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The purpose of the course is to survey worship, prayer, and community in the context of the Book of Common Prayer from the sixteenth reformation through the ecumenical liturgical movement of the twentieth century. The British churches will provide the major focus up to the latter years of the eighteenth century when, in North America, foreign “Anglican” churches begin to modify the exclusively English setting and character of the Prayer Book. Throughout the course students will be encouraged to relate the developments of this distinctive tradition with those in other parts of the larger Christian community. The course will review and analyze the historical development of liturgy, including rite, ceremony, music, and architectural surroundings. Throughout, attention will be given to the relation of community worship to personal devotion and to the character of the larger community in which liturgy is celebrated.

As the requirements and schedule of topics indicate weekly class sessions will consist of two or three discrete parts with varying degrees to relationship with one another: instructor’s outline of the historical development of anglican liturgy, class discussion of assigned documents, and student paper presentations on representative anglican spirituality.

Requirements:

Weekly reading as assigned from the following:

William Sydnor, The Prayer Book through the Ages (Morehouse, 1997)
Leonel L. Mitchell, Praying Shapes Believing (Morehouse, 1991)
Marion J. Hatchett, Commentary on the American Prayer Book (Harper, 1995)
Other published materials as listed weekly
Websites as listed weekly: students are asked to print out some of the online materials; these should be collected in a folder cumulatively and brought each week for reference during class discussion

[Some students may wish an overview of Anglican history such as can be found briefly surveyed in the first two essays by William P. Haugaard and Perry Butler in The Study of Anglicanism, pp. 3-51 (rev. edn., ed. Stephen Sykes, John Booty, & Jonathan Knight Fortress Press, 1998)]

Two readings in spirituality & a brief 500-word paper: due April 6

Paper topic: What elements of anglican spirituality does Allchin include in his essay that Thornton does not discuss in the lengthier assigned chapters of his book?
Paper to be discussed in class on a date to be assigned [April 13 to May 11]:

A study of the spirituality of one of the following Anglicans (or one proposed by the student and approved by instructor): Lancelot Andrewes, R. M. Benson, S. T. Coleridge, John Donne, T. S. Eliot, Charles Gore, George Herbert, John Keble, William Law, F. D. Maurice, Hannah More, Thomas Traherne, Evelyn Underhill, Charles Wesley, or William Wilberforce. This varied group includes poets, theologians, bishops, parish priests, and parliamentarians. The paper should limit biographical information to data that bears directly on the character of the person’s spirituality. The paper should be distributed by e-mail to all class members at least two days before the paper is due [from 1200 to 1500 words would be an appropriate length]. +

Final exam:

A three-hour final exam will be given on May 18 will include questions to be answered in brief paragraphs and in lengthier responses.

Grading:

The final grade will be based on participation in class discussions (40%), brief paper (10%), discussion paper (20%) and final examination (30%).

Session Topics and Readings

I. Sixteenth century beginnings  (February 10 – March 2)

February 10:  An outline of Anglicanism through the centuries
Worship in the western Church in 1500
A sketch of liturgical reform in continental Europe in the 16th century

February 17  An English Litany, the Latin Mass & the first Book of Common Prayer
Readings [Litany & Eucharist]:
- *Praying Shapes Believing*, Introduction and chapter 1
- *The Prayer Book through the Ages*, chapter 1
- *Commentary on the American Prayer Book*, pp. 2-7, 154-162, & 289-334
- *The Booklet of the Mass* – as celebrated in 1507 (Holland) illustrated at.
  http://justus.anglican.org/resources/bcp/Litany1544/
  Exhortation&Litany_1544.htm
[Give enough time for pictures to come up]

Items to be downloaded and brought to class [not necessary to copy any of the explanatory materials; only original text]:

