

## Prayers for Blessing Linens

**B**less O Lord, these altar linens prepared for use in your church. May all our prayer and worship here be in the power of your Holy Spirit and to your praise and glory, and be shown forth in the work done in your name, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.

Almighty and everlasting God, bless and consecrate these altar linens for use at the Holy Eucharist, to the honour and glory of your name through Jesus Christ our Lord who lives and reigns in the unity of the Holy Spirit for ever and ever. AMEN.

Gracious God, listen to our prayer and bless these linens prepared for use at the Holy Eucharist through Christ our Lord. AMEN.

Most items are made to order and require time to complete.

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## Church Embroidery

Pure Linen  
Altar Linens



CHURCH LINENS AND THEIR USE



A Monastic Community within the Anglican Church of Canada



### FAIR LINEN

Fair linen or altar cloth is a hand-hemmed cloth of fine linen which covers the top of the altar and hangs down at

each end. It is placed over the cerecloth. It is embroidered only in white, with a cross in each corner and one in the centre, representing the five wounds of Christ, in His hands, His feet and His side.

### CREDENCE CLOTH

Cloth of fine linen that sits on the credence table in the



sanctuary where the sacramental vessels are kept until carried to the altar for the Eucharist. There is usually a cross embroidered in the centre.



### BAPTISMAL TOWEL

Rectangular linen cloth used at baptismal services and

embroidered with the words 'Holy Baptism'.



### PALL

A piece of plexiglass or glass, 6 1/2 or 7 inch square, covered with white linen. Usually it has a cross or some other symbol

embroidered in white in the centre. It is placed on the chalice.

### PURIFICATOR

A small square piece of linen used to wipe the edge of the chalice as the communion is administered. There is a cross embroidered on one corner.



### CORPORAL

A square piece of linen about the size of a napkin which is placed on the fair linen on the altar. The

sacramental vessels are placed on this. The corporal has one white embroidered cross at the front edge. It is symbolic of one of the Lord's grave cloths.



### FAIR VEIL

A large square of fine linen used to cover the sacramental vessels. It usually has a cross embroidered in the centre.

### LAVABO TOWEL

Latin 'I will wash'.

A small rectangular cloth that is used by the priest to dry his/her hands after the bread and wine have been prepared for consecration. A lily design is embroidered on one end.



Altar linens may be purchased from Sr. Jocelyn, SSJD, (jocelyn@ssjd.ca) All linens are hand-sewn and made from Irish Linen.