



Excerpt from *Christ Our Pascha*

The Prayer of the Church

Christ himself shows that the created world is a means through which God acts: he cures the man born blind by applying a mud paste to his eyes; he heals the hemorrhaging woman who touched the fringe of his cloak, and in the Transfiguration his clothes shine with divine light (see Mt 17:2). All that Christ did during his lifetime he continues to do through the Divine Services of his Church and through the Holy Mysteries. Therefore, the Church, through her Divine Services during the Mysteries and on holy days, blesses and sanctifies various material objects through which she witnesses to Christ's presence and salvific action. (#342)