



SCHOOL FOR MINISTRY
The Episcopal Diocese of San Diego

Liturgics 1

SYLLABUS Fall Semester 2021

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Saturdays, 8- 10 a.m.

**** Classes will be held via Zoom ****

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Course Description:

It is often said that Episcopalians pray their theology. This course offers foundations needed to craft and lead holy liturgies that glorify God and feed the people of God. Since the Book of Common Prayer is central to the study of liturgy and liturgical theology, students will ground their liturgical studies in an historical understanding of the Book of Common Prayer's development from the 16th

century to today. Important emphasis will be given to the sacramental theology of the 1979 Book of Common Prayer, particularly relating to Baptism and Eucharist.

Course Mission:

In the Catechism, the question is asked, “What is the duty of all Christians? The answer is, “The duty of all Christians is to follow Christ; to come together week by week for corporate worship; and to work, pray, and give for the spread of the kingdom. The mission of this course is to provide students the beginning tools to be life long learners of sacramental theology as well as prayer and skilled leaders in worship.

Course Objectives:

1. Knowledge of the Liturgical Development of the Christian Church
2. Possess a sound sacramental theology
3. Understand and have deep familiarity with the Book of Common Prayer
4. Connect liturgy with the practice of ministry
5. Create a bridge between personal spiritual disciplines and participation in the liturgies of the church

Procedures and Grading:

There will be three graded projects, plus an evaluation of class participation. Each will be given a number of points based on the instructor’s evaluation. Grading Rubrics will be posted to Google Documents by the first day of class.

Sacramental Theology Paper (5pages, double space 12-point type, 30 % of grade):

This paper should be in three parts. Part one will offer a presentation of the developments of the sacraments of Baptism and Eucharist. Part Two will offer a general understanding of Christian sacramental theology drawing on at least two theologians in different times of the church’s history. The last section will be a brief presentation of the student’s personal sacramental theology noting how it connects to liturgical traditions and Christian teaching on the sacraments.

Due: October 15, 2021

Prayers of the People including closing collect (20% of grade): Using the categories found on page 383 of the Book of Common Prayer and discussed in class, writing prayers of the people for one of the following occasions, which will then be prayed and evaluated in the class designated.

Due: On day presented for class

Session VII, October 9: Philip, Deacon and Evangelist (Oct. 11)

Session VIII, October 16: Latimer and Ridley (Oct. 16)

Session IX, October 25: James of Jerusalem (Oct. 23)

Session X, October 30: All Saints' Day (Nov. 1)

Session XI, November 13: Martin of Tours (Nov. 11)

Session XII, November 20, C.S. Lewis (Nov. 22)

If enrollment exceeds, 6 additional commemorations will be provided.

Final Paper. (8 pages double space, 12 point type, 40% of grade): This paper will be a theological examination of a particular part of the one of the following Prayer Book Service: Ash Wednesday, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, The Great Vigil of Easter, Holy Baptism or the Eucharist. Examples of topics: Thanksgiving over the water in baptism, the words of Institution in Eucharist, the passing of the peace in the Eucharist, the epiclesis in the Eucharist. Students are expected to do some research. A conference with the instructor is highly encouraged once a topic is determined. Topic should be determined by mid-semester.

Due: December 4, 2021

Class participation (10% of grade): Class participation is based on attendance, being prepared for class, and actively engaging in discussions.

Part One:

6 Weeks

Session I, August 21: Be known to us in the Breaking of the Bread: Worship in the first Christian Centuries.

As a foundation for our studies, we will consider the emerging liturgical practices in the first centuries of the church. In addition, we will sketch this historic arc of liturgical development noting critical moments in liturgical history, with particular attention to 20th Century Liturgical and Ecumenical Movement.

Readings:

The Book of Common Prayer, pp. 148-155

The Study of the Liturgy, pp. 5-29 [On Class Google Docs]

Session, II, August 28: Praying shapes believing: Liturgical Theology and the Sacraments

Our liturgical practices are informed by our theological presuppositions and our practices frame our theology. In this unit, we will gain a deeper understanding of our liturgical theology especially the theology that undergirds our sacramental practices.

