LITURGY: THEOLOGICAL AND HISTORICAL PERSPECTIVES
TRS 741A

Fall 2012
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Tues & Thurs 11:10 - 12:25
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The purpose of this course:
The course will provide the theological and historical foundations for understanding the evolution of Christian liturgical forms. The course will examine the major moments in the historical development of the liturgy in both East and West from the New Testament era with its Jewish foundations to the present. Attention will be given to the ritual and euchological developments and to the theology they manifest. The course will introduce students to the historical sources, both written and architectural, and to the methods and tools of liturgical research and sacramental theology.

General outcomes:
Students will become acquainted with the historical sources of liturgical study and will learn to interpret those data in the context of their cultural and theological settings.

Students will come to know the ecclesiological, Christological, pneumatological, soteriological, and eschatological issues in liturgical texts, ritual enactment, and architectural setting.

Students will come to know the principles guiding the liturgical reforms engendered by the Second Vatican Council and to appreciate their relationship to the liturgical tradition.

Students will gain a familiarity with the methods of liturgical/sacramental theology.

Course Structure:
The course will consist of lectures and class discussions based on the assigned readings and lectures. Writing assignments will sharpen critical analysis and research skills in the field.

Expectations:
It is expected that students will have read the materials critically so as to be able to raise questions and to offer opinions about their content during class discussions.

It is expected that students will complete two written assignments. The first paper will be worth 40% of the final grade, the second paper will be worth 10%.

It is expected that the students will demonstrate their knowledge of the course content in a final examination worth 50% of the final grade.
**The Assignments.**

1. Choose a liturgical unit such as a unit of initiation, or of the Eucharistic liturgy from one of the following sources: *Apostolic Tradition*, *Apostolic Constitutions*, one of the Sacramentaries or *Ordines Romani*, or one of the four great mystagogues on initiation. Describe the rite as found in the text. Indicate the way in which the source’s provenance, date of composition, and genre affect the interpretation and use of the text. Include architectural evidence where applicable. Offer some observations about the meaning of the rite. If applicable, indicate how this information may suggest a deeper understanding of current celebration. Title page, footnotes, bibliography, and general format are to follow the norms of Turabian’s 7th edition. Twelve to fourteen pages. (40%). Due on October 25.

2. Choose some element of the current liturgical reform and demonstrate how our study of the history and theology of the liturgy and of liturgical theology has deepened your appreciation of this reformed rite. Five pages. (10%). Due on Dec. 6.

Please consult the CUA policy on academic honesty on the university’s website.

**Required Reading:**


**Recommended:**


The New Testament and Its Jewish Background

Metzger 1-30. Bradshaw 1-72.


9/4 The New Testament and Its Jewish Background continued as above.

9/6 Liturgy Before the Peace of Constantine. The Church Orders.

Metzger 31-63. Bradshaw 73 - 97.

The Interpretation of Liturgical Evidence.

Bradshaw as above, especially 1-20.


Wegman 1-51.

9/11  Church Orders (cont’d). Other Sources. Peace of Constantine to Gregory I.

Metzger 64-112. Bradshaw 98 – 117.


Wegman 52-142.


9/13  Liturgy Before and After the Peace of Constantine (cont’d).

Further evidence from extant monuments

Images on Blackboard and in class presentations.


9/18  The Early Middle Ages, Carolingian Reform, Gregory VII.

Metzger 113-121.


Wegman 143-203.


9/20  The Early Middle Ages (continued)
9/25  Gregory VII to the Council of Trent
◼Metzger 122-141.

⊙ Wegman 204-238.

9/27  The Development of the Byzantine Liturgy and Other Eastern Liturgies.
◼Taft, The Byzantine Rite: A Short History.
◼▲ Charts of Patriarchates and their liturgical families.

⊙ Wegman 239-296

10/2  The Development of the Byzantine Liturgy and Other Eastern Liturgies. Continued.
◼Taft, The Byzantine Rite: A Short History.

10/4  Sources and Methods.
◼ Review Bradshaw’s observations on method in Chapter 1.
◼ The Eucharist. Bradshaw 131-160.
◼▲ Anaphoral Families: Table.
◼▲ Examples from Prayers of the Eucharist available on Blackboard.
◼ Initiation and Liturgical Time. Bradshaw 118-143.


[10/9 – Administrative Monday. No Tuesday class session.]

