

PT 641 OL - Prayer Book: Introduction to Anglican Worship

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Instructor

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Course Description

This course will equip students to lead and prepare worship in the living Prayer Book Tradition here in North America with pastoral, theological, effective, and missional coherence. The Book of Common Prayer 1979 (BCP) and the ACNA “Texts for Common Prayer” (TCP) will be our primary texts, read together with the 1662 BCP. We will be looking as well at non-American Anglican sources as they pertain to the topic at hand in order to begin to engage the student in the broader tradition in which they will serve. The shape, rationale and logic of each service in the Prayer Book will be presented in a “hands on” style with an emphasis on clarity of theological proclamation and formation through faithful liturgical practice.

Students from Non-Anglican traditions will get exposure to the historic catholic and reformation framework of the Prayer Book tradition, but assignments will be tailored to fit their own traditions and context.

Course Goals, Objectives, and Outcomes

Goals

- To learn to plan biblically sound, aesthetically effective, and theologically focused liturgical worship according to the Prayer Book in a broad range of circumstances.
- To understand the rubrical choices available for leading worship and make liturgical choices thoughtfully.
- To grasp the value of the “admirable simplicity” in Prayer Book worship.

Objectives

In order to achieve the course goals, students will be able to and be equipped to:

- Lead worship in the Anglican Prayer Book tradition using the BCP 1979 and TCP thoughtfully; also use other resources competently (1982 Hymnal, Book of Occasional Services, and Lesser Feasts and Fasts).
- Explain the scope and shape of the BCP 1979 and understand some of its departures from the BCP 1662.

- Use the liturgical calendar effectively in planning, especially understanding a “proper”.
- Understand the literary structure of a collect and its central role in Prayer Book schema.
- Understand the basic history and practice of vesture, church architecture, and appointments.
- Grasp the form, structure and theological thrust of the Prayer Book offices and services.
- Demonstrate an understanding of the liturgical choices available and have begun to develop balanced criteria for making those choices.
- Set up the holy table and surrounding areas for the whole range of liturgical worship (Eucharist, Choir offices, and Festal offices).
- Accompany the BCP service with manual acts and ceremonial appropriate to the context.
- Develop a personal glossary of liturgical terms

Outcomes

In a more enduring sense, the students will:

- Recognize and identify the biblical theology evident in his/her work: Value and promote the liturgical tradition as a catechetical “marination” process.
- Be able to articulate an Anglican understanding of biblical, historical, systematic, and pastoral theology
- Understand the Story and be able to articulate how liturgy and the church calendar point to the Story and our place in the Story.
- Be able to effectively communicate the Christian message to a diversity of people in order to advance the mission of God: Allow the liturgy to do its work.
- Be prepared to effectively lead a variety of Christian communities: Develop sound liturgical instincts (simplicity, clarity of focus, catechetical awareness).

Evaluation and Assignments

Class Participation (10 pts)

Evaluation will be based upon your participation in class discussion questions and your completion of the rubrics quizzes.

Reflection Paper 1 – Why Worship with a Book of Common Prayer? – Due 9/19 (15 pts)

Imagine that you are a church planter in a congregation with lots of new Anglicans. Some of them have recently come to the Christian faith, others have been Christians for many years but grew up in other traditions. Please write a 750-1000 word apology for Prayer Book worship that would explain to the people in your congregation why we worship the way we do in the Anglican tradition.

Video of a Practice Celebration of the Eucharist with Explanation – Due 10/24 (15 pts)

Make a video of yourself as if you were the celebrant at a Sunday Eucharist. The video should begin with you preparing the table and include the sursum corda, proper preface, Sanctus, Eucharistic prayer, Lord’s Prayer, fraction, and invitation. Following the invitation, skip to after the distribution and show me how you would do the ablutions. You may do this in a “low church” style or a “high church” style, you may chant or not, you may use lots or manual actions or just the bare minimum. Whatever choices you make, stay within the rubrics of the liturgy you are using. Use whatever liturgy you are most likely to use in parish ministry (either now if you are ordained or in the future if you are not yet ordained). If you can, do this in the church building where you regularly worship and wear vestments, otherwise you can set up at your dining room table and use a plate and a wine glass as your chalice and paten. Please DO NOT use

real bread and wine. Instead, make yourself a cardboard host to stand in as bread and use water instead of wine. When you are finished, please describe why you made the choices you made, explaining how your choices are consistent with your theological position on the Eucharist. Cell phone video is fine. Please keep the camera stable (a tripod is best if possible), shoot the video in a well-lit room, and frame the shot so I can see the chalice and paten at the bottom of the video and the top of your head at the top of the video. If you zoom too far out I won't be able to see what you are doing. Be sure to practice several times before recording your video! You won't get it right the first time around.

Reflection Paper 2 – Theology of Baptism – Due 11/7 (15 pts)

Imagine that you are the Rector of an established Anglican church in your community. One day you get a phone call from a new parent who wants to “get their kid done” (by this they mean that they want you to baptize their baby). You have never met this person before and they have never worshipped at your church. Would you agree to baptize the child? If so, under what circumstances? How would you prepare the parents before the Baptism? Please reflect on these questions in 750-1000 words. Please use J. I. Packer's essay on regeneration, the 39 Articles of Religion, and one of the Anglican baptismal liturgies in your reflection (You are also welcome to bring in additional sources so long as you touch on these three).

