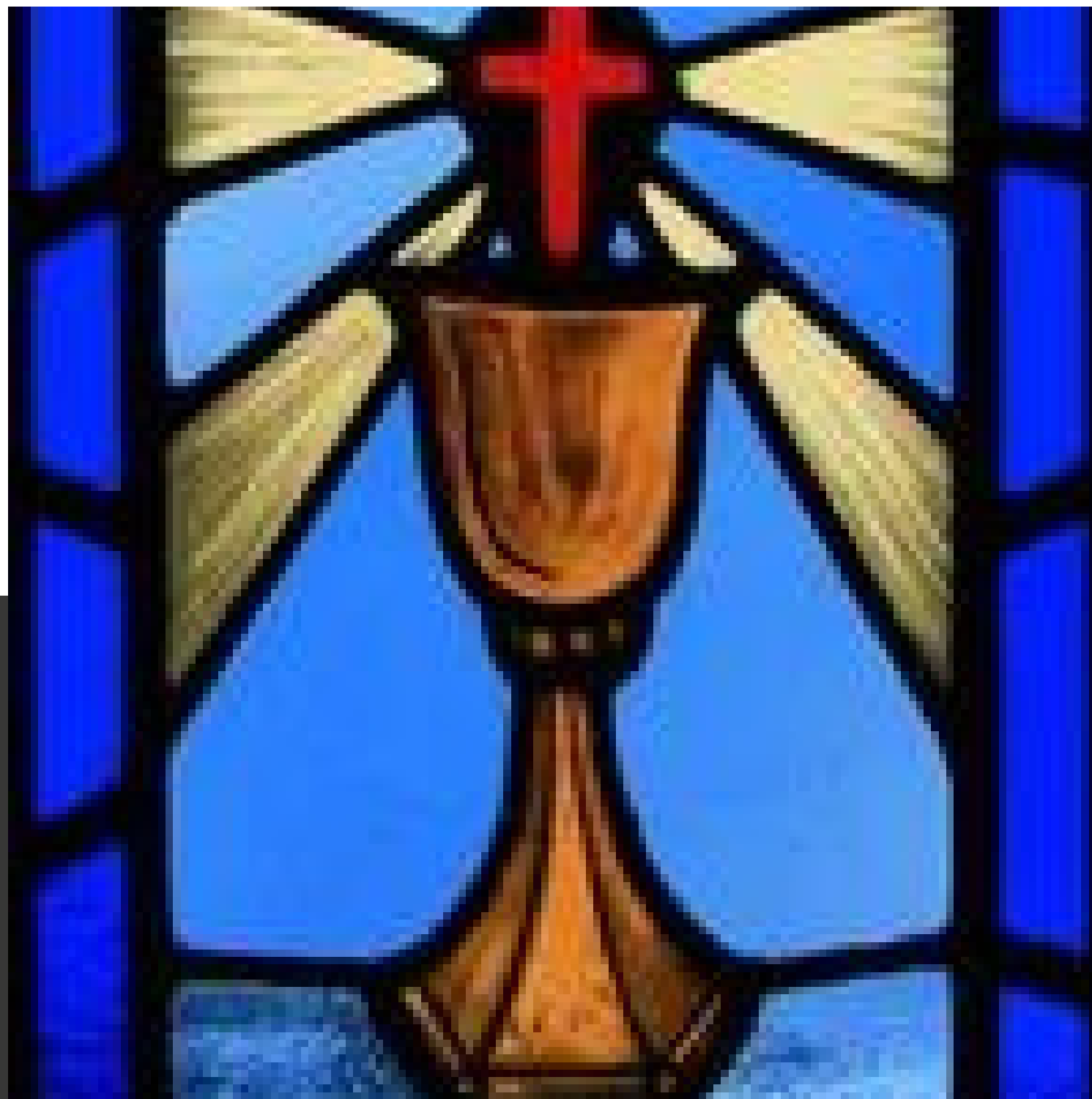


**EUCHARIST &
SHARING
THE COMMON CUP**



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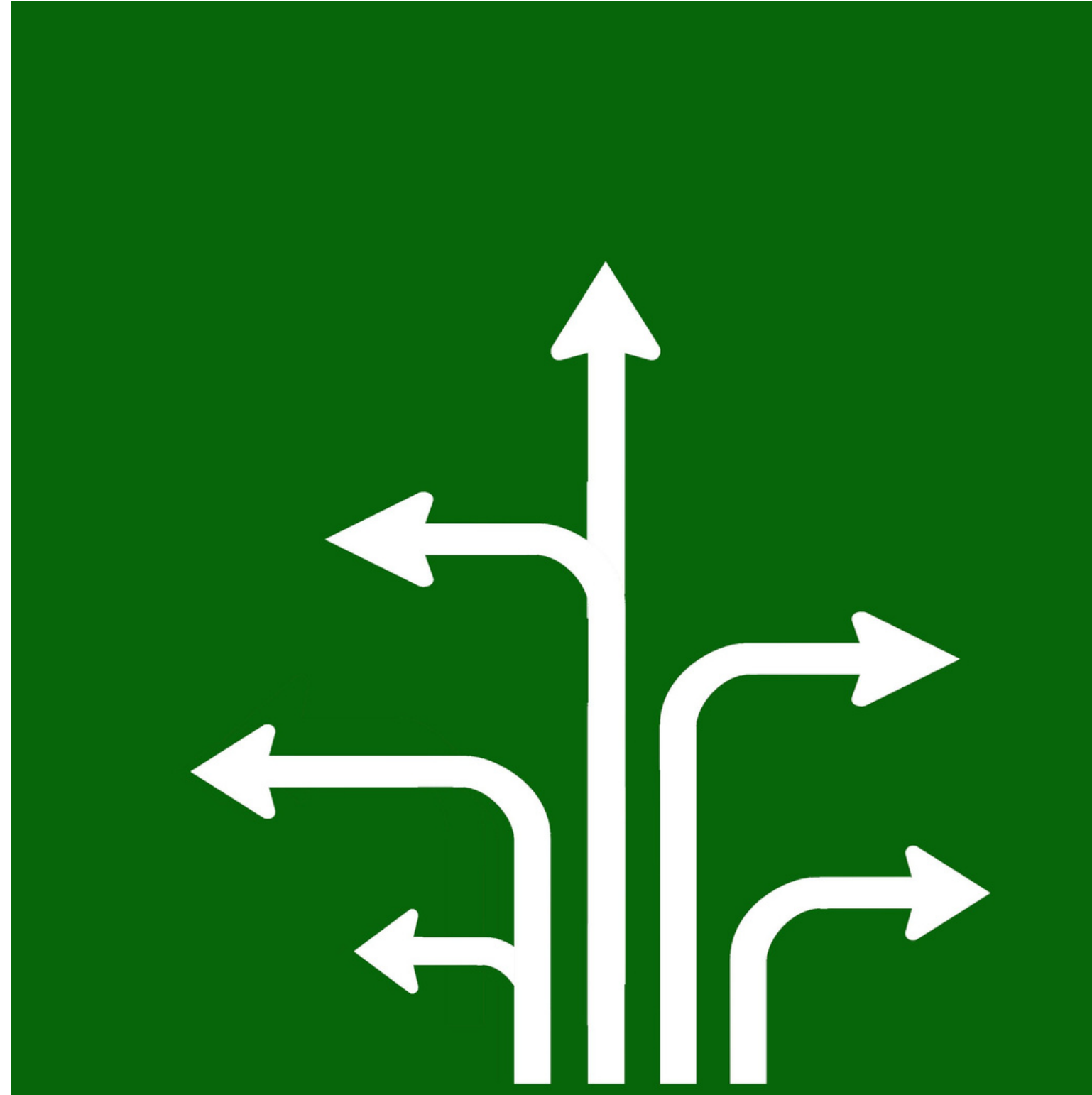
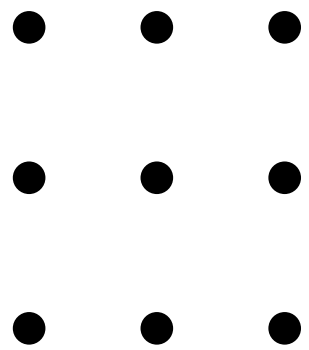
EUCCHARIST

What happens to the bread and wine?

- Transubstantiation?
- Memorial?
- Real Presence
- Reception



SYMBOLS



"MULTIVALENCE"

A symbol is a symbol because it has more than one meaning.

Wine:

Celebration

Relaxation

Comfort

Fortification



THE COMMON CUP

The Presiding Bishop has talked about the power of the common cup.

IN A SEGREGATED SOCIETY

His father followed his mother into the Episcopal Church, because "any church where white and Black drink from the same cup, has figured out something about Jesus."

HIV/AIDS

In the 80s and early 90s, some churches started limiting the chalice or providing "intinction only" in response to HIV...an ill advised practice that stigmatized

THE CUP IS OFTEN TAUGHT AS "CLERICALISM"

I'm wondering whether some of the plagues of Europe had something to do with limiting the chalice in the medieval period

ENVIRONMENT



DIXIE CUPS?

What does it say to put Jesus' blood in cheap plastic cups?

About our stewardship of the planet? Are we to throw away the drops of the "blood?"

Okay, we could wash them.





SPECIAL SINKS!

traditionally we don't wash the chalice, we pour the wine onto the ground. There are even special sinks (not at Holy Communion) in many Episcopal churches



ALTAR GUILD



VOLUNTEERS

Do we have people to set up the new arrangement for wine?





MY RIGHTS! VS. COMMUNITY SYMBOL

I know we want things to go "back."
We want access to what we had.
I would argue, we're not going to be
happy with the compromise.
Without the full symbol... is it better
to continue to wait, to mark the
incompleteness of where we are?

