

ST. BENEDICT CHAPEL

Location: Sumvitg, Switzerland

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Site Context

221 Vitg, Sumvitg, Switzerland
46°44'05"N 08°56'19"E

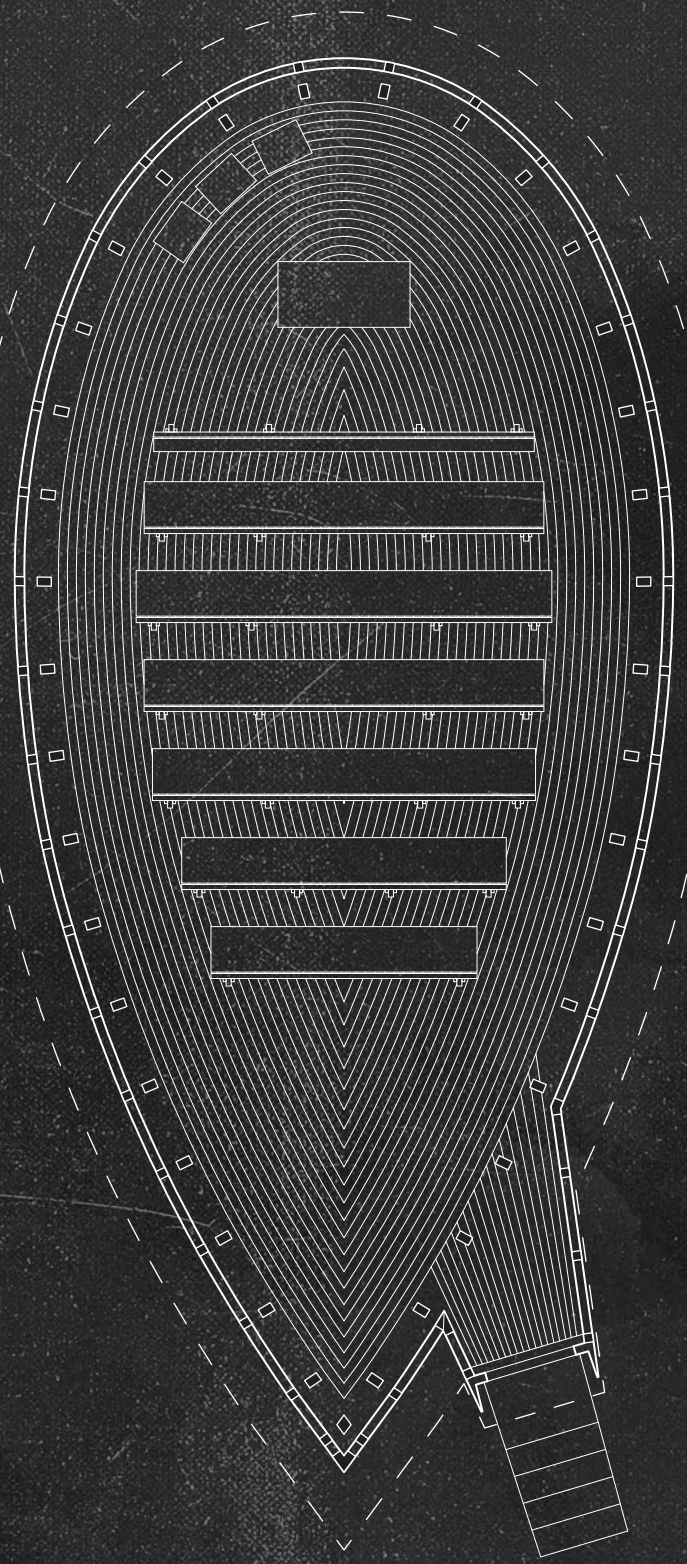
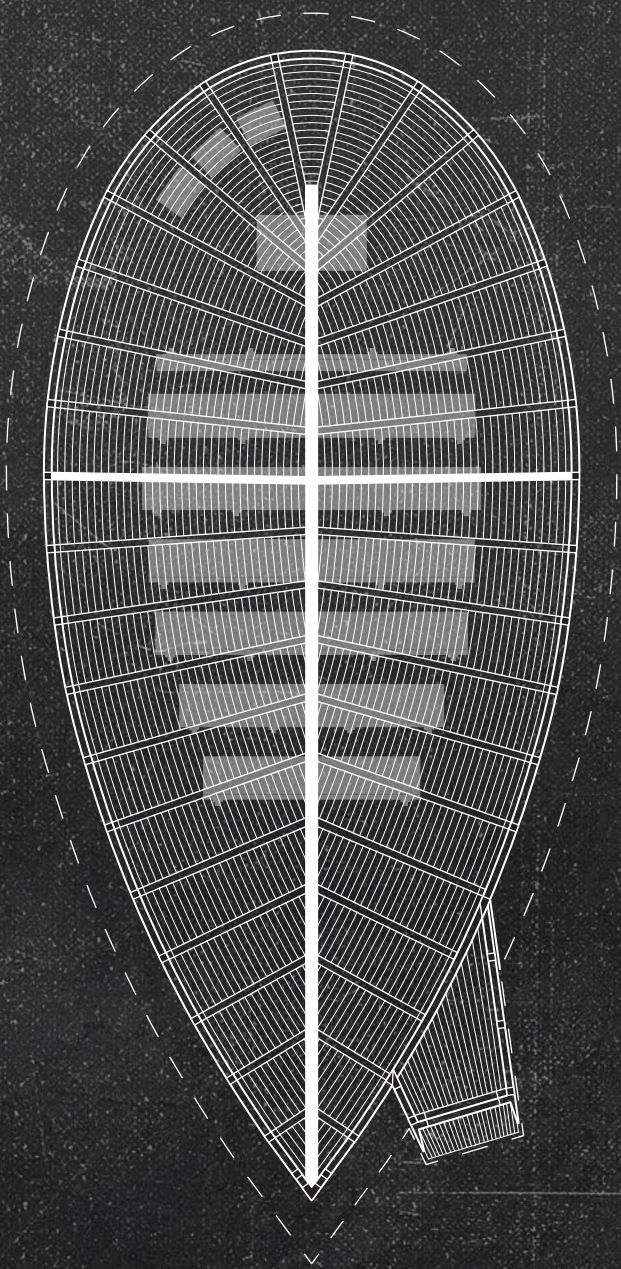
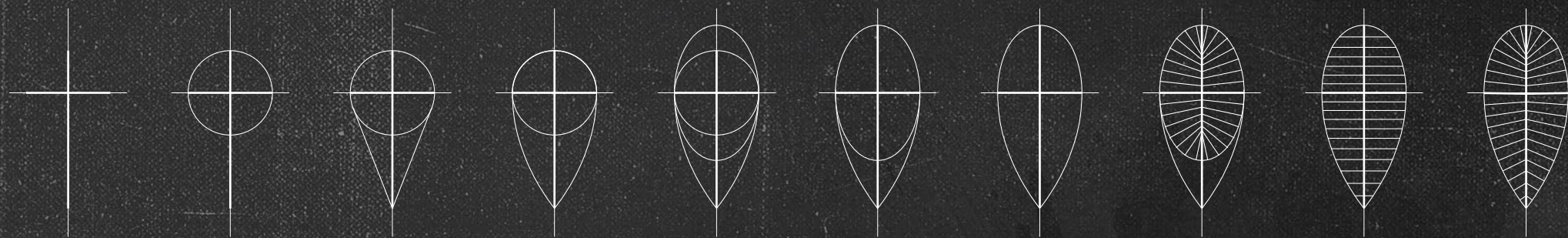
Site Significance

