

Department of Theology
Fall Semester, 2006

University of Notre Dame
O'Shag 209

THEO 83401, Sec. 01 - EARLY CHRISTIAN LITURGIES

Mondays: 1:15 - 3:45 pm;

Maxwell E. Johnson
Office: 432 Malloy
Office Hours: TBA
Or by Appointment (#1-4118)

COURSE DESCRIPTION:

An introduction to the liturgical sources, ancillary documents, and methodologies for the study of Christian Liturgy in the Patristic Period, with primary concentration on the Eucharist and its anaphora, the Rites of Christian Initiation, the origins and early evolution of the Liturgical Year, and the Liturgy of the Hours. Together with primary sources, Joseph Jungmann's *The Early Liturgy to the Time of Gregory the Great*, Paul Bradshaw's *The Search for the Origins of Christian Worship* and his recent *Eucharistic Origins*, Thomas Talley's *The Origins of the Liturgical Year*, and portions of Robert Taft, *The Liturgy of the Hours in East and West*, and Maxwell Johnson, *The Rites of Christian Initiation*, will be considered critically.

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, *The Search for the Origins of Christian Worship*, Revised edition
 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, *EUCCHARISTIC 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 presuppositions, 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

_____ - G. Winkler, R. Messner, "Überlegungen zu den methodischen und wissenschaftstheoretischen Grundlage der Liturgiewissenschaft," *Theologische Quartalschrift* 178, 3 (1998): 229-243 [**On Library Reserve**]

_____ - Bradshaw, "The Homogenization of Christian Liturgy - Ancient and Modern: Presidential Address," *Studia Liturgica* 26 (1996): 1-15 [**On Library Reserve**]

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 _____

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