

# Syllabus for Pastoral Liturgics Spring 2017 (EP 152)

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This course will offer students the opportunity to explore current liturgical practices in the Episcopal Church in relation to their pastoral significance and potency in providing important hermeneutical grounding for daily Christian life. Topics to be explored include the nature of ritual and its power in human society, the role of the minister in leading pastoral liturgies, and the importance of addressing the pastoral needs of ethnic, cultural, and generational subsets of a faith community through liturgical practices. Students will receive hands-on experience in leading the pastoral offices of the 1979 Book of Common Prayer and the Book of Occasional Services.

## Student Learning Objectives

Students in this class are expected to

1. Develop an understanding of the complex role ritual plays in human societies
2. Develop proficiency with the pastoral rites of the 1979 BCP
3. Develop an understanding of particular pastoral issues related to gender, ethnicity, age, and ableness and how these may be addressed within the context of the worship life of a community
4. Develop proficiency in designing rites that speak to the pastoral needs of a faith community
5. Articulate a basic understanding of the historical and theological development of the pastoral rites of the '79 BCP

## Evaluation

1. Eight Weekly one page double spaced 12 pt. reading summaries that identify two central ideas in the reading assignment and reflect on some aspect of the readings for the week which you want to ponder further (33% of grade)-demonstrating competency in objectives 1-5
2. A comprehensive 3 hour timed final exam to be returned by 5 p.m. May 6th the last day of classes, or by 11:59 p.m on April 23 for those graduating (33% of grade)-demonstrating competency in objectives 1-5
3. A fifteen page academic research paper (not a project) using at least five different sources (approximately 250 pages of reading) on some topic related to ritual and pastoral care which you wish to explore more fully. This topic must have a direct relationship to some liturgical aspect of pastoral care, not a generalized topic in pastoral care. This paper is due Monday April 10 by 11:59 p.m. (33% of grade) Competency in any of the above objectives may be demonstrated through this paper.

**LATE WORK WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED AND STUDENTS WILL RECEIVE A 0 FOR THAT ASSIGNMENT**

## Texts

Church Publishing, *Book of Occasional Services 2003 Edition*

Driver, Tom. *Liberating Rites: Understanding the Transformative Power of Ritual* or *The Magic of Ritual: Our Need for Liberating Rites that Transform our Lives and Our Communities* (same book two different titles)

Grimes, Ronald. *Deeply Into the Bone: Reinventing Rites of Passage.*

Kujawa-Holbrook, Sheryl. *Injustice and the Care of Souls: Taking Oppression Seriously in Pastoral Care.*

Ramshaw, Elaine. *Ritual and Pastoral Care.*

Smith, Susan Marie. *Caring Liturgies: The Pastoral Power of Christian Ritual.*

Stuhlman, Byron. *Occasions of Grace: An Historical and Theological Study of the Pastoral Offices and Episcopal Services in the BCP.*

## Topics and Assignments

January 13-14 Classes Begin

January 27-28

February 10-11-12 (*LRW*)

February 24-25

**March 3-4**

March 17-18

**March 24-25\***

April 7-8

April 21-22

May 5-6 No class on the 6<sup>th</sup>, graduation

**January 14:** The Role of Ritual in Human Life, Rites of Passage, Extemporaneous Prayer

Reading is always in preparation for next class and reading reflections are due before the start of the next class:

Stuhlman 1-38

Grimes 1-87

Read Ramshaw

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**January 28:** Birth and Children's Rites

Stuhlman 38-62

Infant baptism: a rite of passage?

Baptismal preparation

Grimes 87-151

Birth blessings and birthday celebrations

1<sup>st</sup> Communion

Start Smith

Creation and ecology issues and birth rites

**Turn In Reading Reflection One on the readings assigned on Jan. 14**

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**February 11:** Confirmation and Rites of Maturity

Stuhlman 72-108

Mature affirmations of faith

The history of confirmation

Finish Smith

Quinceñeras

Other adolescent rites of passage

Grimes 151-217

**Turn In Reading Reflection Two on the readings assigned on Jan. 28**

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**February 25:** Marriage

Stuhlman 116-145

The history of marriage

"La Familia, la Comunidad" Isasi-Diaz

Betrothal rites

"I Will Bless You and You Will Be a Blessing"

Same sex marriages or unions

Task Force on Marriage Materials

Divorce rites?

Marriage guidelines for churches

**Turn In Reading Reflection Three on the readings assigned on Feb. 11**

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**March 4: Reconciliation**

Corporate rites of reconciliation

Individual rites of reconciliation

The history of reconciliation rites

Read Stuhlman 149-175

Practice at reconciliation rites

Begin Driver

**Turn In Reading Reflection Four on the readings assigned on Feb. 25**

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**March 18: Healing Rites and Aging Issues**

Healing stations

Healing services

12 Step services

Visitation of the sick and Eucharistic visitors

Read Stuhlman 180-222

Retirement celebrations

Read Grimes 217-285

**Turn In Reading Reflection Five on the readings assigned on March 4**

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**March 25: Death and Grief**

Funerals and wakes

Ministry at the time of death

Anniversary remembrances

Interments

Read Stuhlman 232-332

Funeral home visits

Finish Driver

**Turn In Reading Reflection Six on the readings assigned on March 18**

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**April 8: House Blessings and Domestic Church**

The Liturgical Year as a Pastoral Tool,

Read Kujawa-Holbrook

Ordinations and Installations

**Turn In Reading Reflection Seven on the readings assigned on March 25**

**April 10 Final Papers Due by 11:59 p.m.**

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**April 22: Summary Class and Paper Presentations**

**Turn In Reading Reflection 8 on the readings assigned for April 8**

**April 23 Final Exams Due For Graduating Seniors**

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**May 9: Final Exam due by 5 p.m. for non-graduating students**

GRADUATION: NO CLASS THIS DAY