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The Sacraments in History

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CH 651 (3 credits)
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The purpose of this course is to enable the student to become familiar with the developing understandings of the sacraments and their use from the post-apostolic age to the liturgical movement of the past century. Consideration will be given to eastern and western churches in early centuries, to the western church in the middle ages, and to sixteenth-century and post-reformation developments in Roman Catholic and Protestant traditions. Although emphasizing baptism and eucharist, the rites of confirmation, penance, and unction will be discussed as they developed in relation with the gospel sacraments. Source readings, including doctrinal formulae, theological writings, and liturgical materials, will provide the basis for class discussions.

Required texts:

James F. White, *Documents of Christian Worship: Descriptive and Interpretive Sources* [DCW]
Bard Thompson, ed., *Liturgies of the Western Church* [LWC]
John H. Leith, ed., *Creeds of the Churches: A Reader in Christian Doctrine from the Bible to the Present* (3rd edition) [CC]
John Fenwick & Bryan Spinks, *Worship in Transition: the Liturgical Movement in the Twentieth Century*

Requirements:

1. Completion of assigned readings
2. Completion of all weekly source readings as assigned for class discussion. Readings will be taken from the required textbooks and from designated websites. Students will be assigned specific selections for which they will be prepared to lead class discussion. Questions will be provided for all students to focus reading and introduce discussion topics.
3. Participation in discussions at all class sessions.
4. Final examination for which question(s) will be provided in advance.
5. A paper of 3,000 to 4,000 words on a topic proposed by the instructor or proposed by the student with instructor's approval by October 23 to be due on November 27.

Grading:

The final grade will be based on presentations and general participation in class discussions (35%), final examination (30%) and paper (35%).

Weekly topics and readings:

September 4

Course Overview

What is a sacrament [μυστήριον, sacramentum]?

Periods of church history

Sources of documents between apostolic age and the 4th century

Scripture passages on Baptism & Eucharist [DCW, 145-146, 180-181], Penance [314-315],

Unction for the sick [221], Marriage [225], Ordination [229]

September 11

2nd & 3rd Centuries: Baptism, Penance, Ordination

Irenaeus and Tertullian, Rules of faith [CC, 21-22]

Didache, Justin Martyr, Irenaeus, Tertullian, Clement of Alexandria on initiation
[DCW, 21 & 147-150]

Didascalia Apostolorum [DCW, 156]

Tertullian, *On Penance* [DCW, 215-217]

Ignatius of Antioch, *to the Magnesians* [DCW, 229]

Clement of Rome (I), *to the Church in Corinth*, chapter 46

<http://www.newadvent.org/fathers/1010.htm>

Shepherd of Hermas, Commandment 4, chapters 1 & 3; Similitude 8, chapters 1, 2, 6
& 9; Similitude 9, chapter 16

<http://www.newadvent.org/fathers/0201309.htm>

Irenaeus, *Adversus Haereses*, book III, chapter 9, section 3 & book V, chapter 11,
sections 1-2

<http://www.newadvent.org/fathers/0103309.htm>

Origen, *De Principiis*, Book II, chapter 10, section 7

<http://www.newadvent.org/fathers/04123.htm>

Cyprian, *Letters*, #58, section 3; #62, section 8; #73, sections 1-2

<http://www.newadvent.org/fathers/0506.htm>

September 18

2nd & 3rd Centuries: Eucharist, presence and sacrifice

Didache, Pliny to Trajan, Ignatius of Antioch, Justin Martyr on the eucharist [DCW,
182-186]

Cyprian to Caecilius, *Epistle 62[63]*, 1-2 & 9-17

<http://www.newadvent.org/fathers/0506.htm>

[note also DCW, 188-189]

Cyprian, *On the Lapsed*, chapter 16 and 25-26

<http://www.newadvent.org/fathers/0507.htm>

Didascalia Apostolorum [DCW, 21]

