Scripture + Tradition

St. Paul

"So then, brothers and sisters, stand firm and hold fast to the traditions that you were taught by us, either by word of mouth or by letter."

2 Thessalonians 2:15

The Bible in the Liturgy and the Liturgy in the Bible

Scripture and the Liturgy

- Only certain books (the canon of Scripture) can be proclaimed in liturgy.
- These books are unique because they carry God's *truth* and *authority*.
- The Liturgy of the Word leads into the Liturgy of the Eucharist, which seals Scripture within a covenantal act.

Roots in Israel's Worship

 This practice comes from Israel's tradition, where Scripture was always read in a liturgical context.

Example: Moses and the Covenant (Exodus)

- Moses presents God's Law to the people.
- A covenant ritual follows: sacrifice, blood on the altar, and reading of the Book of the Covenant.
- The people accept, and Moses seals it with blood on the people—binding them to God.