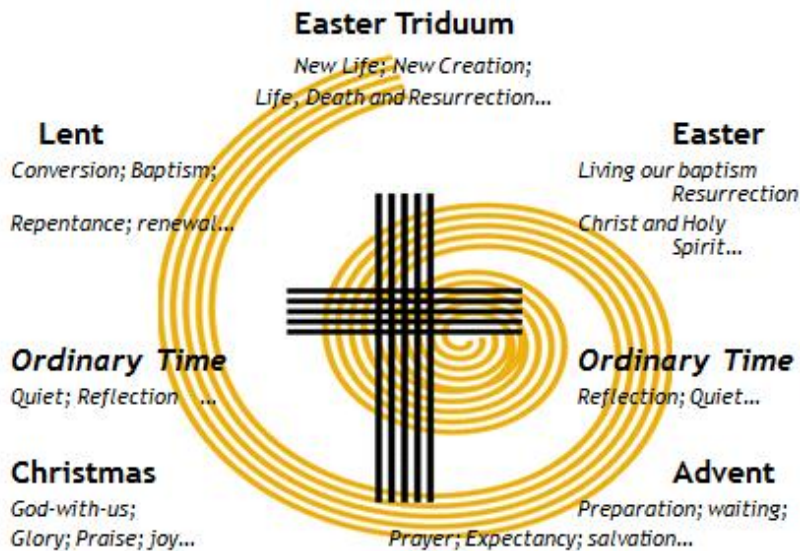
Looking to Liturgy:

- Our tradition provides us with ritual patterns and texts.
- Liturgy needs people.
- Is an action of the whole Church...our public prayer.
- The liturgy is the church made visible...as a ministering community.



- In the liturgy we meet the risen Lord in Eucharist, word, assembly & priest-celebrant. How do we honour and recognise that presence?

THE GIFT OF THE LITURGICAL YEAR



The Paschal Mystery of Christ unfolds in the course of the liturgical year.

- As Embodied ritual, liturgy is made up of actions, gestures, signs & symbols, music, words – scripture and texts, silence...
- Liturgy tells us who we are and who we are to become.

“Perhaps instead of asking what will engage the assembly, we could begin to ask what the liturgy demands.

Instead of asserting our ownership of the liturgy we might ask how we can surrender to Christ’s prayer and work.

Instead of asking what we should choose to sing, perhaps we could start imagining how we might sing to such a way that it is no longer we who sing, but Christ who sings in us.” – Mark Searle