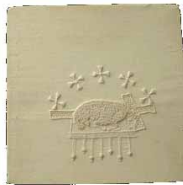
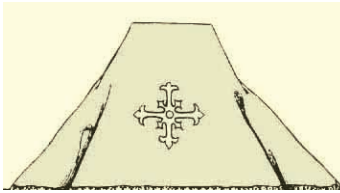


Did You Know? An Anglican Glossary

Preparing the Chalice



Those who dislike ritual and all that goes with it fail to realize that every object has a practical use and purpose. Preparing the chalice is a simple way of packaging all that the priest needs for the Eucharistic service. First a narrow cloth (purificator) is draped over the chalice. It is for cleaning the chalice after use. The paten is placed on top of that with the pall, a square of linen with a cardboard lining to stiffen it. This will be placed on the paten to receive the host. The chalice veil, of the same fabric and color as the vestments of the day, covers everything. It is turned so its embroidered or appliquéd cross faces front. The burse (from L. *bursa*, a purse) tops everything. It is made of the same fabric and color as the veil and has a cross on top. The burse holds the corporal, a white cloth the priest places on the altar for the repose of the chalice and paten.