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THE 606 Sacramentology & The Sacraments

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COURSE DESCRIPTION

An investigation of the theological and biblical basis for the Anglican understanding of the nature and purpose of the dominical sacraments of Baptism and the Lord's Supper and the sacramental rites (sacraments of the Church or minor sacraments) of Repentance and Absolution, Confirmation, Matrimony, Holy Orders, and Anointing with Oil.

Prerequisites: THE 501 & 601

LEARNING OUTCOMES

Upon the completion of this course, students should be able to do the following.

1. Understand the historical development of sacramental theology and practice in the Anglican tradition.
2. Understand the contemporary role and importance of the sacraments in Anglican teaching and practice.
3. Identify the critical (biblical, theological, historical, & practical issues in sacramental thought, developing the ability to explain the essentially Anglican approaches to the sacraments while comparing and contrasting these approaches with those found in other Christian traditions.
4. Develop the capacity to celebrate and administer the sacraments in both a theologically coherent and pastorally responsible manner.

COURSE TEXTS

Our required texts will be:

Barron, Robert. *Eucharist*. Maryknoll, NY: Orbis, 2010.

Bradshaw, Paul. *The Search for the Origins of Christian Worship*. 2nd Edition New York: Oxford University Press, 2002.

Buchanan, Colin. *Anglican Confirmation*. Bramcote, Nottingham: Grove, 1986.

Coffey, David. *Reconciliation*. Collegeville, MN: Liturgical Press, 2001.

Holeton, D. *Infant Communion - Then and Now*. Bramcote: Grove Books, 1982

Kasza, John. *Understanding Sacramental Healing: Anointing and Viaticum*. Chicago: LTP, 2005.

Leithart, Peter. *The Baptized Body*. Moscow, ID: Canon, 2007.

Schmemmann, A. *For the Life of the World: Sacraments and Orthodoxy*. Crestwood, NY: St. Vladimir's Seminary Press, 2000, 7-151.

Texts for seminar presentations (choose one).

Augustinus, A. (St. Augustine), *Instructing Beginners in Faith*. Augustine Series. Translated by R. Canning, New York: New City Press, 2006.

Cooke, B. *Sacraments & Sacramentality*. Revised ed. Mystic, CT: Twenty-Third Publications, 1994, 1-92.

Davies, H. *Bread of Life and Cup of Joy: Newer Ecumenical Perspectives on the Eucharist*. Grand Rapids, Eerdmans, 1993.

Finn, Thomas. *From Death to Rebirth: Ritual and Conversion in Antiquity*. Mahwah, NJ: Paulist, 1997.

Gerrish, B. A. *Grace & Gratitude: The Eucharistic Theology of John Calvin*. Minneapolis: Fortress Press, 1993.

Holeton, D. *Infant Communion - Then and Now*. Grove Liturgical Studies. Vol. 27. Bramcote: Grove Books, 1982.

Johnson, Maxwell E. *The Rites of Christian Initiation: Their Evolution and Interpretation*. Collegeville, Minn.: Liturgical Press, 1999.

McCracken, George E. *Early Medieval Theology*. Philadelphia: Westminster, 1957.

McDonnell, Killian and George Montague. *Christian Initiation and Baptism in the Holy Spirit: Evidence From the First Eight Centuries*. Second, Revised Edition. Collegeville, Minn.: Liturgical Press, 1994.

Mathison, K. A. *Given for You: Reclaiming Calvin's Doctrine of the Lord's Supper*. Phillipsburg, NJ: Presbyterian & Reformed Press, 2002.

Meyers, R.A. *Continuing the Reformation: Re-Visioning Baptism in the Episcopal Church*. New York: Church Publishing, 1997.

Mitchell, Nathan. *Meeting Mystery: Liturgy, Worship, Sacraments. Theology in Global Perspective*. Maryknoll, NY: Orbis, 2007.

Schillebeeckx, E., O.P. *Christ the Sacrament of the Encounter with God*. Franklin, WI: Sheed & Ward, 1963.

Schmemmann, A. *The Eucharist: Sacrament of the Kingdom*. Crestwood, NY: St. Vladimir's Seminary Press, 1988.

Strawbridge, G., ed. *The Case for Covenantal Infant Baptism*, Phillipsburg, NJ: P & R Press, 2003.

