

The Divine Liturgy

{Teacher's Edition}


Lesson Objective: To have children understand the sequence of events during the Divine Liturgy, as well as be aware that the consecration is the most important part.

Introduction: On Sundays we go to church and take part in the Divine Liturgy. Liturgy means "work of the people". We are the People and when we pray together we become part of God's family. The Divine Liturgy is the most important service because we live Christ's life. There are two parts to the Divine Liturgy. The Divine Liturgy reminds us how we should live to please God.

Bible Reading: **Holy Communion is the Most Important Part of the Divine Liturgy**
"I am the living bread which came down from heaven: if any man eat of this bread, he shall live for ever: and the bread that I will give is my flesh which I will give for the life of the world." John 6:51

Sequence of Events During Divine Liturgy:

1. God blesses us through the Priest.
2. The Little Entrance is when the Priest comes out with the Gospel.
3. We listen to the Priest read the Gospel. It tells us about Jesus' life. We learn how to love God.
4. The Great Entrance is when the Priest comes out with the Gifts of bread and wine.
5. We recite the Symbol of Faith (the Creed).
6. **The Priest asks the Holy Spirit to bless us and the bread and wine, and they become the Body and Blood of Jesus. This is the consecration and therefore the most important part of the Divine Liturgy.**
7. We recite the Lord's Prayer.
8. We receive Holy Communion and our hearts are filled with God's love.
9. The priest gives us the final blessing.

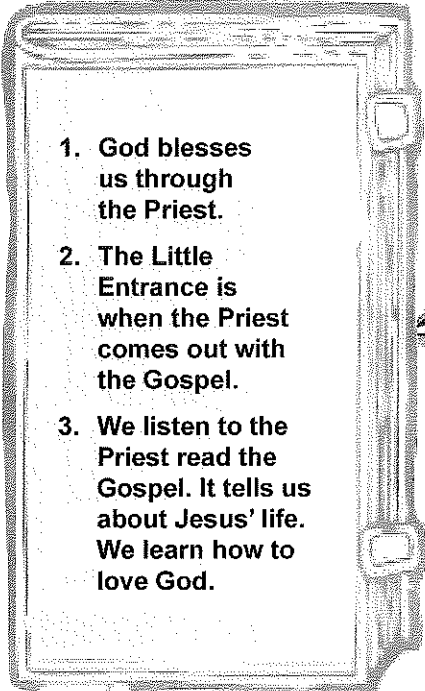


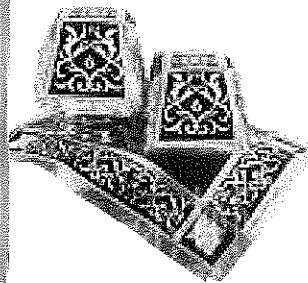
Activity: Have the children number the pictures in the sequence of the events according to the lesson.

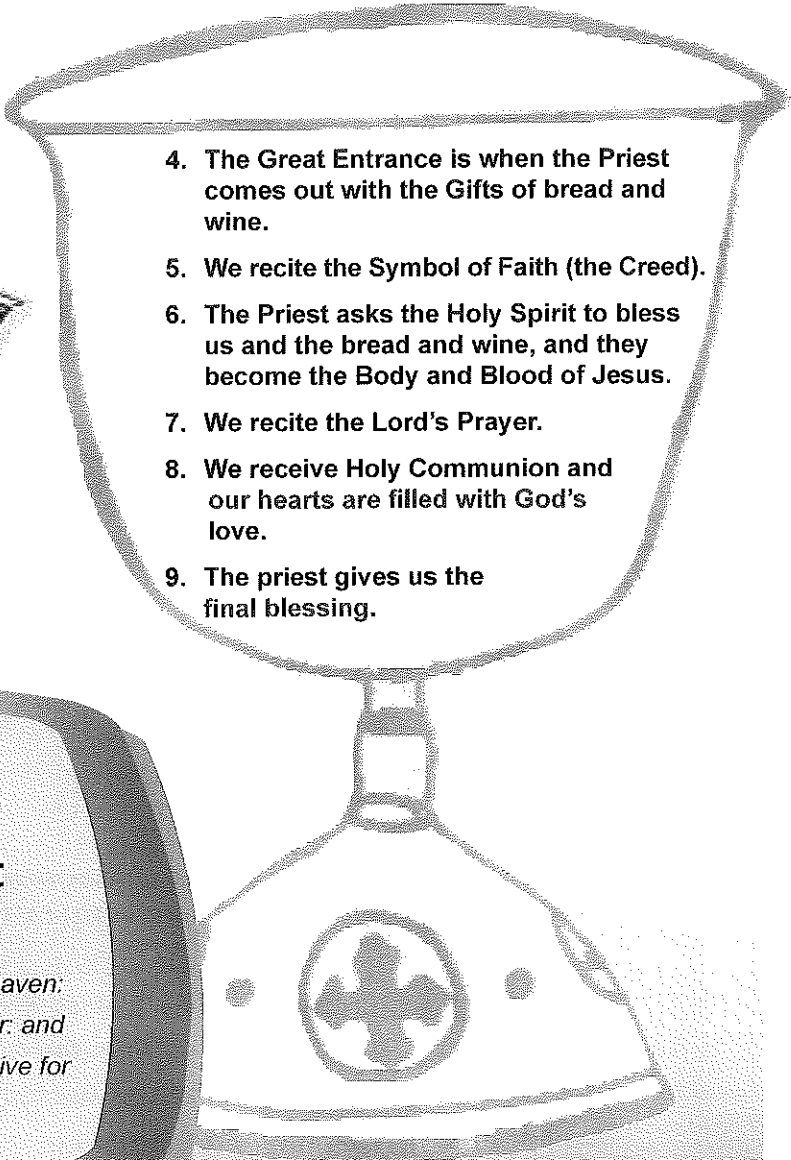
Prayer: Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name.
Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread,
And forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. Amen!

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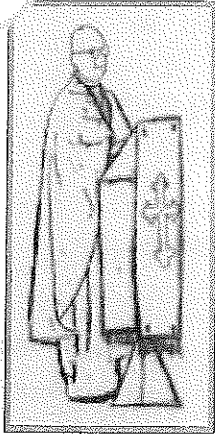
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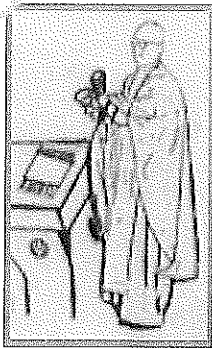
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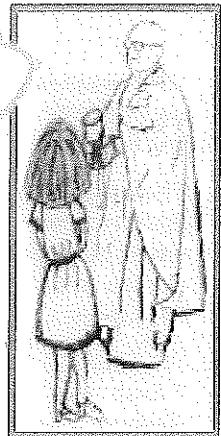
Number the following pictures in the order they happen.



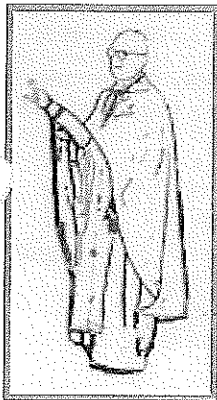
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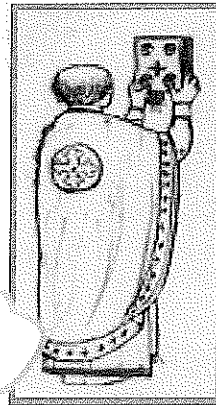
The Priest asks the Holy Spirit to bless the bread and wine.



We receive Holy Communion



The Priest gives the Final Blessing



The Priest comes out with the Gospel.

PRAYER

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