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It's not what you think, and
why it matters for your Church

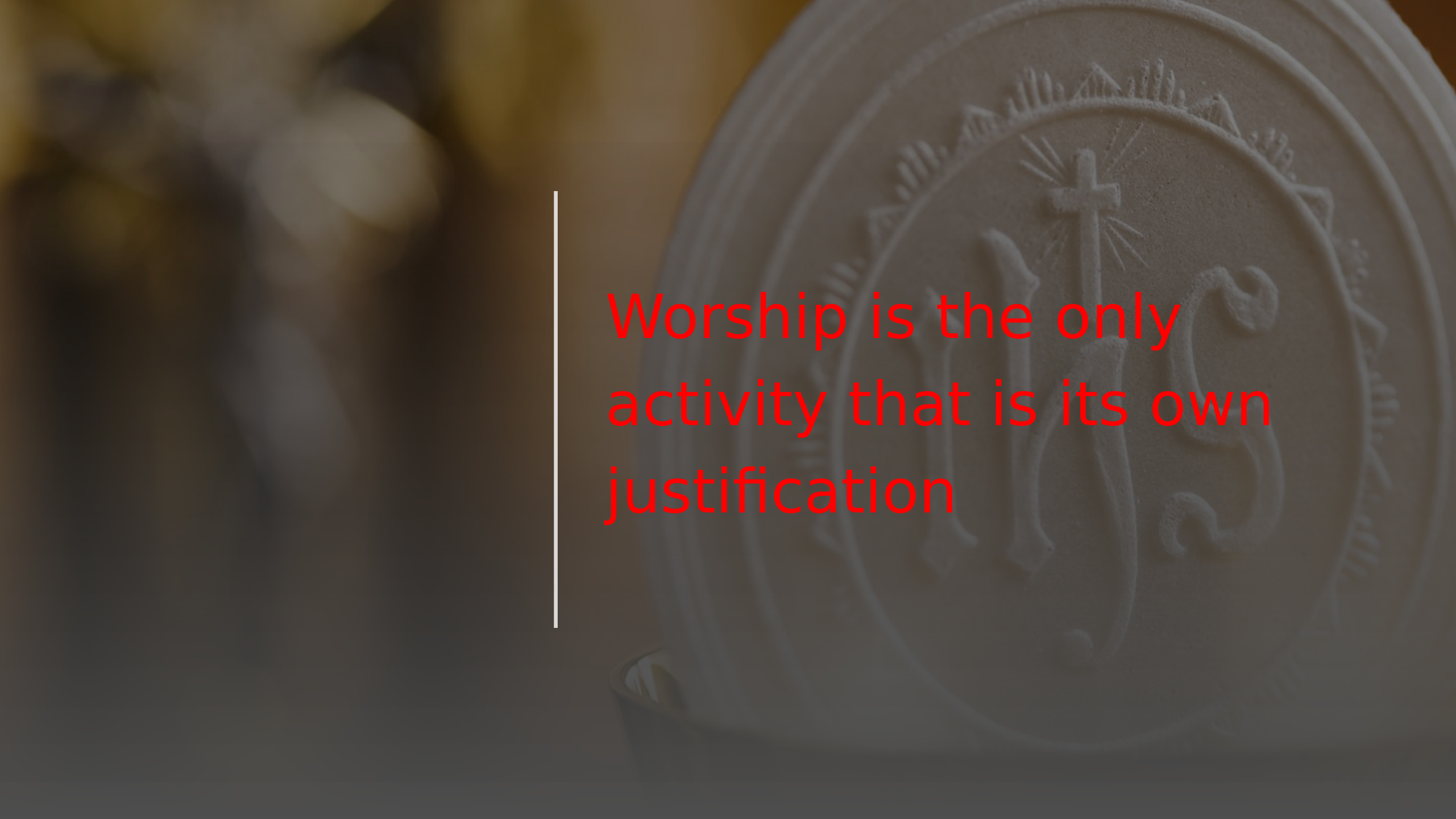
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activity that is its own
justification



