

The Gift of the Mass

What does the Mass
mean to you?



What do you want from
this series on the Mass?



I. What is the Mass?

II. The Sacramental nature of the Mass

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III. The Order of the Mass

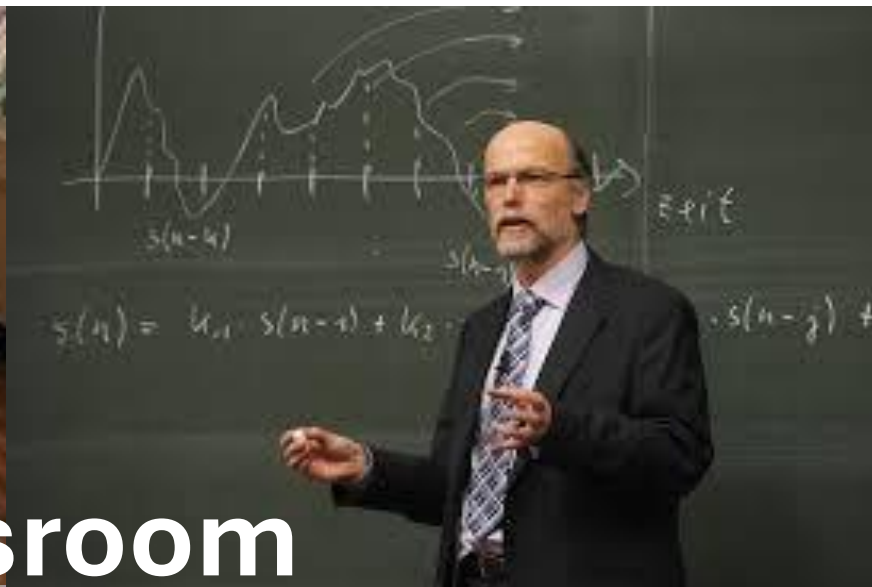
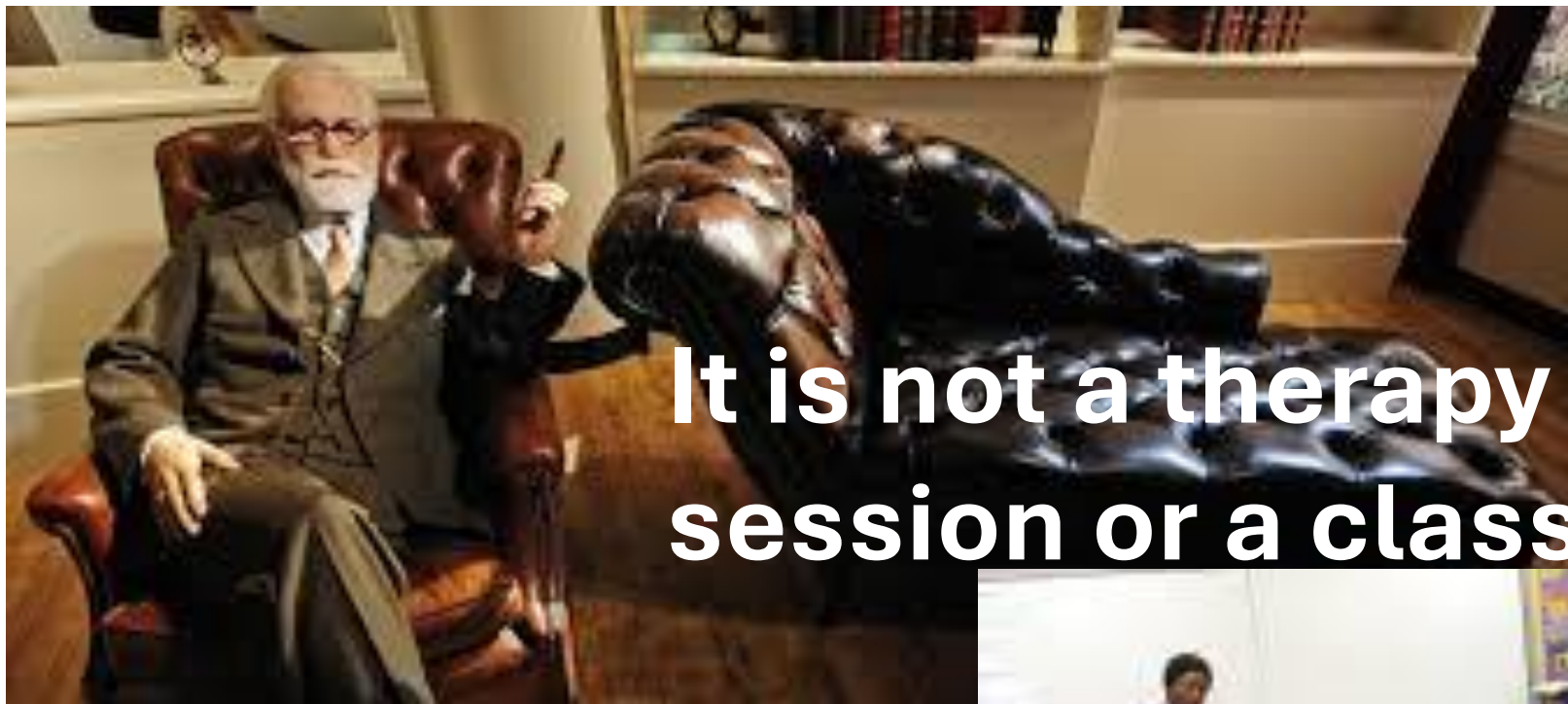
IV. Elements of the Liturgy

What the Mass isn't!





