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**Eu·cha·rist**  (y kər-ĭst)

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*n.*

1. A sacrament and the central act of worship in many Christian churches, which was instituted at the Last Supper and in which bread and wine are consecrated and consumed in remembrance of Jesus's death; Communion.
2. The consecrated elements of this rite; Communion.

[Middle English *eukarist*, from Old French *eucariste*, from Late Latin *eucharistia*, from Greek *eukharistiā*, from *eukharistos*, grateful, thankful : *eu-*, *eu-* + *kharizesthai*, to show favor (from *kharis*, grace; see **gher-**<sup>2</sup> [in the Appendix of Indo-European roots](#)).]

**Eu'cha·ris tic**, **Eu'cha·ris ti·cal** *adj.*

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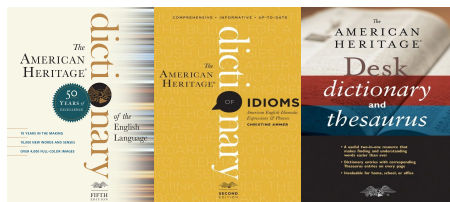
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