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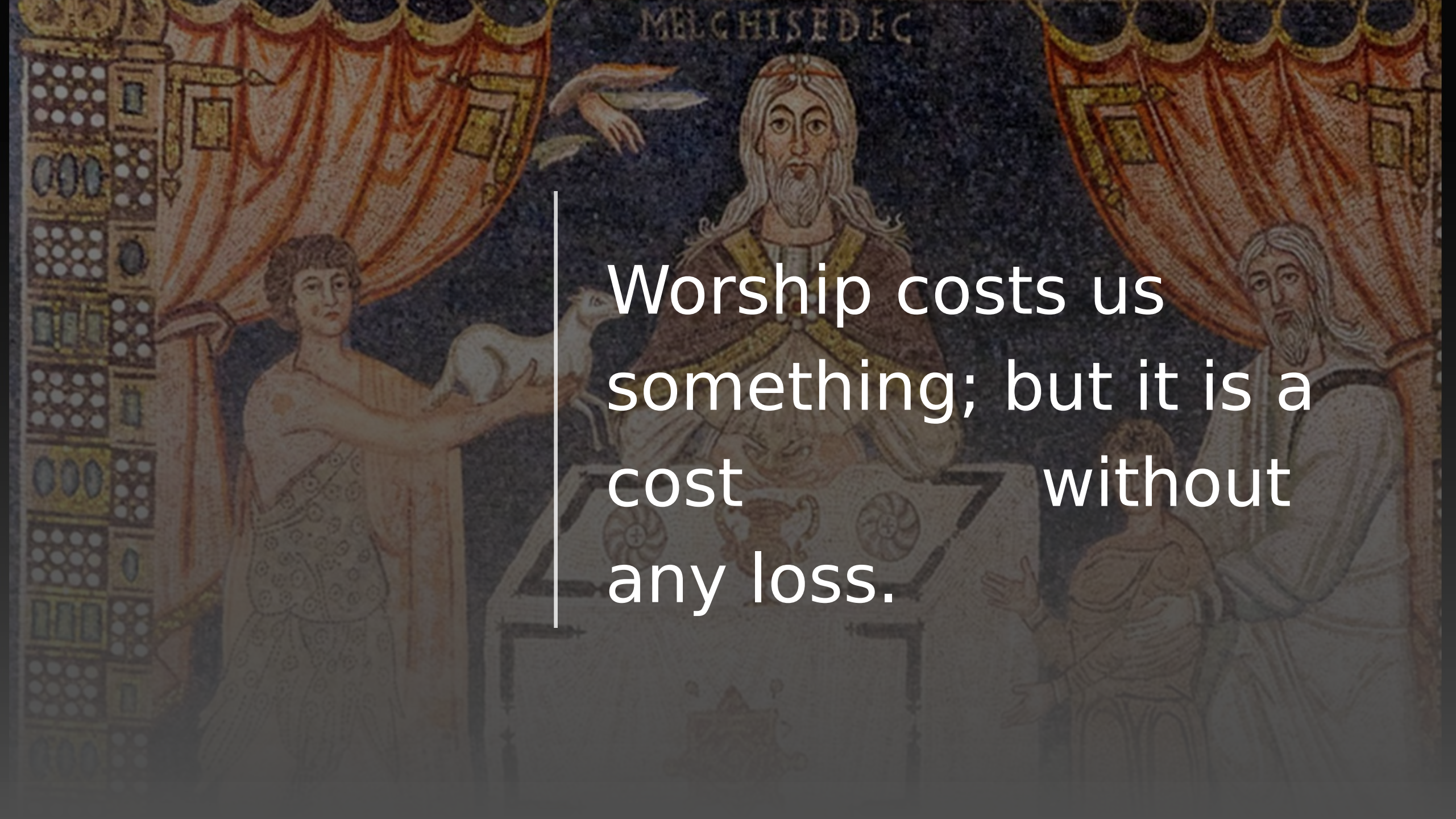


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Worship costs us something; but it is a cost without any loss.



IRENÆUS

“And the class of oblations in general has not been set aside; for there were both oblations there [among the Jews], and there are oblations here [among the Christians]. Sacrifices there were among the people; sacrifices there are, too, in the Church: but the species alone has been changed”
(Against Heresies IV, 18, 2).



GOD MADE
THE HUMAN
CREATURE
FIRST AS A
PRIEST



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The offering to God
in praise of that
which was first
received as gift from
God.

WE CAN ONLY OFFER WHAT WE HAVE RECEIVED

- **Roman Canon:** “We, your servants and your holy people, offer to your glorious majesty from the gifts that you have given us, this pure offering, this holy offering, this spotless offering, the holy Bread of eternal life and the Chalice of everlasting salvation”
- **Liturgy of St John Chrysostom:** “offering you your own from your own, in all, and through all.”
- **Rite I, Prayer II:** “we thy people do celebrate and make, with these thy holy gifts which we now offer unto thee...” (342).
- **Rite II, Prayer D:** “and offering to you, from the gifts you have given us, this bread and this cup...” (BCP 372).

A CHRISTOLOGICAL VIEW OF WORSHIP





THE “THIS” THAT CHRISTIANS DO

The Eucharist is a sacrament whereby we are joined to the perfect worship that the Incarnate Son of God, Jesus of Nazareth, offered in his flesh to His God and Father, a sacrifice that is inexhaustible. Our sacrifice is joined and united to his, such that our sacrifice is no addition to his, but an act of sacramental union.

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3. Attend to the Nature of the Liturgy as Ritual Actions.