

LTRGY 813: Eucharist

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Course Purpose and Objectives

This course will explore the historical development of Eucharistic liturgies, Eastern and Western, Catholic and Protestant, up to the present time, and simultaneously trace the historical development of various theologies of the Eucharist for their impact on Eucharistic rites and communion practices from the first century to the present time. We will attend to issues of liturgical methodology in the study of liturgy and become acquainted with essential primary sources in the history of Christian liturgy.

Course Methodology

This course will be conducted as a seminar in which the participation of everyone is expected in terms of class presentations and discussion. The professor's role is to preside over the class, make assignments, guide the discussion and each student's research, and fill in the gaps as necessary in class presentations to achieve a holistic understanding of the Eucharistic tradition.

Assignments

1. *Readings.* Complete reading assignments prior to the class for which they are assigned. Some of the reading assignments will be texts to be discussed in class.
2. *Presentations.* Each student will be responsible for preparing and presenting nine papers at class session from the options specified during the course. One will be a report on the communion practices of your own denomination/congregation in the next to last class session. Each oral presentation will be accompanied by a written paper with references and a bibliography of the resources consulted. The seminar paper should be distributed

electronically to the participants before the oral presentation. Papers should be limited to 5-6 pages.

3. *Reviews*. Each student will write a critical review of one book on the bibliography of books to be reviewed. The review should be 750-1000 words in length. It is due on the last class session, May 11, with copies to everyone in the class. One way to think of these papers is as book reviews for an academic journal. Guidance for these reviews can be found at the following website: [Writing Book Reviews](#). Note especially the section under “Writing the Review” as it provides a template for these reviews. A .pdf version of this document is also available on Moodle.
4. There will be ten class presentations with written reports, including the presentation and critique of one’s home Eucharist and the book report, each counting 10% of the course grade. By the second session students should be prepared to choose which topic in each option they will present. Negotiations may be necessary.
5. This syllabus will be revised according to the number of students in the course.

Bibliography

Texts to be read by all

Paul Bradshaw and Maxwell Johnson, *The Eucharistic Liturgies: Their Evolution and Interpretation* (Collegeville: Pueblo / Liturgical Press, 2012) ISBN 9780814662403. \$39.95

R.C.D. Jasper and G.J. Cuming, *Prayers of the Eucharist: Early and Reformed*, 3rd ed. (Collegeville: Liturgical Press, 1992) ISBN 0814660851. \$24.95

Henri de Lubac, *Corpus Mysticum: The Church and the Eucharist in the Middle Ages* (Notre Dame, IN: University of Notre Dame, 2006) 9780268025939. \$35.00

Luther’s Works, American Edition, Vol. 36. Word and Sacrament II. Ed. Abdel Ross Wentz. Philadelphia: Fortress Press, 1959. ISBN 0-8006-0334-2. \$24.75

Bard Thompson, *Liturgies of the Western Church*

Helpful additional reading for research on class topics

- Baldovin, John F., SJ. *Worship: City, Church, and Renewal*. Washington, DC: Pastoral Press, 1991. ISBN: 0-9124054-78-3
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Palazzo, Eric. *A History of Liturgical Books: From the Beginning to the Thirteenth Century*. Translated by Madeleine Beaumont. Collegeville, MN: The Liturgical Press, A Pueblo Book, 1998.

Rattenbury, J. Ernst. *The Eucharistic Hymns of John and Charles Wesley*. Eugene, OR: Wipf & Stock, 2014.

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Serra, Dominic, “The Roman Canon: The Theological Significance of its Structure and Syntax” in Thomas J. Fisch, ed., *Primary Readings on the Eucharist* (Collegeville: Liturgical Press, 2004) 129-156.

Spinks, Bryan, “Evaluating Liturgical Continuity and Change at the Reformation,” in *Continuity and Change in Christian Worship* (Woodbridge, England: 1999): 151-171.

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Thurian, Max and Geoffrey Wainwright, eds., *Baptism and Eucharist: Ecumenical Convergence in Celebration*. Geneva: World Council of Churches, 1983.

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Options for Book Review

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William T. Cavanaugh. *Torture and Eucharist: Theology, Politics, and the Body of Christ*. Malden, MA: Blackwell, 2000.

Xavier Leon-Dufour, SJ. *Sharing the Eucharistic Bread: The Witness of the New Testament*. Mahwah, NJ: Paulist Press, 1987. ISBN 0809128659.

John H. McKenna. *Become What You Receive: A Systematic Study of the Eucharist*. Chicago: Hillenbrand Books, 2012. ISBN 978-1-59525-036-0.

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Lee Palmer Wandel. *The Eucharist in the Reformation: Incarnation and Liturgy*. New York: Cambridge, 2006. 9780521673129.

