

THEO5962 Celebrating the Lord's Supper and Baptism
(Special Topics on Worship and Sacred Music I)

Term 2, 2020-2021 / Instructor: Yang Myoung Ho
Mondays: January 11 - April 19 (7:00 - 9:30 PM) Online

Course Description:

This course explores the biblical and theological understanding, historical shaping, and practical development of the Lord's Supper and Baptism at the church. Special attention will be given to practical issues on celebrating them.

Learning Outcomes:

By the end of this course, students are able to:

1. Articulate the biblical, theological, and historical perspectives on the Lord's Supper and Baptism.
2. Celebrate the Lord's Supper and Baptism in an effective and confident way reflecting theological and practical perspective of the Lord's Supper and Baptism.
3. Demonstrate scholarly informed perspectives on issues associated with the Lord's Supper and Baptism today.

Course Requirement:

1. Class participation (50%): Attendance and Participation in class discussion
2. Term Paper (40%): on a topic related to the Lord's Supper or Baptism
[4,000 words, due: April 30]
3. Reflection Paper (10%): on *Baptism, Eucharist and Ministry, 10-17*
[2~3 pages, due: February 28]

Assignment Grading Rubrics:

All assignments will be graded according to student's demonstration of:

1. Research effort and ability with using source materials and lectures including class discussions
2. Quality of analysis of the issue and arguments with clear statement of thesis and its appropriate outcomes
3. Provision of scholarly application to the practice of the Lord's Supper and Baptism
4. Contribution to the class discussion

Academic Honesty and Plagiarism:

Attention is drawn to University policy and regulations on honesty in academic work, and to the disciplinary guidelines and procedures applicable to breaches of such policy and regulations. Details may be found at <http://www.cuhk.edu.hk/policy/academichonesty/>.

With each assignment, students will be required to submit a signed declaration that they are aware of these policies, regulations, guidelines and procedures. For group projects, all students of the same group should be asked to sign the declaration.

For assignments in the form of a computer-generated document that is principally text-based and summated via VeriGuide, the statement, in the form of receipt, will be issued by the system upon students' uploading of the soft copy of the assignment. Assignments without the receipt will not be graded by teachers. Only the final version of the assignment should be submitted via VeriGuide.

Course Schedule:

- Jan. 11 Introduction; Sacrament and Ordinance
- Jan. 18 The Lord's Supper in the Bible I
- Jan. 25 The Lord's Supper in the Bible II
Making a Meal of It (Witherington)
- Feb. 1 Understanding the Lord's Supper I
- Feb. 8 Rethinking the Lord's Supper II
Eucharist (Stookey), 27-50, 63-79
- Feb. 22 The Lord's Supper in the History
Eucharist (Stookey), 50-62, 79-93; Documents (White), 182-197
- Mar. 1 Discussion on 'Baptism, Eucharist and Ministry'
Baptism, Eucharist and Ministry, 10-17
- Mar. 8 Doing the Lord's Supper (Practical Issues)
Eucharist (Stookey), 112-135
- Mar. 15 Shaping the Lord's Supper Liturgy
Documents (White), 197-213
- Mar. 22 Baptism in the Bible
- Mar. 29 Understanding Baptism; Infant Baptism
Baptism (Wright), 19-50, 77-112
- Apr. 12 Baptism in the History; Discussion on 'Baptism, Eucharist and Ministry'
Documents (White), 147-178
Baptism, Eucharist and Ministry, 2-7
Shaping Baptism Liturgy
- Apr. 19 Doing Baptism (Practical Issues)
Baptism (Stookey), 41-74

Required Texts: (Selective Readings)

- * Laurence Hull Stookey, *Baptism: Christ's Act in the Church*. Nashville, TN.: Abingdon Press, 1982.
- * _____, *Eucharist: Christ's Feast with the Church*. Nashville, TN.: Abingdon Press, 1993.
- * James F. White, *Documents of Christian Worship*. Louisville, KY.: Westminster John Knox Press, 1992.
- ** Ben Witherington III, *Making a Meal of It*. Waco, TX.: Baylor University Press, 2007.
- * David F. Wright. ed., *Baptism: Three Views*. Downers Grove, IL.: IVP Academic, 2009.
- * World Council of Church, *Baptism, Eucharist and Ministry*, Geneva, 1982.

Reference:

- * Paul F. Bradshaw, *Eucharistic Origins*. Eugene, OR.: WIPF & STOCK, 2004.
- Constance M. Cherry, *The Special Service Worship Architect*. Grand Rapids, MI.: Baker Academic, 2013.
- Gayle Carlton Felton, *This Gift of Water: The Practice and Theology of Baptism Among Methodist in America*, Nashville: Abingdon Press, 1992.
- * Maxwell E. Johnson, *The Rites of Christian Initiation*, Collegeville, MN.: Pueblo Books, 2007.
- * _____, *Sacraments and Worship*. Louisville, KY.: Westminster John Knox Press, 2012.
- John Murray, *Christian Baptism*. Philipsburg, NJ.: P&R Publishing Co., 1992.
- Keith A. Mathison, *Given for You: Reclaiming Calvin's Doctrine of the Lord's Supper*. Philipsburg, NJ.: P&R Publishing Co., 2002.
- Ruth A. Meyers, *Continuing the Reformation: Re-visioning Baptism in the Episcopal Church*. New York, NY.: Church Publishing, 1997.
- * John W. Riggs, *Baptism in the Reformed Tradition*. Louisville, KY.: Westminster John Knox Press, 2002.
- _____, *The Lord's Supper in the Reformed Tradition*. Louisville, KY.: Westminster John Knox Press, 2015.
- John Nevin, *The Mystical Presence: And The Doctrine of the Reformed Church on the Lord's Supper*. Eugene: OR.: Wipf & Stock, 2012.
- Keith Watkins, *Baptism and Belonging*, St. Louis: Chalice Press, 1991.
- James F. White, *Sacraments as God's Self Giving*. Nashville, TN.: Abingdon Press, 1983.
- _____, *The Sacraments in Protestant Practice and Faith*. Nashville, TN.: Abingdon Press, 1999.

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