At an elevation of 1,600 metres, situated among the mountainous region of Surselva, St. Benedict Chapel serves as a place of worship. Through a complete submersion that blurs the boundaries between the sacred and the natural Zumthor encourages visitors to reflect on their relationship both with the divine and their surrounding environment. A remarkable example of Zumthor's thoughtful architecture and his unique exploration of God and nature.

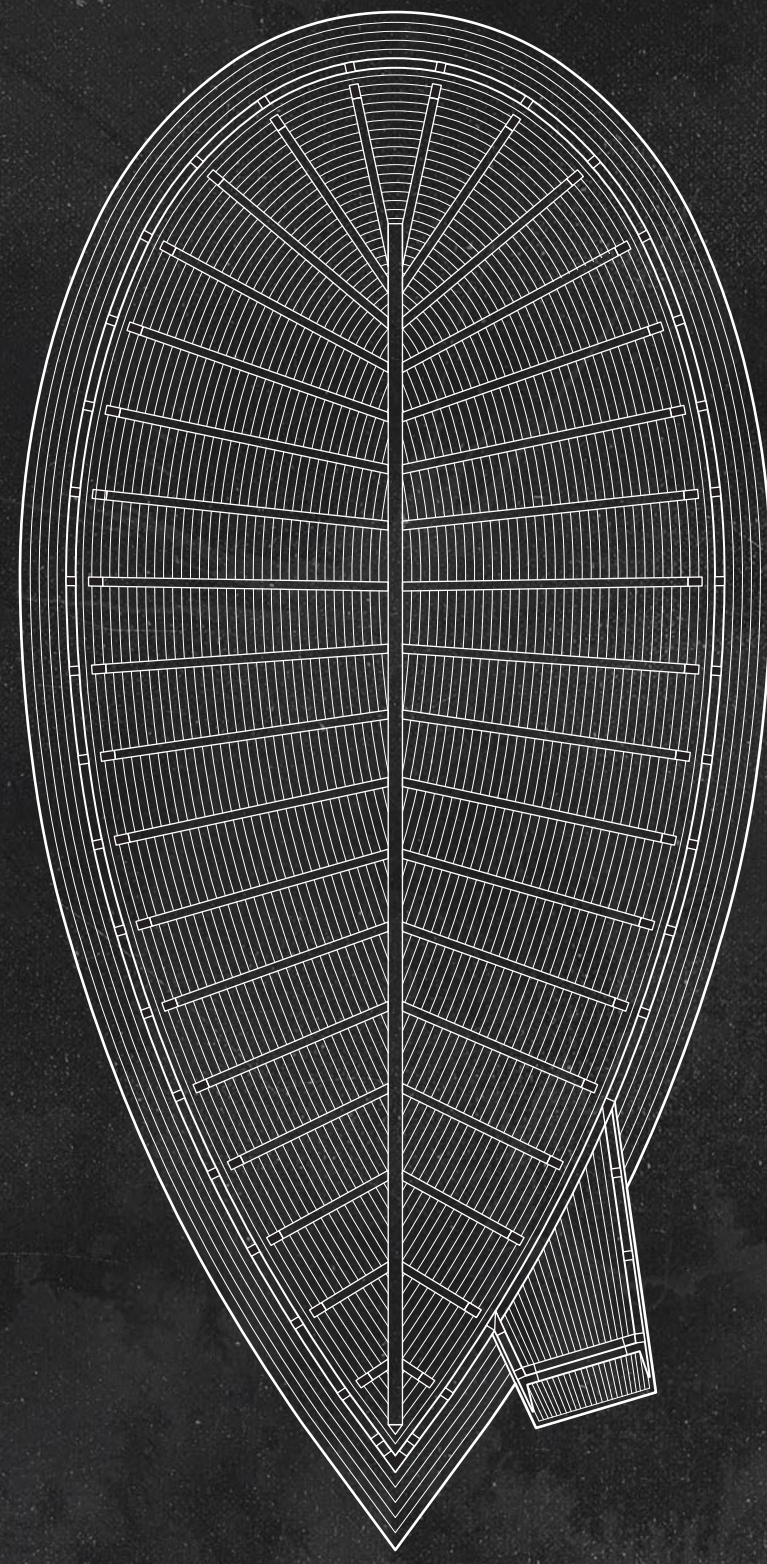


Floor Plans

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Floor Plan



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Designed in the same manner as a gothic cathedral, St. Benedict Chapel originates from the cross. The structure then flares and bends, creating an almost natural form that resonates with its surroundings, evokes emotion, and engages the senses, creating a space that fosters a sense of connection between God and nature.



Construction

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Experience

The chapel is constructed as an organic, monolithic structure that emerges from the earth, seemingly carved out of the surrounding landscape. Its form and materiality blend seamlessly with its environment, emphasizing a sense of unity between synthetic and natural elements. The carefully crafted openings frame views of the surrounding mountains and landscape, allowing nature to become an integral part of the spiritual experience within the chapel.

Roofing System

Ribbon Window

Interior Finishing

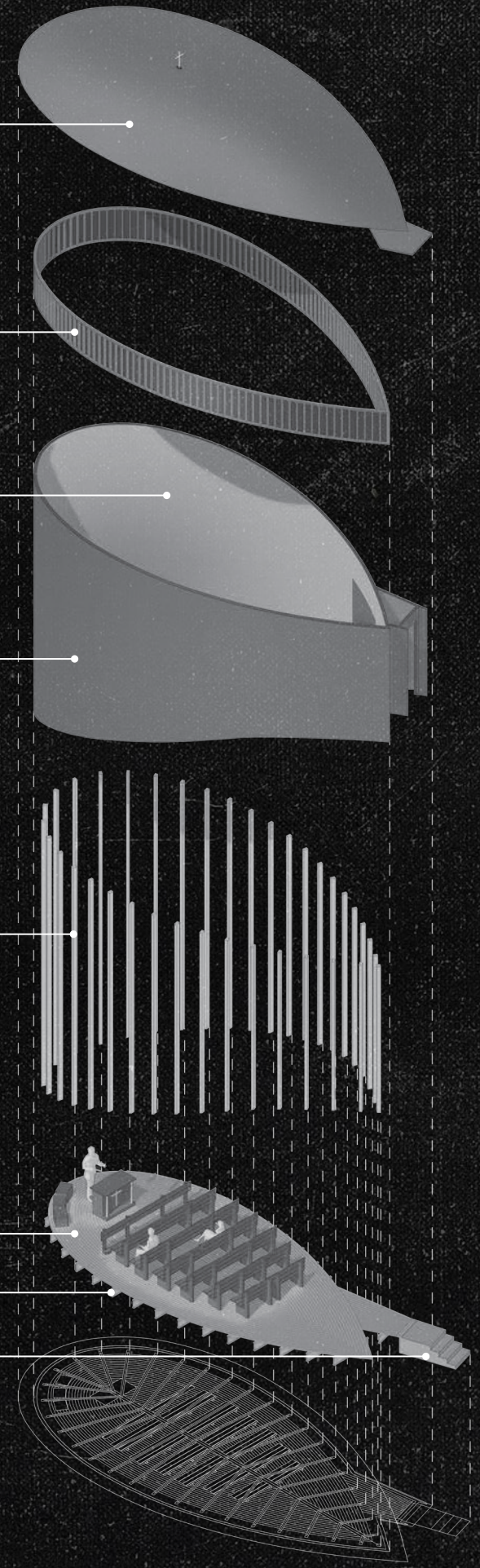
Exterior Cladding

Framing System

Hardwood Planking

Floor Joist

Concrete Steps





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