



SARUM
COLLEGE

MA in Christian Liturgy
(Validated by the University of Winchester)

The Eucharist
20 Credits

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Introduction

This module explores the development of eucharistic worship from the New Testament to the contemporary church through an analysis of the most significant primary and secondary sources. Students will gain an understanding of the theological, historical and social influences upon the eucharist and be equipped for independent study of the topic.

Module Content

Monday	Session 1	The Meals of the First Christian Communities [PB]
	Session 2	The Evolution of Eucharist Prayer [PB]
Tuesday	Session 3	The Eucharist in the West: The Roman Canon and Ordo Romanus Primus [PB]
	Session 4	The Medieval Mass and the Sarum Rite [PB]
	Session 5	SEMINAR ONE
	Session 6*	Eucharist and the Continental Reformation [BN]
Wednesday	Session 7*	From Mass to Lord's Supper: English Reformation
	Session 8*	and Thomas Cranmer's 1549 and 1552 Revisions [BN]
	Session 9	SEMINAR TWO
	Session 10	The Ecumenical Turn: Twentieth-Century Story [JS]
Thursday	Session 11	Eucharistic Theology: Convergence and Debates [JS]
	Session 12	Eucharist in Crisis? Contemporary Perspectives [JS]
	Session 13	SEMINAR THREE
	Session 14	Eucharist and Discipleship [JS]

* See under Preliminary Reading for these sessions

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Seminars

There will be two seminar 'streams', one for those students studying for assessment and the other for auditing students.

- MA students will present short papers on topics they have selected (see below under Assessment)
- Auditors will have three topics/texts to discuss

Seminar 1 - O'Donoghue, N.X, 'The Shape of the History of the Eucharist'
(details under Seminar pre-reading)

Seminar 2 - Richard Baxter's 'The Reformation of the Liturgy' – Savoy Conference
(pdf file circulated)

Seminar 3 - Comparison of Eucharistic texts
(to be circulated at beginning of module)

Aims

The aims of this module are

- to investigate the development of the Eucharist through an exploration of key historical, theological and pastoral issues;

- to become familiar with the interpretative issues surrounding key primary liturgical texts and the methods and perspectives of contemporary scholars;
- to explore contemporary liturgical practice and ecumenical issues relating to the theology and celebration of the Eucharist.

Learning Outcomes

By the end of the module students will be able to demonstrate

a Knowledge and Understanding

- a systematic understanding of the major developments of the eucharistic rite in different contexts: historical, social, theological, pastoral.
- a critical awareness of the variety of interpretation of liturgical sources exemplified by contemporary scholars, eg Bradshaw, Duffy, Mazza, Taft.
- an ability to appropriate and critique contemporary scholarship on the eucharist with awareness of the theological presuppositions behind it.

b Subject specific skills

- advanced skills in the critical interpretation of primary sources which takes account of their context and problematic issues.
- an ability to evaluate contemporary liturgical practice in the light of the historical development of eucharistic theology and ritual.

c Transferable skills

The student will demonstrate an ability to

- communicate their responses in a coherent and objective manner in writing and orally.
- undertake effective research using printed and electronic resources, with sensitivity to the genre and perspective of primary and secondary sources.
- contribute to ecumenical conversations in an informed and objective manner.

Preliminary Reading for the Module

Before the residential, you should find time to undertake some preliminary reading. This will help you follow the lectures and seminars and provide you with enough background to make an informed choice about the direction of your own research.

You are encouraged to look at some general areas of liturgical study relating to the eucharist: Historical development; theology; the practice of your own denomination and the eucharist; ecumenism. The lectures/seminars will touch upon all these areas.

1. An Overview of the Historical Development

To provide you with a framework of its theological and liturgical development you may wish to read one of these general introductions:

Jones, C., *et al*, *The Study of Liturgy* 2nd rev. ed. SPCK: London, 1992 relevant chapters.

Chupungco, Anscar J. ed., *The Eucharist*, vol. 3 of *Handbook for Liturgical Studies* Collegeville, MN: Liturgical Press, 1999.

Foley, Edward, *From Age to Age: How Christians Celebrated the Eucharist* Collegeville: Liturgical Press, 2008; revised and expanded edition.