It is not Entertainment



**It is not a therapy
session or a classroom**





It is not a music concert





It is not a political rally

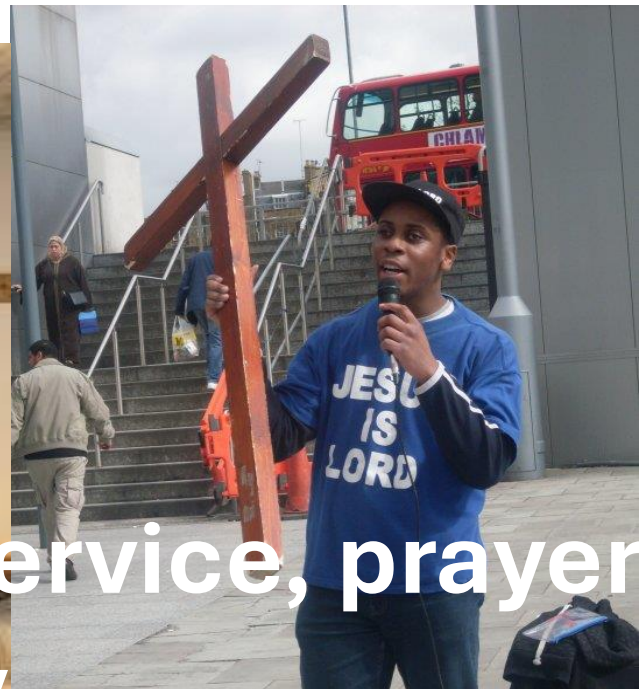




It is not a social gathering



It is not a praise and worship service, prayer meeting or evangelization rally



**It is not a private
devotion**





Not

What the Mass is...

Types of Prayer

Adoration - I love you!

Contrition - I am sorry

Thanksgiving - Thank you

Supplication - Please

What the Mass is

Honor, Veneration, Praise, Adoration, Worship & Prayer

Doulia

Hyper-Doulia

Latria

Personal, Communal and Ecclesial

Evangelical Development

Kerygma, Didache, Liturgy

Communal Meal and Sacrificial Offering

What's in a name?

- Eucharist
- Breaking of the Bread
- Sacred Synaxis
- Holy Sacrifice of the Mass
- Divine Liturgy

The history of the Mass

- Scriptural background
- Theological background
 - Covenant & Sacrifice
- Apostolic & Patristic Church
- Through the centuries
- Oriental Liturgical Traditions
- The modern Mass

Scriptural background

- 1 Corinthians 11:23-25
- Mark 14:22-24
- Matthew 26:26-28
- Luke 22:19-20
- Luke 24:30

Theological background

- Sacrifices
- Passover/Seder/Pascha
- Lord's Supper
- Crucifixion
- Agape

Sacrifices in Old Testament

Offering (Quorban) and Sacrifice (Zevach)
a gift and a blood transformation

- Burnt Offering (Olah)
- Grain Offerings (Minah)
- Peace Offering (Shelem)
- Sin/Purification Offering (Hattat)
- Guilt Offering (Asham)

What is the purpose? Giving *up* Vs. Giving *to*

Covenant

Two types of Covenants

Suzerain/Vassal (conditional on the lesser party)

Royal Grant (no obligations on the lesser party)

- Noah - Gn 9
- Abraham - Gn 12
- Moses – 19
- David - 2 Sm 7
- New – Jer 31

Covenant with Noah

“I establish my covenant with you, that never again shall all flesh be cut off by the waters of the flood, and never again shall there be a flood to destroy the earth” [Genesis 9:11](#)

The Abrahamic Covenant

“Now the Lord had said to Abram: ‘Get out of your country, from your family and from your father’s house, to a land that I will show you. I will make you a great nation; I will bless you and make your name great; and you shall be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and I will curse him who curses you; and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.’” [Genesis 12:1-3](#)

The Mosaic Covenant

“Now therefore, if you will indeed obey My voice and keep My covenant, then you shall be a special treasure to Me above all people; for all the earth is Mine. And you shall be to Me a kingdom of priests and a holy nation.’ These are the words which you shall speak to the children of Israel.” – [Exodus 19:5-6](#)

The Davidic Covenant

“When your days are complete and you lie down with your fathers, I will raise up your descendant after you, who will come forth from you, and I will establish his kingdom. He shall build a house for My name, and I will establish the throne of his kingdom forever. I will be a father to him and he will be a son to Me... Your house and your kingdom shall endure before Me forever; your throne shall be established forever.” [2 Samuel 7:12-17](#)

The New Covenant

“Behold, the days are coming, says the LORD, when I will make a **NEW** covenant with the house of Israel and with the house of Judah— not according to the covenant that I made with their fathers in the day that I took them by the hand to lead them out of the land of Egypt, My covenant which they broke, though I was a husband to them, says the LORD. But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the LORD: I will put My law in their minds, and write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be My people. No more shall every man teach his neighbor, and every man his brother, saying, ‘Know the LORD,’ for they all shall know Me, from the least of them to the greatest of them, says the LORD. For I will forgive their iniquity, and their sin I will remember no more.” [Jeremiah 31:31-34](#)

Melchizedek

“Melchizedek king of Salem brought out bread and wine: and he was the priest of the most high God. And he blessed him, and said, 'Blessed be Abram by God Most High, creator of heaven and earth, And blessed be the God Most High, who has delivered your foes into your hand'. And he gave him tithe from all.”

Gn 14:18-20

- Priest & King (1st priest (cohen) mentioned in Bible)
- Offering of bread and wine
- Ps 110 “The Lord has sworn an oath he will not repent, ‘You are a priest forever in the line of Melchizedek.’”