

THE EUCHARIST MAKES THE CHURCH I

1. Scripture and the Canon of the New Testament

- the church comes before the bible.
- as the church is logically prior to the bible, so the Eucharist is logically prior to the scriptural accounts of it.

Mark 14.22-26

²² While they were eating, he took a loaf of bread, and after blessing it he broke it, gave it to them, and said, "Take; this *is* my body."

²³ Then he took a cup, and after giving thanks he gave it to them, and all of them drank from it.

²⁴ He said to them, "This *is* my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many.

²⁵ Truly I tell you, I will never again drink of the fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it new in the kingdom of God."

The scriptures are documents written and collected **by the church for the church**, not a handbook infallibly dictated by God on **how to make a church**.

2. Models of the Church

- Institutional model
- Body
- Sacramental
- Pilgrim people
- Servant

Christ is the sacrament of God

The church is the sacrament of Christ

The Eucharist is the sacrament of the church

Books:

Paul Bradshaw, Eucharistic Origins

Raymond Brown, The Death of the Messiah

Dom Gregory Dix, The Shape of the Liturgy

Avery Dulles, Models of the Church

Morna Hooker, The Gospel According to St Mark

Michael McGuckian, The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass

Max Thurian, The Eucharistic Memorial