1544 Litany at
http://justus.anglican.org/resources/bcp/Litany1544/
Exhortation&Litany_1544.htm

1548 Order of Communion at
http://justus.anglican.org/resources/bcp/Communion_1548.htm

(list of items, continued on next page)
Litany and Holy Communion from 1549 *Book of Common Prayer* at [http://justus.anglican.org/resources/bcp/1549/BCP_1549.htm](http://justus.anglican.org/resources/bcp/1549/BCP_1549.htm)
[The texts of the 1549 and 1552 Prayer Books are also available in print in *The First and Second Prayer Books of Edward VI.* (Everyman’s Library, E. P. Dutton, 1910)]

February 24  Further liturgical reform: the 2nd *Book of Common Prayer*
Readings [Eucharist]:

*Praying Shapes Believing*, chapter 6 (to page 155)
*The Prayer Book through the Ages*, chapter 2
*Commentary on the American Prayer Book*, pp. 334-373

Items to be downloaded and brought to class [only original texts necessary]:
Matins (Morning Prayer), and Evensong (Evening Prayer) from
1549 *Book of Common Prayer* (see website above) and from
1552 *Book of Common Prayer* at
[http://justus.anglican.org/resources/bcp/1552/BCP_1552.htm](http://justus.anglican.org/resources/bcp/1552/BCP_1552.htm)
Holy Communion from 1552 *Book of Common Prayer*

March 2  The Elizabethan settlement: shaped by the 3rd *Book of Common Prayer* as the reign begins; articulated theologically by Richard Hooker as it ends
Readings [Eucharist]:

*Praying Shapes Believing*, chapter 6 (from page 155)
*The Prayer Book through the Ages*, chapter 3
*Commentary on the American Prayer Book*, pp. 373-422

Items to be downloaded and brought to class [only original texts necessary]:
[At this site, page numbers (10 at a time) are offered to access different sections of Book V; these assigned chapters are on pp. 115-123 and 348-362]
Morning Prayer, Evening Prayer, and Holy Communion from
1559 *Book of Common Prayer* at
[http://justus.anglican.org/resources/bcp/1559/BCP_1559.htm](http://justus.anglican.org/resources/bcp/1559/BCP_1559.htm)

March 9  A 4th *Book of Common Prayer* and the Caroline Divines
Readings [Daily Office & liturgics of some Caroline divines]:

*Praying Shapes Believing*, chapter 3 (to page 54)
*The Prayer Book through the Ages*, chapter 4
*Commentary on the American Prayer Book*, pp. 89-132
G. W. O. Addleshaw, “The Liturgy in the 16th Century, chapter 5 of *The High Church Tradition* (1942) at
[http://anglicanlibrary.org/addleshaw/high/02.htm](http://anglicanlibrary.org/addleshaw/high/02.htm)

(list of readings, continued on next page)

Items to be downloaded and brought to class [only original texts necessary]:
Note the marginal comments on 1604 changes in Morning Prayer and Holy Communion in the copies of the 1559 book that have already been downloaded.

March 16  Civil War, Commonwealth, Restoration and a 5th Book of Common Prayer
Readings [Daily Office]:
Praying Shapes Believing, chapter 6 (from page 54)
The Prayer Book through the Ages, chapter 5
Commentary on the American Prayer Book, pp. 132–153
Items to be downloaded and brought to class [only original texts necessary]:

March 23  Failed Comprehension in the Glorious Revolution and English and Scottish Nonjurors
Readings [Church calendar & nonjurors]:
Praying Shapes Believing, chapter 2
Commentary on the American Prayer Book, pp. 36–88
T. Lathbury, part of chapter 11 of A History of the Nonjurors (1845) at http://justus.anglican.org/resources/bcp/Lathbury.htm
W. Perry, “History of the Scottish Liturgy”, chapter 5 of The Scottish Liturgy: Its Value and History (1922)
http://justus.anglican.org/resources/pc/alcuin/perry/chapter4.html
Items to be downloaded and brought to class [only original texts necessary]:
1718 Nonjurors’ Order of Communion at http://justus.anglican.org/resources/bcp/Communion_Nonjurors.htm
1764 Scottish Order of Communion at http://justus.anglican.org/resources/bcp/Scotland/Scot1764_Communion.htm