Ignatius of Antioch, *To the Philadelphians*, chapters 1-5

<http://www.newadvent.org/fathers/0108.htm>

Irenaeus *Adversus Haereses*, book IV, chapters 17 & 18 and book V, chapter 2

<http://www.newadvent.org/fathers/0103.htm>

Justin Martyr, *Dialogue with Trypho*, chapter 8-10, 40-41, and 117

<http://www.newadvent.org/fathers/0128.htm>

Tertullian, *On Modesty*, chapter 9

<http://www.newadvent.org/fathers/0407.htm>

On Prayer, chapter 19

<http://www.newadvent.org/fathers/0322.htm>

Against Marcion, Book 3, chapter 19 & Book 1, chapter 14

<http://www.newadvent.org/fathers/03121.htm>

On the Apparel of Women, book 2, chapter 11

<http://www.newadvent.org/fathers/0402.htm>

De Corona (Concuring the Crown), chapter 3

<http://www.newadvent.org/fathers/0304.htm>

Clement of Alexandria, *Who is the Rich Man that Shall be Saved?*, chapter 23

<http://www.newadvent.org/fathers/0207.htm>

Paedagogus, chapter 2

<http://www.newadvent.org/fathers/02092.htm>

The Stromate, Book V, chapter 10

<http://www.newadvent.org/fathers/02105.htm>

Origen, *Against Celsus*, Book 8, chapter 33

<http://www.newadvent.org/fathers/04168.htm>

Commentary on Matthew, book 11, chapter 14

<http://www.newadvent.org/fathers/1016.htm>

September 25

4th & 5th Centuries: Baptism, emergence of “Confirmation”, Penance, Ordination

Augustine on sacraments [DCW, 119-121]

The Apostolic Tradition [DCW, 151-156, 230-231]

Cyril of Jerusalem, *Catechetical Lectures*; Ambrose, *On the Sacraments*; John Chrysostom, *Baptismal Lectures*, Theodore of Mopsuestia, *Candidates for Baptism*; Egeria, & *Apostolic Constitutions* [DCW, pp. 156-164]

The following readings may be located in: <http://www.newadvent.org/fathers/>

Cyril of Jerusalem, *Catechetical Lectures*, #'s 3 & 19-21 [these last 3 lectures are the first three mystical lectures]

John Chrysostom, *Homilies on Matthew*, Homily 82, chapter 4; *Homilies on I Corinthians*, Homily 7 (1st 9 paragraphs)

Gregory Nazianzen, *Oration 39*, chapters 17-20; *Oration 40*, chapter 17

Ambrose, *On the Holy Spirit*, Book 1, chapter 6 [sections 76-80], Book 2, sections 103-105; *On the Mysteries*, chapter 6; *On Repentance*, Book 1, sections 33-42 & 85-96

Augustine, *On Baptism*, Book 6, chapter 1 [1-2]; *A Treatise against Two Letters of the Pelagians*, Book 3, chapter 5; *On the Merits and Forgiveness of Sins*, Book I, chapter 10; *Answer to the letter of Petilian, the Donatist*, Book II, chapter 105 [sections 238-239]; *On Christian Doctrine* Book 3, chapter 9 [section 13]

Jerome, *Against Jovinian*, Book II, sections 1-3

Athanasius, *Four Discourses against the Arians*, Discourse II, section 41 [in chapter 18]
[use a “control F” call for the word “baptismal” – it should bring you to this section]

Synod of Laodicea, Canons 45-48

October 2

4th & 5th Centuries: Eucharist, presence and sacrifice, unction for the sick

The Apostolic Tradition [DCW, 186-189; note organizational titles provide in parallel text in LWC, 20-24]