10/11  Sources and Methods Continued.
Other Contributions to the Question.
The Middle Ages. Sacramental Theology. The Scholastic Development. Paschasius Radbertus and Ratramnus; Berengarius and Lanfranc; Thomas Aquinas. The Decree for the Armenians.


Θ Thomas Aquinas. Summa theologiae, III, q. 60-65.
Θ Decree for the Armenians. Tanner, 2:534-559 (especially 543-550).

The Middle Ages Continued. The Reformation and Trent.


The Liturgical Movement.

Liturgical Movement and Developments in Sacramental Theology.
Pius X, Pius XII, Sacrosanctum Concilium. Jungmann, Rahner, Schillebeeckx, Congar, Chauvet and others. See Additional Bibliography in Appendix.
4 Selections from:
Pius XII. Mystici Corporis. 1943. [Blackboard link]
Pius XII. Mediator Dei. 1947. [Blackboard link]
Vatican II. Sacrosantum Concilium.
Vatican II. Lumen gentium.

***Paper 1 due 10/25***
10/30 Developments in Sacramental Theology. Continued.

11/1 Developments in Sacramental Theology. Continued.
Summary of Historical Developments and Theological Shifts.


11/8 Liturgical Theology. Alexander Schmemann
Thomas Fisch, ed. Liturgy and Tradition, 89-100, 129-144.

11/13 Method in Liturgical Theology. Theology of Liturgy.

Kevin W. Irwin. Context and Text, 82-175.

Liturgical Spirituality.
Kevin W. Irwin. Context and Text, 311-351.

11/20 The Liturgical Reform of Vatican II: Initiation.

[11/22 – Thanksgiving Day. No Thursday class session.]

11/27 The Liturgical Reform of Vatican II: Initiation (cont’d).

11/29 The Liturgical Reform of Vatican II: The Liturgical Year.
General Norms for the Liturgical Year and Calendar
The Liturgical Reform of Vatican II: The Order of Mass.


The Liturgical Reform of Vatican II: The Order of Mass. Continued.


***Paper 2 due 12/6***
History of the Liturgy (General).


The Byzantine Liturgy.


**Ancient and Medieval Liturgical Sources in English Translation.**


**Handbooks, Introductions, and Dictionaries for Liturgical Studies**


**Sacramental and Liturgical Theology**


Congar, Yves. See below At the Heart of Christian Worship. Trans. and ed. Paul Philibert.

Early Christian Archaeology and Architecture


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**The Modern Liturgical Movement and the Vatican II Reform.**


### Modern Liturgical Books and Other Documents of the Reform


Missale Romanum in chronological order or promulgation

*Missale Romanum* ex decreto sacrosanti Concilii Tridentini restitutum, Pii V Pontificis maximi jussu editum. 1570.


Sacraments and Other Rites by topic (Lat., Eng.) and order of promulgation

Baptism


Roman Ritual.... Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults. Decree. Introduction. Text. RITES 1: 29-340. [This translation along with the adaptations for USA replaced the provisional text on 9/1/1988]


Confirmation

Eucharist
See Missale Romanum above.

Communion and Worship of the Eucharist Outside Mass

Reconciliation (Penance)

Holy Orders
Roman Pontifical.... Rites of Ordination of a Bishop, Priests, and of Deacons. [This translation of the editio typica altera 1990 replaced the translation of the editio typica in 2003.]

Matrimony
Roman Ritual.... [Translation still in progress. None of the translations given to the Holy See by the bishops of the English-speaking dioceses of the world has received Vatican approbation. The texts of the Mass prayers for Marriage and for the nuptial blessings appear in an approved translation in the Roman Missal 2011.]

Anointing and Pastoral Care of the Sick
Liturgy of the Hours


Liturgical Year


*General Norms for the Liturgical Year and the Calendar.* LD 1:165-176.

Funeral Rites


[This second translation of the editio typica with adaptations for USA replaced the earlier translation on 11/2/1989.]

**Individual Sacraments and Other Rites (General Studies)**

Baptism


**Confirmation**

See pertinent sections in several of the above studies on baptism.


**Eucharist**


**Communion and Worship of the Eucharist Outside Mass**


**Reconciliation (Penance)**


Holy Orders


Matrimony


Anointing and Pastoral Care of the Sick


Liturgy of the Hours

Liturgical Year

Funeral Rites