Class Sessions and Agendas

First Class Session: Scriptural Traditions

Sacrifices

Symposium Banquets

Phenomenology of the Eucharistic Elements

Readings:

Bradshaw and Johnson, chap.1-2

Jasper and Cuming, chaps. 1-4

These should be read before the first class session.

Please bring a Bible to class

Second Class Session: Ancient Church Orders, Catecheses

Readings:

Bradshaw and Johnson, chaps. 3-4

Jasper and Cuming, chaps. 5-7, 13, 11, 17-19

Paper Options 1:

Didache: Origin and Contents

The Apostolic Tradition: Origin and Contents

The Apostolic Constitutions: Origin and Contents

Third Class Session: Jerusalem Liturgy; Occasions for Communion: Public Reconciliation, Pilgrimage, Refrigeria**Paper Options 2:**

Egeria's Diary

Mystagogic Catecheses: What Are They? What is their value to liturgical order and sacramental theology?

Fourth Class Session: Eastern Families of Rites**Readings:**

Bradshaw and Johnson, chap. 5

Jasper and Cuming, chaps. 6-10, 12, 14-16

Paper Options 3:

East Syrian Anaphoras: Addai and Mari

West Syrian Anaphoras: St. Basil

West Syrian Anaphoras: St. John Chrysostom

Egyptian Anaphoras: Sarapion

Egyptian Anaphoras: St. Mark

Fifth Class Session: Western Families of Rites**Readings:**

Bradshaw and Johnson, chap. 6

Jasper and Cuming, chaps. 19-24

Paper Options 4:

The Gallican-Mozarabic Rites

Roman Sacramentaries: Mass Prayers and the Roman Canon

Ordines Romani: Communion in Ordo I

Sixth Class Session: Medieval Western Eucharistic Faith and Practice

Readings:

De Lubac, *Corpus Mysticum*

Lecture on Brilioth, *Eucharistic Faith and Practice*

The Dogma of Transubstantiation

Corpus Christ Festival

Discussion of Lubac *Corpus Mysticum*

Seventh Class Session: Luther's Reformation

Readings:

Bradshaw and Johnson, chap. 7

Jasper and Cumings, chap. 26

Luther, *The Babylonia Captivity of the Church*

Lecture on Luther, *The Babylonian Captivity of the Church*

Paper Options 5:

Luther's Latin Mass

Luther's German Mass

Lutheran Church Orders

Eighth Class Session: Reformed Traditions: Zwingli, Bucer, Calvin

Readings:

Jasper and Cuming, chaps. 25, 28, 29

Old, *Worship: Reformed according to Scripture*, chap. 7.

Paper Topics 6:

Zwingli's Eucharistic liturgy and theology

Eucharistic liturgy and communion practices in Strassburg under Bucer

Calvin's communion services in Strasbourg and Geneva

Ninth Class Session: Anglican, Presbyterian, Methodist Traditions

Readings:

Buchanan, *What Did Cranmer Think He Was Doing?*

Jasper and Cuming, chaps. 30-36, 38, 40, 42

Rattenbury, *The Eucharistic Hymns of John and Charles Wesley*.

Thompson, *Liturgies of the Western Church*, chaps. XI, XIII

Paper Options 7:

Compare and contrast the Order of Holy Communion Service in the First and Second Books of Common Prayer

Presbyterian Eucharist from Knox Through the Westminster Directory

Describe John and Charles Wesley's Eucharistic liturgy and hymns

Tenth Class Session: Liturgical Renewal, Ecumenical Convergence

Readings:

Bradshaw and Johnson, chap. 8

Paper Options 8:

Describe the background of modern liturgical movements in the 19th Century Restorations

Describe the Liturgical Movement of the 20th century

Describe the ecumenical liturgical consensus that emerged after the Second Vatican Council (Order, Calendar, Lectionary, Roles in the Assembly)

Eleventh Class Session: Eucharist in Evangelical/Pentecostal/ Contemporary Worship Settings

Readings:

See essays by Nettleton (Baptist), Johnson and Gosselin (Evangelical), and Au (Pentecostal) in Senn, *Protestant Spiritual Traditions*, Vol. 2

Lim and Ruth, *Lovin' on Jesus*, chap. 8

Webber, *Ancient-Future Worship*, chap. 7

Twelfth Class Session: Describe the Eucharistic Faith and Practice of your own church/congregation with analysis and critique

Paper Options 9:

Describe Eucharistic faith and practice in your church with analysis and critique.

What denominational tradition does your congregation relate to?

How frequent is the celebration of Holy Communion?

Who presides and who assists? Who communes?

What Scriptures are read? How is the bread and wine consecrated?

What is the piety of the communicants? What benefits do they receive from Holy Communion?

What is the eucharistic theology taught in your church?

Last Class Session: Present your book review to the class.