Ambrose, *On the Sacraments* [Mysteries], Cyril of Jerusalem, *Catecheses*; Augustine (*Treatise on John 26, Sermon 272, and City of God, Book 10, section 6*) [DCW, 189-193]
 Serapion, *PrayerBook* [DCW, 222]
 The following readings may be located in: <http://www.newadvent.org/fathers/>
 Augustine, *City of God*, Book 10, chapter 20 [note above in DCW), Book 19, chapter 23, final paragraph
 Cyril of Jerusalem, *Catechetical Lectures, #'s 22 & 23* [these are the final two mystagogical lectures]
 John Chrysostom, *2nd Homily on 2 Timothy* (1:8-10), the section called MORAL [from that word to the end of the homily ~½ the homily]; *On the Priesthood*, Book I, part 3, paragraphs 4-5 [to arrive at these, use “^qf”-control/q/find- and ask for “priestly office.”]; *Homilies on Matthew*, Homily 82, chapter 4 [see above for 3 March]
 Ambrose, *On the Mysteries* [Sacraments], chapter 8 [47-49], chapter 9 [50-59]; *On the Christian Faith*, Book 4, sections 124-126
Apostolical Constitutions [Constitutions of the Holy Apostles], Book 5, section 14 [up to betrayal by Judas]; Book 6, section 23; Book 7, section 25 [misnumbered in Advent, 35]
 Gregory Nazianzen, *Oration 8*, sections 1 & 17-18; *Oration 45*, section 19
 Gregory of Nyssa, *The Great Catechism*, chapter 37
 Theodoret, *Dialogues* [Eranistes], [last paragraph of page 167 and all of 168]
 Hilary, *On the Trinity*, Book 8, sections 13-17

October 9

The medieval Western Church

Paschasius Radbertus & Ratramnus of Corbie, on the Eucharist [DCW, 193-194]
 Hugh of St. Victor, *On the Sacraments* [DCW, 121]
 Peter Lombard, *Sentences*, IV (excerpts) [DCW, 121-125, 218, 222-223, 225-226, 231-232]
 Thomas Aquinas. *Summa Theologica* (excerpts) [DCW 125-128, 195-196, 223]
Manual of York [DCW, pp. 226-227]
 Irish penitentials [DCW, 217-218]
 Decree for the Armenians (excerpts) [DCW, 128-129, 164-166, 196-197, 218-219, 232]
 Bard Thompson, on medieval development of the Roman rite [LWC, pp. 27-46]
 The Mass of the Roman rite [LWC, pp. 54-90]
 4th Lateran Council, canons I and XXI [CC, : 57-59; also DCW, 194-195]
 Council of Florence on the 7 sacraments [CC: 60-61]
 The following readings may be located in: <http://www.newadvent.org/summa>
 Thomas Aquinas. *Summa Theologica*, Part 3, Question 60 (all 8 articles); Question 72 (Article 2 only, *The Matter*)

October 16

The 16th century reformation: Martin Luther & Lutheran churches

Augsburg Confession, Preface, Articles I-XV, XXII, XXIV, XXV, XXVIII [CC:64-72, 79-80, 83-87, & 97-107]
 Bard Thompson, Introduction to Luther [LWC, 95-104]
 Luther, *Formula Missae* and *Deutsche Messe* [LWC, 106-137]

Luther(excerpts), on sacraments, Baptism, on eucharistic presence, on penance, and on ordination [DCW, 129-131, 166-168; 197-199, 219-220, 232-233]

The following can be found at:

<http://www.iclnet.org/pub/resources/text/wittenberg/wittenberg-luther.html>

Martin Luther, *The Large[r] Catechism*, parts Fourth and Fifth

An excerpt from "An Introduction to St. Paul's Letter to the Romans," from Luther's *German Bible of 1522*.

