

THE EARLY CHURCH IN WORSHIP

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ELEMENTS OF NEW TESTAMENT WORSHIP

- Reading the Word – 1 Tim 4:13
- Preaching, 2 Tim 4:2
- Singing – At very least – Colossians 3, Ephesians 5
 - What are P/h/SS – no one knows for sure
 - All three words were used as headings for psalms (Psalmody only)
 - General terms – different kinds of songs
 - What about instruments
 - Clear evidence – Psalm means “singing accompany with a lyre”
 - Ephesians 5. Singing and making melody, “making melody” means plucking a stringed instrument - ψάλλω
 - “Psallo” – to pluck
- Prayer – 1 Tim 2:1
- Baptism
- Lord’s Table – 1 Corinthians 11:23-32
- Giving – 1 Corinthians 16:2

EARLY LITURGIES – PLINY THE YOUNGER TO EMPEROR TRAJAN– 112 A.D.

. . .**meet on a fixed day** before dawn and **sing responsively a hymn to Christ** as to a god, and to **bind themselves by oath**, not to some crime, but not to commit fraud, theft, or adultery, not falsify their trust, nor to refuse to return a trust when called upon to do so. When this was over, it was their custom to depart and to **assemble again to partake of food**--but ordinary and innocent food. . .

EARLY LITURGIES – DIDACHE (THE TEACHING OF THE TWELVE APOSTLES) – 120 A.D.

- Non faithful dismissed from Lord's Supper
- Thanks - *eucharisto*
- Distribution of Elements

EARLY LITURGIES – DIDACHE (THE TEACHING OF THE TWELVE APOSTLES) – 120 A.D.

- Two Sections – Word (non-communicant) and Table (faithful)

WORD

Reading

Preaching

Prayer

TABLE

(Dismissal)

Prayer of Thanks

Distribution

EARLY LITURGIES – JUSTIN MARTYR APOLOGY – 140 A.D.

- Two Sections – Word (non-communicant) and Table (faithful)

WORD

Reading

Preaching

Prayer of Cong

TABLE

(Dismissal)

Offertory/Kiss of Peace (prepping elements)

Prayer of Thanks

Distribution

Alms for the poor (what we believe as offertory)

EARLY LITURGIES – APOSTOLIC TRADITION OF HIPPOLYTUS OF ROME (236)

- Two Sections – Word (non-communicant) and Table (faithful)

WORD

Reading

Preaching

Intercessory Prayer

TABLE

Dismissal – explicit and formal

Offertory/Kiss of Peace (prepping elements)

Prayer

EARLY LITURGIES – APOSTOLIC TRADITION OF HIPPOLYTUS OF ROME (236)

- **PREFACE**

- Salutation (The Lord be with you...)
- Sursum Corda (Lift up your hearts (entering the throne)/Let us give thanks...)

- **CANON**

- “We Render Thanks” – official beginning
- Anamnesis (Remembrance) (Thanks for Creation/Redemption)
- Oblation (Sacrifice) Over time a re-sacrifice, spurring the Reformation
- Epiclesis – Invocation, “Bless us Holy Spirit”
- Doxology (Greater...Gloria in Excelsis Deo)
- Fraction/Distribution of the Elements

PRE-REFORMATION MASS – ORDO ROMANUS 770

• WORD

• Introit – Gloria Patri (Lesser)

• **Kyrie Eleison**

• **Gloria in Excelsis Deo** (Greater)

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• Collect (prayer)

• Epistle

• Gradual (musical resp)

• Alleluia (Tract for lent)

• Gospel

• Optional sermon

• (Credo – later)

• (Dismissal)

TABLE

Preface – Salutation/Sursum Corda

Sanctus

Pater Noster

Kiss of Peace

Agnus Dei

Fraction/Distribution

Cyril of Jerusalem – “*Hoc est Corpus Meum*”

Collect

Ite, Missa Est