Aim of the Course

The aim of this class is to equip students to design, preside at, and evaluate worship in the Anglican tradition, based mostly on the 1979 Book of Common Prayer. Students will build a basic understanding of the biblical and historical background of Episcopal/Anglican liturgical practices, and consider how liturgy functions pastorally in community life. Non-Anglicans are welcome to use this course as a way of getting a grounding in the liturgical tradition, with the recognition that it is in several ways denominationally targeted.

Goals of the Course

1. Students will be familiar with the contents of the 1979 Book of Common Prayer and have some exposure to Prayer Books from other provinces and to historical books. They will also become acquainted with other resources for leading worship, such as the Hymnal 1982, the Book of Occasional Services, and Lesser Feasts and Fasts.

2. Students will be able to plan and preside at Prayer Book worship that is theologically sound and pastorally appropriate to diverse settings. They will understand the range of worship choices available and begin to develop criteria for making those choices with intentionality.

3. Students will grasp the theology and structure of key liturgies.

4. Students will understand the liturgical year and the lectionary, and be able to use them effectively in Christian formation, pastoring, and leadership.

5. Students will have hands-on practice in different options for ceremonial, manual acts, and chant.

6. Students will begin, or continue, forming their own priestly identity.

Texts of the Course

Required

The Book of Common Prayer and Administration of the Sacraments and Other Rites and Ceremonies of the Church, (1979) NY: Church Publishing. Bring the BCP to every class.


Patrick Malloy (2007) *Celebrating the Eucharist: A Practical Ceremonial Guide for Clergy and Other Liturgical Ministers*. Church Publishing. More up to date than Galley, more interested in grounding/principles, and with a less prescriptive ethos – but less helpful on details. (Malloy)

**Strongly recommended if you did not read it for History of Liturgy (see below)**

Charles P. Price and Louis Weil (rev. ed. 2000, although the older version is acceptable since the revisions are quite modest) *Liturgy For Living*. Harrisburg: Morehouse Publishing. (LFL)

NOTE: If you have not used this book in a course yet, I would recommend prioritizing reading the “optional” readings in it each week over completing the “required” ones in OGBCP; LFL will also be more useful to non-Anglicans.

**Needed to complete assignments, but do not contain regular reading** (on reserve)

*The Book of Common Prayer* (1662) – any publisher or read online

*The Hymnal 1982* NY: Church Publishing.

**Optional reading and key texts for your reference library – on reserve**

Marion J. Hatchett (rev. ed. 1995) *Commentary on the American Prayer Book*, Harper SanFrancisco. An expert traces sources, history, development of rites of the 1979 Prayer Book. For instance, the historical background of each Collect is explained. (Hatchett)


*Lesser Feasts And Fasts 2006: Together With the Fixed Holy Days* (2006) Church Publishing. Propers, collects, and biographies for saints’ days and other lesser holy days, as well as daily Eucharist readings. New editions come out every 3-6 years. If your parish does not own this, you should. The propers are online at http://www.satucket.com/lectionary/Alpha_list.htm (LFF)

*The Book of Occasional Services* (2003) Church Publishing, NYC. Exactly what it says: services clergy need occasionally – e.g. Blessing of a Home, Stations of the Cross, etc. New editions come out every 3-6 years. Again, if your parish does not own this, you should. Not available online. (BOS)
Course Assignments

a) Visit two Sunday liturgies in two different Anglican (Episcopal, ACNA, AMiA…) churches, other than the one where you currently worship or the one which is sponsoring you for ordination. Weekday or monastic liturgies can be substituted if absolutely necessary because of paid employment obligations. (You will benefit most if the churches are quite unlike each other.) For each one, write a personal reflection paper of 2-3 double-spaced pages, reacting to a few things that struck you about the planning for, praxis of, and presiding at each liturgy. (Consider questions such as: What values and goals were enshrined by this liturgy and how? If rubrics were violated or the logic of the service disrupted, where, why -- and did it work? How well were the various orders of ministry included? If someone worshipped here and only here, what would they tend to assume about God and the Christian life? What might you want to borrow or avoid in your own leadership?) Non-Anglicans may adapt this assignment with permission. **15% apiece; you will need to plan ahead over the semester to get these done in time! Turn in as completed, one by 3/4 and the second by 4/22.**

b) One 3-4 page paper (double spaced) comparing the “lex orandi” and structure of the Burial of the Dead in the 1662 and 1979 BCPs. Consider the experience of the service, what it would be like to preside or attend, how the rites would shape participants’ approach to God, grief, and the hope of resurrection. Prioritize your own observations of the actual rites; this is not a research paper or a theological critique. Non-Anglicans may adapt this assignment with permission. **10%, due 2/25**

c) Prepare full bulletins for two worship “case studies,” one a Sunday Eucharist (due 3/11) and one a funeral (due 4/8), and annotate them, showing the rationale for your choices. Your work must address the “case study” situations/calendar occasions liturgically and pastorally. Non-Anglicans may adapt this assignment with permission. **15% apiece**

d) **CHOOSE EITHER:** A take-home, open-book final consisting of short answer questions about the liturgy and parish practice such as are regularly asked by laypeople. **20%, due last day for written work**

**OR:** A 5-7 page research paper (double spaced) on a topic approved by the instructor. Suggestions include the historical development of a particular rite, the liturgical theology of a major Anglican writer, liturgy in church planting, liturgical inculturation, children in church, effective use of technology in liturgical worship…. Take this as a chance to explore a worship-related issue likely to be useful in the context where you expect to minister. **20%, due last day for written work**

f) Class participation in practice of ceremonial options, liturgical leadership, and chant, as well as in discussions, evidencing that you have done the weekly reading. Regular attendance. **10%**
Course Schedule