The following can be found at:

<http://www.ccel.org/ccel/luther/tabletalk.htm>

Excerpts from Luther's *Table Talk*, Nos. 343-346, 349-350, 353-354, 359-360, 363, & 452,

October 23 [**Paper topic deadline**]

The 16th century reformation: Reformed churches

Ten Conclusions of Berne [CC: 129-130]

2nd Helvetic Confession, chapters XVII – XXIII and XXVII [CC: 141-179 & 185-187]

Ulrich Zwingli, *Liturgy of the Word and Action or Use of the Lord's Supper* [LWC, 147-156]; On sacraments, [DCW, 132]; On *Baptism*, [DCW, 170-171]; *On the Lord's Supper* [DCW, 199-201]

Marburg Colloquy: Luther's comment & article on eucharist [DCW, p. 202]

Guillaume Farel, *La Manière et Fassion* [LWC, 216-224]

Oecolampadius, *Form and Manner of the Lord's Supper* [LWC, 211-215]

Martin Bucer, *Concerning the Lord's Supper or Mass* [LWC, 167-179]; *Censura* & sermon, both when resident in England [DCW, 174 & 233]

John Calvin, *The Form of Church Prayers* [LWC, 197-210]; from *Institutes of the Christian Religion* and *Draft Ecclesiastical Ordinances; Short Treatise on the Holy Supper & Institutes* [DCW, 132-135, 171-173, 202-205, 223-224, 227-228]

Westminster Confession, chapters XXI, XXV, XXVII-XXX [CC: 216-220, 222-227]

The following has been copied from *The Library of Christian Classics*, vol. 22:

Calvin: Theological Treatises, pp. 140-166 [to be handed out]:

John Calvin, *Short Treatise on the Holy Supper of our Lord* [note a section from this work listed above, DCW, 202-203] a 19th century translation of this writing is under construction at:

http://www.hornes.org/theologia/content/cat_sacraments.htm

The following can be found at:

<http://history.hanover.edu/early/prot.html>

The Scottish Confession of Faith (1560), Chapters 21-23

The following can be found at:

<http://www.creeds.net/Tigurinus/tigur-bvd.htm>

The Consensus Tigurinus (to which is added a note from WPH on Philip Melancthon's *Variata* version of the *Augsburg Confession*)

October 30

The 16th century reformation: "Left-wing" Protestant, Roman Catholic, & Eastern responses

Schleitheim Confession, articles 1-5 [CC, 284-287; DCW, 220]

Menno Simons, on Baptism and "penance" [DCW, 168-170, 220]

Dordrecht Confession, articles 7-12 [CC, 298-303]

Michael Sattler, *Trial*, & Balthasar Hubmaier, *Summa*, [DCW, 201-202]

Peter Riedeman, on "penance" [DCW, 220-221]

Theses of Robert Barclay {Quaker, 17th century}, 10th – 13th propositions [CC, 330-332; and also DCW, pp. 139-140; note differences in proposition 11th]

Bard Thompson, on development of the Roman rite in the 16th century [LWC, pp. 46-51]

Council of Trent, Decrees on the Sacraments (7th session), the Eucharist (13th session) & the sacrifice of the Mass (22nd session) [CC: 425-439 (note: excerpts in DCW, 135-136, 205-206)]; on two kinds in Eucharist (21st session), on penance, and on unction; on marriage (14th & 24th sessions) DCW, 206, 221, 224, & 228]

Confession of Dositheus, Decrees XV-XVII [CC: 498-505]

The following can be found at:

<http://www.anabaptists.org/history/sattler.html>

Articles or Charges against Michael Sattler & his Responses [excerpts in DCW above]

The following can be found at:

<http://www.catholicculture.org/>

Council of Trent, Session 14 [Penance and Extreme Unction]

Council of Trent, Session 21 [2 Kinds & children at HC]

Council of Trent, Session 22 [Sacrifice of the Mass; excerpts in CC, above]]

Council of Trent, Session 24 [Marriage]

The following can be found at:

<http://www.newadvent.org/fathers/3304.htm>

John of Damascus, *An Exposition of the Orthodox Faith*, Book 4, chapter 13

The following can be found at:

<http://www.ocf.org/OrthodoxPage/liturgy/liturgy.html>

Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom [a contemporary English translation – simply look through this; it is not necessary to print it out these 14 pages]