Reading:

Praying Shapes Believing, pp. xvii-xx, 1-9.

Sacramentality Renewed, pp. 1-38. [On Class Google Docs]

Session, III, September 11: Marked as Christ's Own Forever: Initiation

The 1979 Book of Common Prayer is notable for the recovery of the centrality of baptism. In this unit, we will examine the baptismal service, noting its historic roots and development, theological considerations, and elements of the service.

Reading:

Book of Common Prayer, pp. 298-314, 412-21

Praying Shapes Believing, pp. 101-141

Sacraments and Worship, pp. 105-117 [On Class Google Docs]

Session IV, September 18: "Nourished by your body and blood." Community, Communication and Communion.

We look at the overall structure of the Eucharist, seeing how the different parts fit together to make a spiritual whole. We will also consider how shape, light, darkness, art, architecture fit into making Eucharist (Ordo of Space—topic will also be touched on when we consider The Daily Office).

Reading:

The Book of Common Prayer, pp. 322, 567-579

The Liturgy Explained

Session, V, September 25: Read Them, Mark, Learn, and Inwardly Digest Them: The Word of God

Beginning with the initial Eucharistic rubrics we will look carefully at the first part of the service, noting the interplay between collect, scripture, creed, prayers and passing of the peace. Special emphasis will be placed on writing prayers of the people.

Reading:

The Book of Common Prayer, pp. 316-332; 350-360 (also familiarize yourself with The Collects of the Church Year, p.157ff)

Praying Shapes Believing, pp.143-165

Sacraments and Worship, pp. 177-196 [On Class Google Docs]

Session, VI, October 2: Take, Bless, Break, Give: The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharist is God's most intimate invitation. Indeed, the heart of Christian theology is within the mysteries of this sacrament. We will explore the components of the Great Thanksgiving how they lead us to this most holy rendezvous with Jesus. In addition, we will look at the particular role of deacon, priest, and bishop in this central liturgical act.

Reading:

The Book of Common Prayer, pp. 333-349; 361-409

Praying Shapes Believing, pp. 164-212

Part Two:

6 Weeks

Session VII, October 9: Ashes, Foot washing and Such: Proper Liturgies and the Ordo of Time

We will examine the theology behind the proper liturgies and set them in the context of the ordo of time—how the liturgical calendar orders and frames time for life in community, life in the spirit. We will also look at the role of music in the liturgy with particular focus on leadership roles in music.

Reading:

The Book of Common Prayer, pp. 15-33;264-295; 880-888, familiarizing yourself with the lectionaries of the follow, pp.889-1001.

Praying Shapes Believing, pp. 75-99

The Shape of the Liturgy, pp. 440-454.

Session VIII, October 16: Let us bless the Lord!: The Daily Office

In many if not most of our congregations, the daily office is seldom if ever prayed. However, the pandemic and virtual worship may have provided us new appreciation for the corporate nature of the office. We will look at the historic roots of the daily office as well as the use of it in personal and corporate life.

Reading:

The Book of Common Prayer, pp. 75-146

Praying Shapes Believing, pp. 35-74

The Shape of the Liturgy, 390-95

Session IX, October 23: Come Holy Ghost, our souls inspire: Bishops, Deacons, Priests

While ministry of the church is empowered by the sacrament of Baptism, the Church has set aside some to be bishops, some to be priests, some to be deacons. In this session, we explore the chrism of each order and how that charism is also exercised by one degree or another be each Christian. We will also take a look at the Celebration of a New Ministry.

Reading:

The Book of Common Prayer, pp. 510-563.

Praying Shapes Believing, pp. 275-323

Session, X, October 30: Many members, yet one body:Liturgy and Multi-cultural Considerations

We live in a place that is quintessentially multicultural. We live in an age of Black Lives Matter and Me Two. Our time and our environment raise profound questions about how we worship—how we are one body, yet many members. We

will look at some of the layers of our own community's diversity as well as resources to use and a spiritual leadership posture to nurture the people we serve.

Reading:

A Different Mirror, pp. 3-20

Session XI, November 13: Nurturing the body: Pastoral offices for the journey

The section of the prayer book, Pastoral Offices, provides services that we might call rights of passage, marriage, birth or adoption of a child, even reconciliation of a penitent. We will explore these rites as well as explore briefly the Book of Occasional Services.

