

ANGLICAN/ROMAN CATHOLIC INTERNATIONAL COMMISSION

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AGREED STATEMENT ON THE EUCHARIST

By The Joint Working Group set up by

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1. Christ himself meets us in the Eucharist. It is the Holy Spirit who makes Christ really present for us in the Eucharist according to the words of institution.
2. The proclamation of the Word is a necessary part of the Eucharist, which, as a sacrament of faith, is born of the Word and nourished by it.
3. The Eucharist can be called a sacrifice, firstly because it presents in a realistically symbolic way the once for all sacrifice of Christ on the Cross; and secondly because we participate in his sacrifice, offering our whole lives in obedience to Christ.
4. The Eucharist is more than merely human remembering. It is a memorial in which God's saving event in Christ is presented to us and a communion in which his people, growing together in Christ, realize their reconciliation in him.
5. The Eucharist also points forward to the fullness of God's promised redemption. It is a foretaste and a beginning of the perfect communion with God and of the restoration of all things in Christ.