November 6

The 16th century reformation: English Reformation

Holy Communion from the 1549 and 1552 *Book of Common Prayer* [LWC, 245-284]

The Middleburg Liturgy [LWC. 322-341]

The London Confession, articles 33-47 [CC, 717-721]

Westminster Directory [LWC, 354-371]

Directory for the Public Worship of God [DCW, 175]

39 Articles of Religion, Articles XIX, XX, XXIII-XXXI [CC: 273-277]

The following can be found at:

<http://justus.anglican.org/resources>

Office of Confirmation from the 1552 *Book of Common Prayer*

The following can be found at:

<http://anglicanlibrary.org/homilies>

Homily on Common Prayer and Sacraments [1st five paragraphs]

The following can be found at:

<http://justus.anglican.org/resources/pc/index>

Richard Hooker, *Of the Laws of Ecclesiastical Polity*, Book 5, chapters 50; 56.11 to 56.13, 57, 58, 60.7, 62.22, and 67.

November 13

John and Charles Wesley: Methodists and other English Evangelicals

John Wesley, *The Sunday Service of Methodists in North America* [LWC, 415-434];

1784 Methodist Articles of Religion, articles XIII, XV-XX, & XXII [CC: 357-360]; on

Baptism (Article XVII & sermon) [DCW, 175-176]

John and Charles Wesley, *Hymns*, [DCW. 208-210]

Benjamin Hoadley, on Lord's Supper [DCW, 208]

The following can be found at:

<http://www.ccel.org/ccel>

John Wesley, *Sermons*, “The Means of Grace” [#16], “Marks of the New Birth” (#18), “The New Birth” (#45), & “Duty of Constant Communion (#101)

The following can be found at:

<http://www.cyberhymnal.org/htm/b/e/because.htm> and
http://wesley.nnu.edu/charles_wesley/hymns/wesley

Charles Wesley, selected hymns (as chosen and posted in class website)

Reading Week and Thanksgiving

November 27 [**Paper due**]

19th Century: New sacramental emphases in Protestant communities: Anglican, Restoration, & German-American Reformed

Alexander Campbell, *The Christian System*, [DCF, 210-212]

The following can be found at:

<http://www.mun.ca/rels/restmov/texts/>

Thomas Campbell, *Prospectus of a Religious Reformation* (selections on class website)

Alexander Campbell, *Christian Baptism, with Its Antecedents and Consequents* (1851), Book 4, chapter 2, Design of Baptism

The Christian System, 2d. ed., Breaking the Loaf

The following can be found at:

<http://www.ucc.org>

UCC website account of the Mercersburg Movement

The following can be found at:

<http://www.trinityredbank.org/MercersburgSociety/>

Some excerpts by and about John Nevins

The following can be found at:

<http://www.ccel.org/ccel>

Philip Schaff, *History of the Christian Church*, vol. 1, a brief extract

The following can be found at:

<http://justus.anglican.org/resources>

Tracts for the Times, selections from #'s 4, 5, 6, and 90.

December 4

Liturgical Movement: an ecumenical journey

John Fenwick & Bryan Spinks, *Worship in Transition: the Liturgical Movement in the Twentieth Century*, chapters 1-6, 12, 13, 17, and 18 [read selectively in chapters 7-11 and 14-15]

Karl Barth, *Baptism* [DCW, 176-177]

Rites of the [Roman] Catholic Church [DCW, 177-178]

Dogmatic Constitution of the Church (2nd Vatican Council), chapters I - IV [CC, 459-484]

Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy [DCW, 212 & 224-225]

Faith and Order Statement (Edinburgh, 1937), articles 4 & 5 [CC, 571-572]

Baptism, Eucharist, and Ministry (Faith and Order, Lima, 1982) [CC, 604-658; note also, DCW, 213]

Confession of Faith of the Protestant Batak Church (Indonesia), Articles 8-11 [CC, 560-563]

December 11

Final Exam