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Mazza, Enrico, *The Celebration of the Eucharist: The Origin of the Rite and the Development of Its Interpretation*, trans. Matthew J. O'Connell Collegeville: Liturgical Press, 1999.

Senn, F., *Christian Liturgy: Catholic and Evangelical* Minneapolis: Fortress Press, 1997, relevant sections.

and for a 'quick start' very accessible historical guide, read relevant chapters of: White, J.F., *Introduction to Christian Worship* 3rd ed. Nashville: Abingdon, 2000
White, J.F., *Documents of Christian Worship* Edinburgh: T&T Clark, 1992

2. The Theology of the Eucharist

Read through the following entries in the Bradshaw, P., *New SCM Dictionary of Liturgy and Worship* London; SCM Press, 2000.

Eucharistic Prayer; Eucharistic Theologies

3. Contemporary Eucharistic Practice in your own denomination

Read through the latest authorised rites and the rubrics/instructions if these exist and a good commentary. If your church does not have an authorised eucharistic rite, then locate and read any guidelines and commentaries there may be.

4. The Eucharist in other denominations or in ecumenical discussions

Read through the following entry in the *New SCM Dictionary* 'Eucharist', and explore some of the references.

The internet is probably the best place to search for eucharistic liturgies. The following might be useful:

For Anglican Liturgies: www.oremus.org/liturgy/index.html

For Roman Catholic Liturgies: <http://www.romanmissal.org.uk/> or <http://www.usccb.org/romanmissal/resources.shtml>

For a wide range of historic and denominational texts go to <http://www.worship.ca/> and find your way to section 5, links for 'scholars of liturgy'.

For a liturgically minded Baptist contribution, with some interesting Eucharistic Prayers, see <http://laughingbird.net/Seasonal.html>. In each season there are various Eucharistic Prayers

If you are interested in the Orthodox Liturgy then read the Liturgy of St John Chrysostom and Robert Taft's *The Byzantine Rite*

If you are interested in ecumenical eucharistic discussions, read the relevant sections of *Baptism Eucharist and Ministry* and the *Response to BEM* from selected churches.

5. Specific Reading for seminars

There will be three seminar sessions. MA students will present short papers, having chosen topics from the list under 'Assessment' below.

Auditing students will discuss articles and liturgical texts. The first seminar the text is will be a Roman Catholic perspective on early Eucharistic developments:

O'Donoghue, N.X, 'The Shape of the History of the Eucharist' in *New Blackfrairs*, Vol.93 No.1043, Jan 2012. The text can be downloaded at

<http://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/10.1111/nbfr.2012.93.issue-1043/issuetoc>

6. Eucharist in Reformation

Bridget Nichols recommends that students read 'The Sacrament of the Altar' in Martin Luther's *Babylonian Captivity of the Church* (pp.6-24) – already circulated.

She also requests that all students bring a downloaded version of the texts of Holy Communion in 1549 and 1552 BCP to the lecture (note: the 1662 BCP Holy Communion service is a revised version of the 1552). See

<http://anglicansonline.org/resources/bcp.html>

7. And for fun ...

Check out this online quiz to see where you are on the theological scale:

<http://quizfarm.com/quizzes/new/wquercus/eucharistic-theology/>

Assessment

This module is assessed by TWO pieces of written work: a seminar paper of 1,000 words AND an essay of 4,000 words.

Seminar Paper

The aim of this exercise is to develop your critical reading skills, to evaluate scholarly work in liturgical studies and to assess your ability to write a highly focussed study for presentation as a seminar paper.

During the residential teaching week, those doing the module assessment will deliver a seminar paper of 500 words on a topic chosen from the list below; *those students auditing are not required to present a seminar paper.*

The secret to producing a good paper is to focus upon an issue that is both interesting and significant in relation to the topic. Avoid general summaries of 'what you know about x, y or z'; many of the topics can generate huge amounts of information. Instead, aim to focus upon an 'angle' on the topic, demonstrating that you have grasped a debate, or an aspect of liturgical significance, or maybe posing a question. Please write your paper and deliver it from a script. The purpose of the seminar, and especially the feedback you receive, is to help you refine and develop your paper so that you are better equipped to write the 1,000 paper for submission. You may choose to prepare a handout, and to use Powerpoint, but remember that the content of your paper is more important than fancy graphics.

