

Four liturgies of Supernatural Substance



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“The real presence of the risen Christ in the power of the Spirit with the assembly is the church’s ‘nuclear option’ available every Sunday. But the church has largely forgotten this option and generally doesn’t invoke it (“in the name”) with full understanding... When Saul of Tarsus met the risen Christ on the road to Damascus, he experienced a massive reality encounter and ontological shock that changed his life and understanding of reality forever.”



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In every true worship assembly the Damascus Road reality can be available to impact and transform the believing church by faith because in the New Testament faith, every Sunday is resurrection day."

Hebrews 12:18-24

18 For you have not come to what may be touched, a blazing fire and darkness and gloom and a tempest **19** and the sound of a trumpet and a voice whose words made the hearers beg that no further messages be spoken to them. **20** For they could not endure the order that was given, "If even a beast touches the mountain, it shall be stoned." **21** Indeed, so terrifying was the sight that Moses said, "I tremble with fear."

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22 But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to innumerable angels in festal gathering, **23** and to the assembly of the firstborn who are enrolled in heaven, and to God, the judge of all, and to the spirits of the righteous made perfect, **24** and to Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant, and to the sprinkled blood that speaks a better word than the blood of Abel.



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“Christian churches need to constitute in their practices - especially in their practices of worship - alternative plausibility structures that can embody and experience the presence of the divine in a way that directly challenges the suffocating naturalism of the dominant culture.”



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It is important to defend belief in God and the supernatural theologically and apologetically, but this cognitive strategy, in order to have lasting impact, needs to be embodied within a believing community that expects to experience and is actually aware of experiencing the reality and presence of the God of the Bible in its worship.”

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1.

Liturgy of responding in song.

2.

Liturgy of the ministry of the Saints.

3.

Liturgy of the Word.

4.

Liturgy of the Lord's Table.



“Great indeed is the fruit of sweetness and comfort our souls can gather from this sacrament: because we recognize Christ to have been so engrafted in us as we, in turn, have been engrafted in him, so that whatever is His we are permitted to call ours, whatever is ours two reckon as His. As a consequence, we may dare assure ourselves that eternal life is ours; that the Kingdom of Heaven can no more be cut off from us than from Christ himself...”

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This is the exchange which out of His measureless goodness He has made with us: that, receiving our poverty unto Himself, He has transferred His wealth to us; that taking our weakness upon Himself He has strengthened us by His power; that having received our mortality He has given us His immortality; that, descending to earth, He has prepared an ascent to heaven for us; that, becoming Son of man with us, He has made us sons of God with Him."

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