THEO 83401, Sec. 01 - EARLY CHRISTIAN LITURGIES

Mondays: 1:15 - 3:45 pm;

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COURSE DESCRIPTION:


OBJECTIVE(S):

THE AIM of this course is to study not so much early Christian worship itself but the documents from which our knowledge of it is derived; to set them within their proper context(s); to investigate the critical problems surrounding them; and to consider their value and limitations as sources for early liturgical practice.

REQUIREMENTS:

In addition to "full, conscious, and active participation," each student is required to present four class presentations on various texts and topics. These presentations must not exceed thirty minutes duration, and should contain a survey of recent scholarship and an analysis of both what can and also what cannot be learned from the text. In addition, these presentations are to be written up as (no more than) 10-page papers and distributed to the class at the time of presentation. Critical editions of the texts and sources in question are also to be brought to the class. There will be no additional papers or exams.

Required Texts:
J. Jungmann, *The Early Liturgy*


P. Bradshaw, *Eucharistic Origins*

M. Johnson, *Rites of Christian Initiation*

Thomas Talley, *The Origins of the Liturgical Year*

Robert Taft, *The Liturgy of the Hours in East and West*

R.C.D. Jasper and G. Cuming, *Prayers of the Eucharist; Early and Reformed*

M. Johnson and E.C. Whitaker, *Documents of the Baptismal Liturgy*, Revised and Expanded Edition

READING AND DATES FROM REQUIRED AND “ON RESERVE” BOOKS

P. BRADSHAW, SEARCH: is important background reading for the rest of the semester!! Reading here should also correspond to individual topics on the syllabus. Note the titles of the later chapters in particular: "Evolution of the Eucharistic Rites;" "Christian Initiation: A Study in Diversity;" and "Liturgy and Time" (= Daily Prayer and Year), “Ministry and Ordination.” SEARCH is considered foundational reading for each topic investigated and/or presented. Hence, if the topic or document is concerned with one of these areas, then the corresponding section of SEARCH should be (re-) read. See also for other liturgical sources apart from the Church Orders, ch. 5: "Other Major Liturgical Sources."

P. BRADSHAW, EUCHARISTIC ORIGINS: Since Eucharist is a frequent topic in the course, pertinent sections of this book should be read in preparation for the particular sources being studied. See the various places where Eucharist is a topic throughout the semester.

M. JOHNSON, INITIATION: Since Christian initiation is a frequent topic in the course, pertinent sections of this book should be read in preparation for the particular sources being studied. See the various places where Initiation is a topic throughout the semester.

T. TALLEY, ORIGINS: Since the Apostolic Constitutions do refer to Christmas, pp. 79-162 on the origins of Christmas and Epiphany are important in relationship to Oct 23 Pp. 1-78 and 163-230 should be read by Nov 27.

R. TAFT, LITURGY OF THE HOURS IN EAST AND WEST: Pp. 1-209 serve as important background reading for discussion of the Office for Oct. 9 (see ch. 2), Oct. 23 (chs. 3 and 4); Nov. 27 (chs. 3 and 4). etc.

CLASS SCHEDULE AND TOPICS
Aug. 28: Lectio brevis - Introduction to the course

Sep 4: Liturgical presuppostions, presumptions, assumptions, and conclusions - Methodologies for Liturgical Study. All read J. Jungmann, *The Early Liturgy*; A. Baumstark, *Comparative Liturgy* (on reserve), chapters 1-2; and P. Bradshaw, *Search*, chapter 1

Short Seminar Reports for Sept 4:

__________________________ - Baumstark, *Comparative Liturgy*, chs 1-2
__________________________ - Bradshaw, *Search*, chapter 1


11: Introduction to Jewish and New Testament Worship

Short Seminar Reports for Sept 11:

__________________________ - Bradshaw, *Search*, chapter 2
__________________________ - Bradshaw, *Search*, chapter 3

Introduction to Ancient Church Orders; Introduction to Didache, Didascalia, and Apostolic Church Order

__________________________ - Bradshaw, *Search*, ch. 4

Sept 18: Student Presentations on Didache:

Eucharist _______________________
Initiation _______________________
Ministry _______________________

Sept 25: Student Presentations on

Didascalia Apostolorum _________
Syrian (Apocryphal) Acts (Initiation and Eucharist) _____________________
Introduction to *Apostolic Tradition* and its derivative documents

**Oct. 2: Student Presentations on** ApTrad:
- Eucharist ________________________
- Initiation _________________________
- Ordination/ministry _________________

**9: Student Presentations on**
- Other liturgical practices (ApTrad) ______________
- Canons of Hippolytus ________________________
- Testamentum Domini _________________________

**MID-SEMESTER BREAK, OCT 14-22**

**23: Student Presentations on**
- Apostolic Constitutions, Bk. 7 ________________
- Apostolic Constitutions, Bk. 8 ________________
- Introduction to the development of the Eucharistic Prayer

**30: Student Presentations on**
- Strasbourg Papyrus ________________________
- Addai and Mari __________________________
- Roman Canon _____________________________
- "Basil" _________________________________

**Nov. 6: Introduction to Other Early Liturgical Sources**

**13: Student Presentations on**
- Justin Martyr _____________________________
- Tertullian/Cyprian ________________________
- later African evidence ____________________

**20: Sarapion of Thmuis _________________**
- Egeria: Eucharist __________________________

**27: Egeria: Hours ________________________**
- Year _________________________________
- Cyril of Jerusalem (with Egeria: Initiation) _________________

**Dec. 4: John Chrysostom _________________**
- Theodore of Mopsuestia _________________
- Ambrose of Milan _________________________
Final Review