Reading Week

April 6  Anglican liturgy shaped outside of the British Isles: the proposed and the adopted Book of Common Prayer of the Episcopal Church
Readings [Music]:
The Prayer Book through the Ages, chapter 6
Commentary on the American Prayer Book, pp. 24 – 45
(list of readings continued on next page)
(see modern use in *The Hymnal, 1982*, #’s S90, S113, S157, & S201)

Items to be downloaded and brought to class [only original texts necessary]:

April 13
Evangelical movement: the Methodist Society and renewal of mission and worship in anglican churches [and paper(s) on anglican spirituality]
Readings [Christian initiation]:
- *Praying Shapes Believing*, chapter 5
- *Commentary on the American Prayer Book*, pp. 251 – 288
- Hannah More, “Prayer”, chapter 5 of *Practical Piety* (1811)

April 20
Oxford movement: another renewal of mission, theology, and worship in anglican churches [and paper(s) on anglican spirituality]
Readings [Sacramental reconciliation]:
- *Praying Shapes Believing*, pp. 197 - 207 of chapter 7
- *Commentary on the American Prayer Book*, pp. 448 – 458

April 27
Ritualism: the search for catholic ceremonial appropriate to anglican church life [and paper(s) on anglican spirituality]
Readings [Paschal mystery and Holy Week]
- *Praying Shapes Believing*, chapter 4
- *Commentary on the American Prayer Book*, pp. 217 – 250
- “An Easter festival in St. Clemens, 1890” at http://justus.anglican.org/resources/pc/usa/easter1890.html

May 4
Prayer Book revision in the later 19th and early 20th centuries [and paper(s) on anglican spirituality]
Readings [Sickness and death]
- *Praying Shapes Believing*, pp. 207 – 232 of chapter 7
- *The Prayer Book through the Ages*, chapters 7 & 8
- *Commentary on the American Prayer Book*, pp. 459 – 500

May 11
The Liturgical movement and the 1976 *Book of Common Prayer* [and paper(s) on anglican spirituality]
Readings:
- *Praying Shapes Believing*, chapter 9
Some further useful readings on anglican liturgy and spirituality

G. J. Cuming, *A History of Anglican Worship*
Horton Davies, *Worship and Theology in England*, I [1524-1603], II [1603-1690], III [1690-1850], IV [1850-1900], and V [1900-1965] [Now all 5 in 3 volumes]
Nigel Yates, *Buildings, faith, and worship: the liturgical arrangement of Anglican churches, 1600-1900*
William Temple, *Christian faith and life*
L. S. Thornton, *Rock and the river: an encounter between traditional spirituality and modern thought*
John Macquarrie, *Paths in spirituality.*
H. R. McAdoo, *Anglican Heritage: Theology and Spirituality*
John R.H. Moorman, *The Anglican spiritual tradition*
Catherine M. Prelinger, editor *Episcopal women: gender, spirituality, and commitment in an American mainline denomination.*
L. William Countryman, *Poetic imagination: an Anglican spiritual tradition*
Alan Jones, *Sacrifice and delight: spirituality for ministry*
David Hein, editor, *Readings in Anglican Spirituality.*
J. Robert Wright, editor *Prayer book spirituality: a devotional companion to the Book of Common Prayer compiled from classical Anglican sources*
Brightman, F. E. *The English Rite*. 2 vol.
Clarke, W. K. Lowther, and Harris, Charles, eds. *Liturgy and Worship.*
Procter, Francis, and Frere, Walter. *A New History of The Book of Common Prayer*
Shepherd, Massey. *The Oxford American Prayer Book Commentary* [on the 1928 BCP
Stuhlman, Byron D. *Redeeming the Time: An historical and theological study of the Church’s rule of prayer and the regular services of the Church.*
Lee, Jeffrey. *Opening the Prayer Book*. The New Church’s Teaching Series, Vol. 7
Stevenson, Kenneth, and Spinks, Bryan, eds. *The Identity of Anglican Worship*