

EUCHARIST  
IN THE APOLOGIA  
OF  
SAINT JUSTIN

*" And on the day which is called Sunday, all who live in the cities or in the country gather together in one place and the memoirs of the apostles and the writings of the prophets are read as long as time permits. Then the reader concludes, and the president verbally instructs and exhorts us to the imitation of these excellent things, then we all rise together and offer up our prayers; and as I said before when we have ended our prayer, bread is brought and wine and water; and the president in like manner offers up prayers and thanksgivings according to his ability and the people give their assent by saying ' Amen'; and there is distribution and a partaking by everyone of the Eucharist and to those who are absent a portion is brought by the deacons. And those who are well-to do and willing give as they choose, each as he himself purposes; the collection is then deposited with the president who supports orphans, widows, those who are in want owing to sickness or any other cause, those who are in prison and strangers who are on a journey and in a word takes care of all who are in need. But Sunday is the day on which we hold our common assembly because it is the first day on which God, when He changed darkness and matter, made the world, and Jesus Christ our Saviour on the same day rose from the dead"*

**Apology 1, 67 of Justin c. 155 AD**