Approach this task as a first step towards the final paper. You will be introduced to the complete module bibliography once the module handbook has been compiled; this will be ready by the week before the module. Therefore, in the meantime, please use whatever means you have to hand (which may include liturgical dictionaries, web-based search etc) to prepare. I have included a general bibliography below.

For those attending this module as part of their assessed MA, the paper must be expanded to 1,000 words +/- 10%. for submission; the longer version must include references and a bibliography. The mark gained is worth 25% of the final mark for the module.

Topics:

The Anaphora of Addai and Mari

The Anaphora of St Basil the Great

John Paul II, *Ecclesia de eucharistia* from www.vatican.va,

Actions and postures during the eucharistic prayer

The Lima Text: *Baptism Eucharist and Ministry*

The eucharistic theology of one of

- Thomas Aquinas
- Richard Baxter
- Charles Wesley
- Karl Rahner
- E.B. Pusey

Concelebration

The Eucharist and Last Supper

Consecration

Eucharist in the context of either a Marriage or a Funeral

New translation of the Roman Missal

[<http://www.usccb.org/romanmissal/resources.shtml>]

The Parish Communion Movement

Eucharistic Presidency

A liturgical strategy of how to celebrate Eucharist when a presiding minister (or priest) is not present

Eucharist and Justice

When *or* how often to receive Communion

Epiclesis

Anamnesis

The Eucharistic elements

Children and the Eucharist

'For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes....' 1 Corinthians 11.26

The Offertory

The Peace

The rationale for the non-Eucharistic practice of an ecclesial community: e.g. Salvation Army or Quakers

A distinctive feature of the Eucharistic liturgy in a Eucharist order of your own or another's denomination

When you have chosen your topic please email James Steven without delay. This helps in the management of seminar planning. You may not write the 4,000 word essay on a topic closely related to your seminar paper, so you should choose them both with care.

Essay

Write an essay of 4,000 words +/-10% on one of the following. The mark for this essay is worth 75% of the final mark for the module. Remember to follow the conventions for referencing and bibliographies from the Programme Handbook.

Choose one of the following or negotiate a title in consultation with James Steven

1. Assess Gregory Dix's theory about the 'shape' of the eucharist.
2. Is the eucharist a sacrifice?

3. What theories have been proposed for the origins of the Roman Canon?
4. Compare and assess the various forms taken by either the epiclesis or the anamnesis in ancient and contemporary prayers.
5. 'Theological meaning lies as much in the shape of the liturgy as in the texts' Frank C. Senn *Christian Liturgy – Catholic and Evangelical* Minneapolis MN: Augsburg Fortress, 1997 p. 440. Discuss this assertion with particular reference to the Order for Holy Communion otherwise known as the Lord's Supper or the Mass of 1549 and the Order for Holy Communion The Lord's Supper of 1552.
6. Put yourself in the position of a layperson in an English parish in the 1540s which was embracing the Reformation. Describe the experience of attending Mass at Easter in 1547; The Holy Communion at Easter in 1550; and The Lord's Supper at Easter in 1553. Your description should take account of the spatial arrangement and decoration of the church building, music, and the vesture of the priest, as well as the words of the service and the participation of the people.
7. It has been said that Cranmer was not a Lutheran or a Zwinglian, but a Cranmerian. Describe some of the distinctive theological and liturgical features of the rites of Holy Communion of 1549 and 1552.
8. In *The Babylonian Captivity of the Church* (1520) Luther names three principal abuses of the Sacrament of the Altar:
 - The denial of the cup to the laity
 - The attempt to provide a scientific account of the presence of Christ in the sacrament (in other words, the definition of Transubstantiation)
 - The claim that the Mass was a good work and a sacrifice
 What was radical about this position and how is it expressed in the *Formula Missae* of 1523 and the *Deutsche Messe* of 1526?
9. Choose one bi-lateral ecumenical conversation and/or agreement about the eucharist. What theological and liturgical differences were highlighted and/or resolved?
10. Choose one contemporary revision of a eucharistic rite and analyse the factors which have influenced the revisers.
11. Assess the strategies employed by various denominations to maintain eucharistic worship despite the lack of priests.
12. Explore the meaning of the Eucharist through one theological lens.
13. Has Schmemmann's critique of western Eucharistic theology been answered?

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