

## The History and Theology of the Eucharist

- I. From the Last Supper to the Eucharist in the House Churches (First – Third Centuries)
  - a. Last Supper – what was it?
  - b. Extensive Evidence of the Eucharistic Celebrations in the NT
  - c. From Synagogue to House Church
  
- II. Eucharist in the Basilicas and Shrines (Fourth – Eighth Centuries)
  - a. *Basilica, Baptistry, and Martyria*
  - b. The emergence of the Ordinary of the Eucharistic Celebration
  - c. *Mystagogies* of the sacred action
  
- III. The “Celebrant” of the “*Missarum Sollemnia*” (Eighth – Twelfth Centuries)
  - a. Great cathedrals of Europe and many altars
  - b. The Priest alone enters into the prayer (Plenary Missal)
  - c. The laity and its separation from the Cup
  
- IV. Seeing and Adoring the Host (Twelfth – Fifteenth Centuries)
  - a. The rite of elevation – ocular communion
  - b. *Corpus Christi* processions
  - c. The laity and self-excommunication
  
- V. Protestant Reforms and the Missal of Pius V (1570)
  - a. Protestant emphasis on the Word over sign
  - b. Roman reform and standardization of the *Ordo Missae*
  - c. 400 year tradition of uniformity in the Mass
  
- VI. Popular Devotion to the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass (Sixteenth – Twentieth Centuries)
  - a. Priestly piety of the daily Eucharist
  - b. New religious societies and Eucharistic pieties
  - c. Catechesis of Eucharist

VII. The Liturgical Movement to the Second Vatican Council

- a. Eucharistic reforms of Pius X
- b. Lambert Beauduin, social action and liturgical reform
- c. Retrieval of Four-fold Presence of Christ in the Eucharist

VIII. The Missals of Paul VI (1969, 1975) and John Paul II (2000)

Principles

- a. Liturgy as manifestation (summit and fount) of the Church
- b. Full, conscious, active participation of the assembly
- c. Substantial unity and not rigid uniformity (inculturation of the Eucharist)
- d. Eucharist as ordinary sacrament of reconciliation

Operations

- a. The Ordo: liturgy of the Word; general intercessions; Eucharistic prayers
- b. The lectionary and the calendar
- c. Vernacular and translations
- d. Various occasions and children

Suggested Reading:

1. Paul F. Bradshaw, Eucharistic Origins (Oxford University Press, 2004)
2. Robert Cabie, History of the Mass (Washington: Pastoral Press, 1992)
3. Edward Foley, From Age to Age: How Christians Celebrated the Eucharist (Collegeville: Liturgical Press)
4. Jerome Kodell, The Eucharist in the New Testament (Michael Glazier, 1988)