Reflection Paper 3 – Planning the Easter Vigil – Due 12/5 (15 pts)

You are responsible for planning the Easter Vigil this year (2017). Please prepare a bulletin such as could be printed for a congregation. Identify the setting (you can use a real church that you are familiar with or make one up) The cover should include the name of the church and the time and date of the liturgy. Include all of the elements in the service, where will the different parts of the liturgy take place, what preparations will you make for the kindling of the new fire, choose appropriate music for the various places where music is appropriate, make it clear when the lights will come on, include a baptism in your service. The rubrics for this liturgy give quite a few choices, feel free to be creative in your planning, but stay within the rubrics! In addition to your bulletin, please write a 500-750 word paper describing the context of the church (including how many will attend, what kind of worship space you have, and anything relevant about the culture of the congregation) and explain the various choices you made in your planning.

Glossary of at least 30 liturgical terms – Due on 12/15 (15 pts)

You will build a glossary of at least 30 liturgical terms as you move through the course. You may choose which terms to define. It is my hope that this will be a useful tool for you in future ministry.

Final Exam – Due on 12/15 (15 pts)

Note: the total number of points for MDiv students will be 100

Text Books

All of the books listed below should be available through the Trinity Bookstore. Please visit bookstore.tsm.edu to order online or place your order by phone 1-800-874-8754.

Required Text Books

Both of these

Hefling, Charles C, and Cynthia L Shattuck. *The Oxford Guide to the Book of Common Prayer: A Worldwide Survey*. Oxford; New York: Oxford University Press, 2006. ISBN 978-0-19-529762-1

Senn, Frank C. *Introduction to Christian Liturgy*. Minneapolis, MN: Fortress Press, 2012. ISBN 978-0-8006-9885-0

Choose one of the following liturgical manuals

Michno, Dennis. *A Priest's Handbook: The Ceremonies of the Church*. 3rd ed. Harrisburg, PA: Morehouse Pub, 1998. ISBN 978-0-8192-1768-4

Stuhlman, Byron D. *Prayer Book Rubrics Expanded*. New York, NY: Church Hymnal Corp., 1987. ISBN 978-0-89869-160-3

Online Resources

1979 Book of Common Prayer (available online: <http://justus.anglican.org/resources/bcp/bcp.htm>)

Texts for Common Prayer (available online: http://anglicanchurch.net/?/main/texts_for_common_prayer)

1662 Book of Common Prayer (available online: <http://justus.anglican.org/resources/bcp/england.htm>)

Other Useful Resources

Chan, Simon. *Liturgical Theology: The Church as Worshiping Community*. Downers Grove, IL: IVP Academic, 2006. ISBN 0-8308-2763-3

Galley, Howard. *The Ceremonies of the Eucharist: A Guide to Celebration*. Cambridge, MA: Cowley Publications, 1989. ISBN 978-0-936384-83-2

Hatchett, Marion J. *Commentary on the American Prayer Book*. San Francisco, CA: Harper, 1995. ISBN 978-0-06-063554-1

Jacobs, Alan. *The Book of Common Prayer: A Biography*. Lives of Great Religious Books. Princeton and Oxford: Princeton University Press, 2013. ISBN 978-0-691-15481-7

Lesser Feasts and Fasts 2006. New York, NY: Church Publishing, 2006. ISBN 978-0-89869-510-6

Mitchell, Leonel L. *Pastoral and Occasional Liturgies: A Ceremonial Guide*. Cambridge, MA: Cowley Publications, 1998. ISBN 978-1-56101-158-2

Mitchell, Leonel L. *Lent, Holy Week, Easter, and the Great Fifty Days: A Ceremonial Guide*. Cambridge, Mass: Cowley Publications, 1996. ISBN 978-1-56101-134-6

Smith, James K. A. *You Are What You Love: The Spiritual Power of Habit*. Grand Rapids, MI: Brazos Press, 2016. ISBN 978-1587433801

The Book of Occasional Services 2003. New York, NY: Church Publishing, 2004. ISBN 978-0-89869-409-3

The Hymnal 1982. New York, N.Y.: Church Publishing, 1985. ISBN 978-0898691207

The Hymnal 1982. 2 vols. Accompaniment Edition. New York: Church Publishing, 2001.

Course Schedule

Weekly Schedule

The material for each week will be posted on Tuesday morning at 8:00am EST. Please read the assignments and listen to or watch the lectures early in the week. I will often post a question for discussion. When I do, your initial response will be due on Thursday of that week of class and I would like you to respond at least once to one of your classmates. I will often post a short rubrics quiz based on the Prayer Book rubrics for the liturgy/ies covered in a given week. These quizzes will not be graded, but I will use the same content in the final exam which will be graded. My evaluation of your grade for participation (10 pts, see above in “Evaluation and Assignments”) will be based on your participation in the discussion questions and your completion of the quizzes.

Schedule of Weeks

Week 1 (9/05) – Intro to Worship and History of the BCP -

Week 2 (9/12) – Understanding and Using the Calendar, Collects, Lectionaries

Week 3 (9/19) – The Daily Office / Psalter

Reflection 1 on Due 9/19

Week 4 (9/26) – Aesthetics, Space, and Liturgical Leadership

Week 5 (10/03) – The Holy Eucharist: Service of the Word

Week 6 (10/10) – The Holy Eucharist: Service of the Table

Reading Week – No Class (10/17)

Week 7 (10/24) - Rites of Initiation: Baptism and Confirmation

Video Practice Celebration Due 10/24

Week 8 (10/31) – Marriage

Week 9 (11/7) – Burial

Reflection 2 on Due 11/7

Week 10 (11/14) – Music: Hymns, Songs, Service Music, and Chant

Week 11 (11/21) – Lent and Holy Week

Week 12 (11/28) – Easter through Pentecost

Week 13 (12/5) – Ordination

Reflection 3 Due on 12/5

Final Exam and Glossary of Liturgical Terms are Due on 12/15