

TWO VISIONS OF WORSHIP

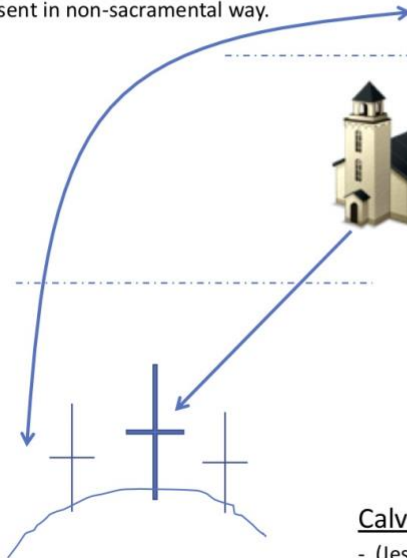
DIAGRAM 1:

A "TYPICAL" UNDERSTANDING OF WORSHIP

(No perceived need for ritual)

The Kingdom of God - *future*

- (The fulfillment of Christ's saving work)
- God is present in non-sacramental way.



The Church - *present*

- (The Paschal Mystery is "remembered")
- Worship centered on gift of faith
- And/or: Humans decide on how to pray.

Calvary/the Paschal Mystery - *past*

- (Jesus Christ's Sacrifice – once for all)
- "Remembering" simply means faithfully accepting it.

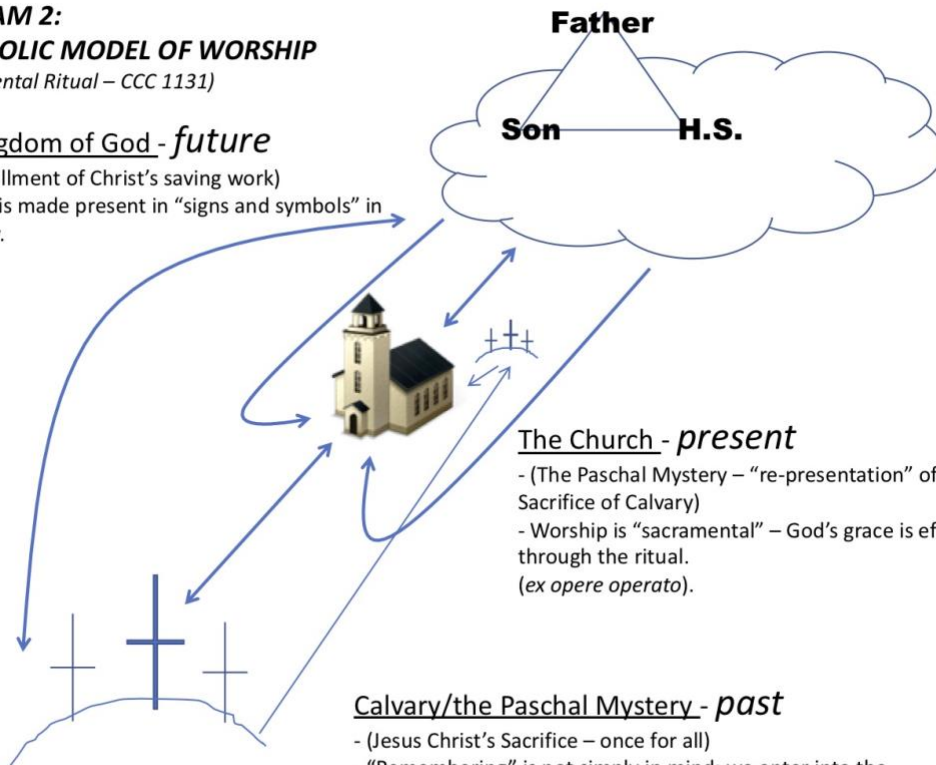
DIAGRAM 2:

A CATHOLIC MODEL OF WORSHIP

(Sacramental Ritual – CCC 1131)

The Kingdom of God - *future*

- (The fulfillment of Christ's saving work)
- Heaven is made present in "signs and symbols" in the liturgy.



The Church - *present*

- (The Paschal Mystery – "re-presentation" of the Sacrifice of Calvary)
- Worship is "sacramental" – God's grace is effective through the ritual. (*ex opere operato*).

Calvary/the Paschal Mystery - *past*

- (Jesus Christ's Sacrifice – once for all)
- "Remembering" is not simply in mind; we enter into the event and partake of its benefits.