

## EUCHARIST AND FEEDING WINDOW

“Consider how the lilies grow in the fields, they do not work, they do not spin, and yet, I tell you, even Solomon in all his splendor was not attired like one of these. But if that is how God clothes the grass in the fields, which is there today, and tomorrow is thrown on the stove, will he not all the more clothe you? Do not ask anxiously, ‘What are we to eat? What are we to drink? What shall we wear?’ All these are things for the heathen to run after, not for you, because your heavenly Father knows you need them all. Set your mind on God’s kingdom and his justice before anything else, and all the rest will come to you as well...”  
Matthew 6:28

- THE CUP** Is the symbol of Christ’s Agony in the Garden of Gethsemane. When in Christ’s prayer to God, He said, ‘O my Father, if this cup may not pass away from me, except I drink it, thy will be done’. Knowing His supreme sacrifice upon the Cross lay before Him, Christ thus accepted the burden which God had laid upon Him. The chalice refers to The Last Supper, and he took the cup, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them and said unto them, This is my blood of the new testament, which is shed for many’ Thus the cup is a symbol of the Christian faith.
- DOVES** As a rule, whenever two doves are presented with the Cup, they are a sign of the faithful. Here they are a symbol of the Christians coming for food. The doves come to eat the wheat and the grapes, the body and blood in Eucharist.
- WHEAT & GRAPES** Wheat is used to suggest the bounty of the earth. It symbolizes the bread of the Eucharist and the body of Christ. “I am the bread of life, he who comes to me shall not hunger”. Grapes symbolize the labor in the vineyard signifying the work of good Christians in the vineyard of the Lord. The vine is used as an emblem of the Savior, The True Vine which carries the Eucharistic blood of Christ.
- MUSTARD SEED** Jesus said, the Kingdom of Heaven is like a mustard seed which when the farmer planted it, was the smallest of all his seeds, but it grew up larger than any plant in his garden. More like a tree, large enough for birds to come and roost among its branches. In this way, Jesus taught that the kingdom, which seemed so tiny and weak, so easily invaded by evil, would grow and flourish.

- ANEMONE In the early days of the Church, the triple leaf of this plant was used to symbolize the Trinity. The flowers red color is said to come from Christ's blood dripping down from the cross. This flower was likened to be the "the lily of the field"
- RUTH "Do not ask me to leave you, or go back ...for where you go, I will go; and where you stop, I will stop. Your people shall be my people and your God my God.
- PETER Three times Peter had denied that he knew Jesus and now three times Jesus asked him if he loved him. "feed my sheep, tend my sheep, feed my sheep, Jesus gave him threefold commission to feed his lambs.
- FEEDING THE MULTITUDES People are led out of their old life, where they are alone with the Lord, and are blessed and fed by him, and become the people of God.
- CLOUDS Clouds in the heavens are the natural veil of the sky and are used as the symbol of the unseen God.
- TRINITY DOVE Sometimes the dove is portrayed as a symbol for our Lord as "three in one" "TheFather", The Son", and the "Holy Ghost". It is through the revealing of the "Holy Spirit" that we are fed.

And he shall stand and feed his flock in the strength of the Lord,  
in the majesty of the name of the lord his God. And they shall live  
secure, for now he shall be great to the ends of the earth; and he  
shall be the one of peace. Micah. 5:2