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altar boy - мальчик, прислуживающий в алтаре
  altar rails - алтарная ограда
  altar curtain - алтарная завеса
  to lead smb. to the altar - вести к алтарю, жениться на ком-л.
  to sacrifice at the altar - жертвовать на алтарь (чего-л.); приносить жертву на алтарь (чего-л.)
  to kill an animal on the altar - принести в жертву животное
 3) церк. престол (стол в алтаре храма)
  high altar - главный престол
  altar cloth - напрестольная пелена
 2. (Altar) астр. Алтарь, Жертвенник (созвездие южного неба)
 3. тех. порог (печи и т. п.)
                                                                                           Oxford Advanced Learners Dictionary 8th Ed.
altar
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altar [altar altars] BrE ['olltə()]
 a holy table in a church or †temple
   • the high altar (= the most important one in a particular church)
    I diom fat the altar of something
    Word Origin:
    Old English altar, alter, based on late Latin altar, altarium, from Latin altus 'high'.
    Example Bank:
     • He built an altar to God and made a sacrifice.

    He lay prostrate before the high altar.

    He placed the candles on the altar.

     · Helen and Tony kneeled at the altar.

    The altars were decorated with images.

    The bride approached the altar.

     · an altar dedicated to Saint John
     · the high altar of the church
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                                                                                                        Longman DOCE 5th Ed. (En-En)
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                                         noun [countable]
  Date: 1000-1100, Language: Latin; Origin: altare
   1. a holy table or surface used in religious ceremonies:
         a crucifix above the high altar (=the main altar in a church)
         The victim was tied to a sacrificial altar.
  2. the area furthest from the entrance of a church, where the priest or minister stands
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1. 1) *церк*. алтарь