1/28 Nature and Mechanics of the Course: Syllabus, Assignments, Readings
What is liturgy? Elements of rite; general principles for liturgy.
Optional reading: LFL, Prologue and Part 1 (Ch 1-5)

2/4 Time and the Church Year; The Prayer Book as pattern for spiritual life
Liturical style; Space; Gesture.
READ: BCP p. 9-33
PSB Intro, Ch 1 & 2
Malloy, Ch 1-6
Galley Ch 1, 2, 3

2/11 Scripture in the Church: Lectionaries, Lectionary preaching
The hymnal, choosing music, the arts, inculturation
Using the texts: reading for worship
READ: BCP p 888-end
Allen, “About the Revised Common Lectionary” from CCT (on CAMS)
Douglas, “Inculturation and Anglican Worship” 271-270, plus any chapter on rites in an African province in OGBCP
Malloy, Ch 7-8
Optional reading: Hatchett, pp. 590-594; LFL Ch 11

2/18 reading week

2/25 The theology and practice of Holy Eucharist part 1
Ceremonial practice
READ: BCP p 323-332, 350-360, 383-409
PSB Ch 6
Malloy Ch 9-11
Galley Ch 4-5A and 5B, plus related sections of 6
Optional reading: Hatchett pp 289-334; LFL Ch 13
DUE: Paper comparing burial rites in 1662/1979

3/4 The theology and practice of Holy Eucharist part 2
Ceremonial practice; Chant practice
Eucharist Case Studies handed out
READ: BCP p.333-349; 360-382
Dowling, “The Eucharist” in OGBCP, pp. 460-475
Malloy Ch 12-13
Galley Ch 5C and 5B, plus related sections of 6
Optional reading: Hatchett pp. 334-422; LFL Ch 14
DUE: Your first church visit report must be in by this date at the latest.

3/11 The theology and practice of Baptism and Confirmation
Baptismal Preparation; Ceremonial practice
READ: BCP 298-314; 412-419  
PSB Ch 4-5  
Galley Ch 7  
Malloy Ch 14  
Meyers, “Rites of Initiation” in OGBCP, pp. 484-499  
Optional reading: POL Ch 3 pp 48-55; LFL Ch 8-9  

DUE: Annotated Sunday Eucharist bulletin  

3/18  The theology and practice of Ministration at Time of Death and Burial of the Dead  
Funeral Case Studies handed out  
READ:  BCP 462-507  
PSB Ch 7 (relevant sections)  
Lloyd, “Funeral Rites” in OGBCP, pp. 518-527  
Optional reading: POL Ch 3 pp 87-102; Hatchett pp 459-500; LFL Ch 17-18 (relevant sections)  

3/26  reading week  

4/1  Maundy Thursday – no class  

4/8  (Alleluia, Christ is Risen!)  
The theology and practice of the Daily Offices; Chant practice  
READ:  BCP 36-146  
PSB Ch 3  
Optional reading: LFL Ch 12; POL Ch 1 (The Daily Offices); Hatchett pp 89-153  
DUE: Annotated funeral bulletin.  

4/15  Pastoral Offices: Reconciliation, Healing, Matrimony  
READ:  BCP 422-461  
PSB Ch 7 (relevant sections)  
Varcos, “Marriage” in OGBCP pp. 507-517  
Optional reading: POL Ch 3 pp 55-70, 76-87; Hatchett pp. 423-459; LFL Ch 17-18 (relevant sections)  

4/22  Seasonal Services; Occasional Services; Liturgy as Pastoring.  
Wrapping up unfinished issues and questions  
READ:  BCP 264-295; get the BOS off reserve and thumb through it  
PSB Ch 9  
Optional reading: LHWE, Ch 3-10; LFL Epilogue  
DUE: Your second church visit report must be in by this date at the latest.  

Last day for written work:  

Your final paper or take-home final is DUE by this date.
Works For Further Study
A few especially recommended are highlighted.

An Anglican Liturgical Library, online at http://oremus.org/liturgy/. Contains authorized texts from several provinces.

Joseph Bernardin (1980) Burial Services, Harrisburg: Morehouse. This little black book is suitable for funeral services of different types. It includes the BCP rites along with much additional material, readings, prayers, etc. Most priests own one.


Dom Gregory Dix (1945, 1982) The Shape of the Liturgy, NY: Seabury. Very dated now, but a classic, and its “fourfold shape” theory was a major turning point in liturgical reform.


Marion J. Hatchett (1986) Hymnal Studies Five: A Liturgical Index to the Hymnal 1982, NYC: Church Hymnal Corp. Lists specific hymn options for Sundays and other liturgical occasions over the 3-year lectionary cycle. Indispensable if your organist is not skilled liturgically, as many are not.


Dennis Michno (1998) A Priest’s Handbook: The Ceremonies of the Church, Harrisburg: Morehouse. Those who will be called upon to lead liturgy in solidly Anglo-Catholic parishes will find this ceremonial guide a vital reference. Others, not so much.


Alexander Schmemann (1963, 1973) *For the Life of the World*. Crestwood NY: St. Vladimir’s Seminary Press. Anyone serving in any liturgical church needs to read this somewhere along the way; hugely influential, uncompromisingly theological, and inspiring.

Daniel B. Stevick (1990) *The Crafting of Liturgy*, NYC: Church Hymnal Corp. An overall guide for preparers; especially good on nonverbal elements and on using “Rite 3” for nontraditional celebrations of Eucharist.


Robert E. Webber (1985) *Evangelicals on the Canterbury Trail: Why Evangelicals Are Attracted to the Liturgical Church*, Harrisburg: Morehouse. Many other Webber titles are also useful, especially for those who will be serving in contexts where people are working from Evangelical assumptions.