

**TH54201**

**Liturgy and Ethics**

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### **Description**

This doctoral level seminar seeks to understand the interrelated roles of sacrament, word, and ethics in the praxis of Christian faith in church and society. Methodologically focused, the course attends to history, major theologians, and current constructive proposals in the areas of early Christian sources, fundamental and political theology, and liturgical and sacramental theology. The seminar is reading intensive, requiring short reports on class readings, formal in-class presentations and responses to presentations, and a final essay exam (fashioned, at least in part, on the doctoral comps) or term paper.

### **Evaluated Work**

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| 1. Weekly critical précis of readings & participation  | 25% |
| 2. Presentation on one session's readings              | 10% |
| 3. Response to colleague's presentation on readings    | 5%  |
| 4. Final exam  | 50% |
| 5. <i>Alternative to items 2 through 4: Term paper</i> | 75% |

### **Required Texts: Available for Purchase**

*Note: These books are also on reserve in O'Neill Library.*

- *Anamnesis as Dangerous Memory: Political and Liturgical Theology in Dialogue*, Bruce Morrill
- *Ascension and Ecclesia*, Douglas Farrow
- *The Awe-Inspiring Rites of Initiation: The Origins of the RCIA*, Edward Yarnold
- *Flesh of the Church, Flesh of Christ*, Jean-Marie Tillard
- *Sacraments: Revelation of the Humanity of God*, ed. Philippe Bordeyne and Bruce Morrill
- *The Sacraments: The Word of God at the Mercy of the Body*, Louis-Marie Chauvet

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*Note: These books are variably in and out of print and might be purchased on the Internet.*

- *The Blackwell Companion to Christian Ethics*, ed. Stanley Hauerwas and Samuel Wells
- *Christ: The Experience of Jesus as Lord*, Edward Schillebeeckx
- *Church Dogmatics IV.2, Doctrine of Reconciliation: Jesus Christ the Servant as Lord*, Karl Barth
- *Karl Barth: Theologian of Freedom*, Clifford Green
- *Liturgy and the Moral Self*, ed. E. Byron Anderson and Bruce Morrill
- *Liturgy and Tradition: Theological Reflections of Alexander Schmemmann*, ed. Thomas Fisch
- *A Passion for God*, Johann Baptist Metz
- *Saint Thomas Aquinas: Summa Theologia*, vol. 30.
- *The Summa Theologica of St. Thomas Aquinas*, Part III, QQ LX-LXXXIII
- *The Teaching of the Church Regarding Baptism*, Karl Barth
- *Worship as Theology: Foretaste of Glory Divine*, Don E. Saliers

## Schedule of Sessions

- 9/10 Introduction  
Schillebeeckx, *Christ*, pp. 361-567, 586-600, 629-644, 724-839 (selections cited in class)
- 9/17 Morrill, *Anamnesis as Dangerous Memory*, pp. 1 – 72  
Metz, *A Passion for God*, pp.
- 9/24 Morrill, *Anamnesis as Dangerous Memory*, pp.73-212  
Schmemmann, *Liturgy and Tradition*, pp.
- 10/1 Tillard, *Flesh of the Church, Flesh of Christ*
- 10/8 Yarnold, *The Awe-Inspiring Rites of Initiation*, pp. 1-54, 67-127, 165-250
- 10/15 Aquinas, *Summa Theologia*, I-II, q. 109-114
- 10/22 Aquinas, *Summa Theologia*, III, q.60-65, 66 &69, 73 & 79-80, 84-85 &89
- 10/29 Barth, “The Humanity of God,” in Clifford Green, *Karl Barth*, pp. 46-66  
Barth, *Church Dogmatics IV.2*, pp. 499-533, 543-546, 577-598, 614-647, 672-726  
Barth, *The Teaching of the Church Regarding Baptism*
- 11/5 Chauvet, *The Sacraments*, pp. 1 – 66  
*Sacraments: Revelation of the Humanity of God*, pp. 1 – 77, 115 – 152
- 11/12 Chauvet, *The Sacraments*, pp. 67 – 200  
*Sacraments: Revelation of the Humanity of God*, pp. 83 – 100, 153 – 224
- 11/19 Saliers, *Worship as Theology*, pp. 21-38, 171-216  
*Liturgy and the Moral Self*, pp. 6-35, 41-53, 95-106, 209-224  
*Blackwell Companion to Christian Ethics*, pp. 3-67, 95-109, 196-208, 141-155, 481-498
- 12/3 Farrow, *Ascension and Ecclesia*, pp. 1 – 164
- 12/10 Farrow, *Ascension and Ecclesia*, pp. 165 – 273
- 12/17 Essay Exam or Term Paper due at noon