Williams, R. *Eucharistic Sacrifice: The Roots of a Metaphor*. Vol. 31. Grove Liturgical Studies. Bramcote: Grove Books, 1982.

Zizioulas, J. D. *Being as Communion: Studies in Personhood and the Church*. Crestwood, NY: St. Vladimir's Seminary Press, 1997, 1-122.

COURSE WORK

1. We will establish a workable schedule to meet a minimum of twelve (12) times by teleconference. Sessions will last 1.5-2 hours and your attendance and participation is part of your course grade.
 - Point value: 10 points
2. One seminar presentation of a book on sacramentality or sacraments in particular. The student will compose an outline of each presentation and email it to the instructor and other course students no later than the Friday before the class meeting at which it is to be presented.
 - Point value: 20 points
 - Length: 30 minutes (20 presentation and 10 for Q &A)
 - Due date:
3. Six mentor worksheets. Worksheets will be supplied by the instructor. Students are to complete the worksheets with the assistance of their mentor at their mentoring meetings (this represents 6-9 hours of face-to-face time).
 - Point value: 5 points each, 30 points total
 - Due date:
4. Course paper on the historical-theological interpretation on the following topic: **“For the Life of the World: The Sacraments in the Missional Church**). Do something on the sacraments or an individual sacrament highlighting their practical role in the mission of the church.
 - Point value: 40 points
 - Length: at least 15 pages, including notes but not including cover page (in any) and works cited
 - Due date:
 - Other requirements: to be written in Turabian format; no fewer than 7 sources

GRADES

Assignments will be graded on the following scale.

90-100 Superior, A: Assignment meets all requirements, has no errors in format and content, and demonstrates knowledge, understanding, and substantial analytical thinking.

80-89 Good, B: Assignment meets all requirements, has few if any errors in format and content, and demonstrates knowledge, understanding, and some analytical thinking.

70-79 Satisfactory, C: Assignment meets most requirements, has few if any errors in format and content. The student demonstrates knowledge of the topic. The lowest passing score.

60-69 Marginal, D: Assignment meets some requirements, has errors in format and content.

0-59 Unsatisfactory, F: Assignment meets few if any requirements, substantial errors in format and content.

COURSE STRUCTURE

Week	Text	Topic
1	Read: Bradshaw, <i>The Search for the Origins of Christian Worship</i> , 1-72	The Historical Development of Sacramental Theology: The Bible & Late Antiquity
2	Read: Calvin, <i>Institutes</i> , Book IV, Chapters 14-19 Seminar Presentation _____	The Historical Development of Sacramental Theology: Medieval & Reformation Christianity
3	Read: <i>Baptism Eucharist and Ministry</i> Seminar Presentation _____	The Historical Development of Sacramental Theology: Contemporary Theology and Ecumenical Convergence
4	Read: Schillebeeckx, <i>Christ the Sacrament of the Encounter with God</i> Seminar Presentation _____	The Sacramentality of the Christian Life
5	Read: Thomas Aquinas, <i>Summa Theologiae</i> , III, 60-65 Seminar Presentation _____	The Sacraments in General

6	Read: Leithart, <i>The Baptized Body</i> (All) Seminar Presentation _____	Sacraments of Initiation (Sacraments of the Gospel): Baptism
7	Read: Buchanan, Colin, <i>Anglican Confirmation</i> Seminar Presentation _____	The Sacraments of Initiation (Sacraments of the Gospel): Confirmation
8	Read: Barron, <i>Eucharist</i> Seminar Presentation _____	The Sacraments of Initiation (Sacraments of the Gospel): The Eucharist
9	Read: Holeyton, <i>Infant Communion - Then and Now</i> Seminar Presentation _____	The Sacraments of Initiation (Sacraments of the Gospel): Paedobaptism, Infant Dedication Paedocommunion, & Open Communion
10	Read: Coffey, David. <i>Reconciliation</i> Seminar Presentation _____	The Sacraments of the Church: Reconciliation
11	Read: Kasza, John. <i>Understanding Sacramental Healing</i> Seminar Presentation _____	The Sacraments of the Church: Sacramental Healing and Viaticum
12	Read: <i>Ordinal of the ACNA</i> Seminar Presentation _____	The Sacraments of Vocation: Orders and Holy Matrimony