

What is Christian worship?

Liturgy = the work of the people on behalf of the people

Protestant

Paul Hoon: God's revelation in Jesus Christ and our human response

Peter Brunner: *Gottesdienst* (God's service to humanity AND our service to God)

Jean-Jacques von Allmen:

sums up and confirms ever afresh the process of saving history
the epiphany of the Church.

Evelyn Underhill:

the response of the creature to the Eternal
a distinct response to a distinct revelation

Eastern Orthodox

George Florovsky:

corporate response to God's call
primarily and essentially an act of praise and adoration

Roman Catholic

Pope Pius X:

the glorification of God and the sanctification of humanity
(reflected in Vatican II documents)

Dom Odo Casel:

participation in the paschal mystery