

## LITURGICAL SPIRITUALITY - STMA 508

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Thursdays, 1:30 – 4:30 pm - Huntahausen 110

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**Scope:** An important aim of our study of **Liturgical Spirituality** is to increase our liturgical literacy as pastoral ministers serving the Church. The course is intended to be taken after one has been exposed to the basics of Liturgical and Sacramental Theology (STMM 505). We will look at some important contemporary and classic works on liturgical prayer, seeking to investigate the spirituality that is expressed and enhanced whenever the community gathers for worship. There will be five books and a few important essays to read, compiled on Angel and accessible to you. The material will include works from Roman Catholic, Orthodox, and Lutheran writers, some with a decidedly “Episcopal” bent! And always, your own interior and lived experience of worship will be a key component.

### **Texts:**

1. **Corbon, Jean and O’Connell, Matthew J.** *The Wellsprings of Worship* [2<sup>nd</sup> ed.] (San Francisco: Ignatius Press, 2005) – an older 1988 edition from Paulist is also available used – ISBN: (Paulist): 0-8091-2968-X; (Ignatius: 978-1-58617-022-6)
2. **Janowiak, Paul.** *Standing Together in the Community of God: Liturgical Spirituality and the Presence of Christ* (Collegeville: The Liturgical Press, 2011) ISBN: 978-0-8146-6024-9 (also available as e-book)
3. **Lafont, Ghislain.** *Eucharist: The Meal and the Word* (Mahwah, N.J.: Paulist, 2008); ISBN: 978-0-8091-4459-4
4. **Lathrop, Gordon.** *Holy Ground: A Liturgical Cosmology* (Minneapolis: Fortress Press, 2003; ppk. 2009) ISBN-10: **0800696557** | ISBN-13: **978-0800696559**
5. **Schmemmann, Alexander.** *For the Life of the World* (Crestwood, N.Y.: St. Vladimir’s Seminary Press) ISBN: 19880-913836-08-7

**On Angel or Library On-line– various articles and chapters**

**Outline and Structure of the Course:** I believe Liturgical Spirituality is the “work of the people” that looks at the outside from the inside, taking “matter and form” as windows into the Mystery and as vessels that hold the gift of Trinity’s life and communion with us. As the Eastern writers call it, the liturgy is a procession into the heart of God. Our study will involve reading, reflecting, and discussing together what this means in our tradition and in the lives of Christian worshippers today. Questions we will explore each week are framed by what I believe are foundational questions for the whole quarter:

- What is the relationship between personal and communal prayer?
- Why do the main traditions insist that worship *together* is crucial to the self-identity of the both the individual and the community? How does that happen in a post-modern, secularized world?
- How does liturgical worship express the Paschal Mystery and the Christ-life of the gathered Body and how does that identity suffer when we do not worship “in spirit and in truth”?
- How does Trinitarian communion shape the liturgical encounter we share together, both on the part of God and the assembly?

- How are the Word proclaimed, the Table shared, and the ritual actions of washing, anointing, and bodily gesture both an expression of and a source of this truth?
- What role does the rhythm and harmony of worship play in sharing the Beauty of God?
- What conflicting theologies and spiritualities are at the root of much division in the Church today? Are they irreconcilable? How does proper worship heal those divisions . . . or intensify them?

We are a small class, which is a blessing and also involves the focused engagement of all of us. I suggest that, in light of the reading, I will lecture and discuss important points with you. In addition, I ask that one of the members of the seminar offer a reflection of his/her own. Impressions, confusions, insights from your reading will help us all. Both of our presentations will be an aid and source for our spiritual conversation together. I am always available to help the co-facilitator organize her/his thoughts. This is an experience in shared learning.

**Evaluation:** I expect that all participants will read the assigned materials each week and contribute significantly to our discussion. The seminar format requires such “full, conscious, and active participation of the people,” as Vatican II says regarding the liturgy. Your facilitation of one of the classes is also part of the evaluation. Finally I ask that you write a final paper (7-10 pp.) on the following topic:

As a result of your reading, reflection, and discussion this quarter, outline a Liturgical Spirituality that is *framed by one of the following images* from the worship tradition in the Christian Churches. You may have another that comes to you as we study. **The papers are due *no later than Monday, June 10.***

Baptismal Identity Pneumatology Mystagogy  
The Embodied Word Proclaimed, Preached, and Shared  
Union with Christ in the Paschal Mystery Participation in the Trinitarian Life  
Communion in the Body of Christ Reconciliation of all creation in Christ  
Eschatology (foretaste of the Paschal Feast in heaven)

### Course Outline

**Class #1: Thursday, April 4 – Thursday of the Octave of Easter – *Resurrexit sicut dixit!* “Clear out the old yeast, so that you may become a fresh batch of dough!” (1Cor. 5.7)**