Reading:

The Book of Common Prayer, pp. 422-461

Praying Shapes Believing, pp. 213-257

Session XII, November 20: Even at the grave: Pastoral offices and liminal places

Continuing our exploration of the Pastoral Offices, we will examine Ministration at the Time of Death as well as the Burial Office. We will also look at Enriching Our Worship 2 and 3 which contain additional burial resources for adults and children (See bibliography for online links—suggested that you simply familiarize yourself with these services)/

Reading:

Book of Common Prayer, pp. 462-507

Praying Shapes Believing, pp. 257-274

Bibliography for Class:

Sources of Required Reading:

Book of Common Prayer: Study Edition. New York Church Publishing, 1979.
ISBN-13: 9780898691795.

Recommend Purchase. [While any version will serve your purposes, I recommend this paperback version. You will want a copy that you can underline and add notes!]

Farwell, James W. *The Liturgy Explained, New Edition*. Harrisburg: Morehouse Publishing, 2013. ISBN-13: 978-0819228383

Recommend Purchase. This is a brief but thorough examination of the Eucharist by my colleague at Virginia Theological Seminary. Also available on Kindle.

Johnson, Maxwell E. *Sacraments and Worship: The Sources of Christian Theology, Revised Edition*. Louisville: Westminster John Knox Press, 2012. ISBN-13: 978-0664231576

Readings from this book will be available on Google Docs. A great resource for liturgical history and the development of liturgy. Would only purchase if you find yourself becoming hopelessly a liturgical nerd! Also available on Kindle.

Jones, Cheslyn, Geoffrey Wainwright, and Edward Yarnold, SJ. *The Study of the Liturgy*. Oxford: Oxford University Press, 1992. ISBN-13: 978-0195209228.

Readings from this book will be available on Google Docs. This resource has been around for a long while. As you will note in how it is used in this course, it is a comprehensive resource for Western Christianity with limited material pertaining to the Eastern Church.

Larson-Miller, Lizette. *Sacramentality Renewed: Contemporary Conversations in Sacramental Theology*. Collegeville, MN: Liturgical Press, 2016. ISBN-13: 978-0814682739

Readings from this book will be available on Google Docs. Dr. Larson-Miller is professor of liturgy at Huron University College and an Anglican priest. Her book offers deep spiritual and theological reflections. Also available on Kindle.

Michell, Leonel L. *Praying Shapes Believing: A Theological Commentary on The Book of Common Prayer, Revised Edition*. New York: Church Publishing, 2016. ISBN: 13-9781596272729.

Recommend purchase. Essential text for this course. Highly recommend that you purchase a copy. Also available on Kindle.

Takaki, Ronald. *A Different Mirror: A History of Multicultural America*. New York: Back Bay Books, 2008. ISBN-13: 978-0316022361

Reading from this book will be available on Google Docs. While we will only be reading the introduction to this book, it is a wonderful resource for gaining a comprehensive look at multiculturalism in America. A great read when you are not taking a School for Ministry course! Also available on Kindle.

Online Resources:

[Lesser Feasts and Fasts \(2018\)](#)

[Book of Occasional Services \(2018\)](#)

[Enriching our Worship 1](#)

[Enriching our Worship 2](#)

[Enriching our Worship 3](#)

[Enriching our Worship 4](#)

[Enriching our Worship 5](#)

[The Book of Common Prayer](#)

Has many of the above resources in Spanish and other languages. A great place to get online versions of Prayer Books from around the Anglican Communion as well as earlier versions of the American Prayer Book.

Musical Resources:

I have listed these simply so that you are aware of our central music texts in The Episcopal Church.

The Hymnal, 1982. New York: Church Publishing, 1985. ISBN-13: 978-0898691214

Lift Every Voice and Sing II: An African-American Hymnal. New York, Church Publishing, 1993. ISBN-13: 9780898691948

Wonder, Love, and Praise: A Supplement to The Hymnal 1982. New York, Church Publishing, 1997. ISBN-13: 9780898692266