- Introduction, syllabus, structure, and evaluation
- Shared discussion on the questions: *Why did you want to take this class? How do you understand the relationship between your private/personal spirituality and the gathered assembly’s claims regarding its corporate spiritual identity?*
- Some thoughts on the “work” of liturgy from the points of view of liturgical theology, spirituality, and as a gatherer of the body; Carmelite spiritual writer Ruth Burrows on “Living in Mystery”; a contemporary Church leader on the contemporary person and the “feeble perception of sacramental reality.”
- If you have time, read the short piece by Ruth Burrows (Sr. Rachel, Carmelite) from *Living in Mystery*, Ch. 7, pp. 86-95 (sent to you on e-mail)

**Class #2: Thursday, April 11 – Easter II and St. Stanislaus, Bishop and Martyr**

**\*This is a shortened class due to Seattle University’s “Mission Day” – 2:20-4:20 pm.**

“Orienting our Participation in the World: Standing Together in the Trinitarian Mystery”

- Janowiak, Ch. 1, 1-34
- Lathrop, Part One, 1-94 (128 pp.)

**Class #3: Thursday, April 18 – Easter III**

“The Place of the Holy Meeting: *This Locus* and *These People*”

- Janowiak, Ch. 2, 35-79
- Lathrop, Chs. 5-6, 125-175
- Romano Guardini, “The Fellowship of the Liturgy” (Ch. 2), *The Spirit of the Liturgy*, 141-149 (Angel) (102 pp.)

**Class #4: Thursday, April 24 – Easter IV**

“Fruit of the Earth and Work of Human Hands: Holy Things and Primordial Symbols”

- Lafont, Intro., Chs. 1-2, 1-80
- Philip Pfatteicher, “The Christian Year: Hallowing the Seasons,” Ch. 5 in *Liturgical Spirituality* (1997), 105-141 (on Angel)
- Guardini, “Time Sanctified” in *The Spirit of the Liturgy*, 93-99 (on Angel) (122 pp.)

**Class #5: Thursday, May 2 – Easter V and St. Athanasius**

“A Revelatory Word that Opens up the Circle: Preaching and Gathering and Turning the Paradigm Upside Down”

- Janowiak, Chs. 3-4, 81-164
- Lathrop, Ch. 7, 179-197 (101 pp.)

**Class #6: Thursday, May 9 – Easter VI and the traditional Ascension Feast**

“Eating and Drinking in Grateful Memory: ‘Was Ever Another Command So Obeyed?’”

- Lafont, Chs. 3-5, 81-159
- Janowiak, Ch. 5, 165-213 (125 pp.)

**Class #7: Thursday, May 16 – Easter VII and St. Andrew Bobola (a Polish, Jesuit Saint!)**

“In the World and not of the World: An Eastern View of Liturgy as a Joyful Procession into the Heart of God”

- Schmemmann, *For the Life of the World*, 1-151
- A visit and a wandering to St. James Cathedral (151 pp.)

**Class #8: Thursday, May 23 – Ordinary Time VII**

“The Mystery Kept Hidden Through All the Ages: Worship as Dwelling in the Trinitarian Life”

- Jean Corbon, *The Wellspring of Worship*, Part I (pp. 7-112; Ignatius Edition; Paulist edition differs, 1-74)
- Alejandro Garcia-Rivera, “A Sensible Mystery,” Ch.2.2 in *Living Beauty: The Art of liturgy* (Garcia-Rivera and Scirghi, 2008), 35-58ff. (on Angel) (131/97 pp.)

**Class #9: Thursday, May 30 – Ordinary Time VIII and in the Octave of the Trinity Feast**

“Flowing in the Grace of the River of Life: Participation in Divine Life”

- Corbon, Parts II and III, 115-262/77-185 (147/108 pp.)

**Class #10: Thursday, June 6 – Ordinary Time IX and in the Octave of Corpus Christi**  
“Concluding Our Meditative Theology: Devotion, Holiness, Fullness, Healing”

- Lathrop, Ch. 9, 217-228
- Janowiak, “Epilogue”, 215-220
- Lafont, “Conclusion”, 160-169
- Optional: Janowiak, “Running to Communion,” in *America Magazine* (Oct. 27, 2003) (on Angel or On-line), 15-17 (29 pp.)

Thank you for all the labor and prayer you have given to these weeks. *This syllabus is subject to change, if needed.*

This course fulfills the following learning outcomes as set forth by the School of Theology and Ministry:

- The ability to reflect theologically on the central themes of the Christian tradition
- Knowledge of the tradition in relation to sacramental theology, liturgical method, worship elements and structure, and the ability to engage them in an ecumenical diversity of praxis
- Ability to articulate one’s relationship with God, as it is informed by theological reflection in one’s social context