

**Presiding at the Eucharist**  
**The General Theological Seminary**  
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**Syllabus**

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**Course Description**

Anglicanism has a long tradition of working out its theology through liturgical practice, especially in regards to the Eucharist. However, one of the key elements to understanding the 1979 Prayer Book is that it is generated by a Baptismal Ecclesiology, where all the baptized are called to participate in the ministry of Christ and his Church. This course will assist students to develop their skills as Eucharistic presiders who are grounded in such a theology of baptism. Students will integrate current theology with liturgical practice through reading and reflecting on significant Anglican liturgical theologians, as well as receiving practical instruction in how to apply theological principles to the ceremonies of the Eucharist.

**Course Outcomes**

1. Students will become familiar Anglican Eucharistic theology from the Reformation to the two predominant approaches to Eucharistic theology and practice during the 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> centuries: the Anglo-Catholic and Liturgical Movements.
2. Students will learn to use the Prayer Book, Hymnals and Altar Book as presiders within the Episcopal Church.
3. Students will explore other rites associated with the Eucharist, such as baptisms, confirmations, weddings, healing services and burial rites.
4. Students will learn the names and functions of all linens, Eucharistic vessels and vestments.
5. Students will learn how to effectively use posture, voice projection, manual acts and chanting as tools for Eucharistic presidency.
6. Students will learn how to use thuribles, aspergillums, holy oils and other ceremonial aids.
7. Students will develop their own ceremonial style and have the opportunity to exercise that style in a practice Eucharist.

**Required Texts:**

*The Book of Common Prayer* [1979]

Patrick Malloy, *Celebrating the Eucharist: A Practical Ceremonial Guide for Clergy and Other Liturgical Ministers*. New York: Church Publishing, 2007.

Dennis Michno, *A Priest's Handbook: The Ceremonies of the Church*, 2 ed. Wilton, CN: Morehouse, 1986.

James F. Turrell, *Celebrating the Rites of Initiation: A Practical Ceremonial Guide for Clergy and Other Liturgical Ministers*. New York: Church Publishing, 2013.

Note: An Altar Book from Church Publishing is also useful, but they are very expensive and thus is not required. However, each student may want to borrow one from their parish during the week (when they are often not being used).

### **Procedures**

Prior to when we begin practice Eucharists, each class will be divided into two 90 minute sessions. The first session will be lecture and discussion on Anglican Eucharistic theology and practice based on the readings. The second session will be practical instruction, but if there are more than 8 students the second session will need to be split in half, with one group meeting on Tuesday afternoons and the other group meeting on Wednesday afternoons. Practice Eucharists will take place in the Chapel during the second session.

### **Course Requirements:**

1. Attendance, readings and participation in class discussion on the readings.
2. Preparation of a personal ceremonial guide (which will be used for the practice Eucharist).
3. Plan and preside at a practice Eucharist (we include all ceremonies but do not distribute).

### **Evaluation**

30% Attendance and Class Participation

30% Ceremonial Paper

40% Practice Eucharist

### **Calendar**

1/31 Session 1: Introduction, clarification of goals, Anglican Eucharistic theology.

Session 2: The Alexander Method with Kathryn Armour.

**Assignment for next class:** Read Michno 15-28, Turrell Introduction to 21, and Malloy chapters 1-2.

2/7 Session 1: Dr. Moroney will be away.

Session 2: The Alexander Method with Kathryn Armour.

**Assignment for next class:** Read Michno 29-34 and Malloy chapters 3-4.

2/14 Session 1: Discussion of readings

Session 2: The Deacon in the Eucharist

**Assignment for next class:** Read Michno 36-46 and Malloy chapters 5-6

2/21 Session 1: Discussion of readings

Session 2: The Priest in the Eucharist

**Assignment for next class:** Read Michno 47-74 (end with "Post-communion Prayer") and Malloy chapters 7-8

- 2/28 Session 1: Discussion of readings  
Session 2: The Priest at Weddings  
**Assignment for next class:** Read Michno 74-90 and Malloy chapters 9-10.
- 3/7 Session 1: Discussion of readings  
Session 2: The Priest at Funerals  
**Assignment for next class:** Read Michno 171-216 and Malloy chapters 11-12.
- 3/14 No Class: Spring Break
- 3/21 Session 1: Discussion of Readings  
Session 2: Practice Eucharist 1.  
**Assignment for next class:** Read Malloy chapters 13-14
- 3/28 Session 1: Discussion of Readings.  
Session 2: Practice Eucharist 2.  
**Assignment for next class:** Read Turrell, chapter 2
- 4/4 Session 1: Discussion of Readings.  
Session 2: Practice Eucharist 3.  
**Assignment for next class:** Read Turrell, chapter 3
- 4/11 Session 1: Discussion of Readings.  
Session 2: Practice Eucharist 4.  
**Assignment for next class:** Read Turrell, chapter 4
- 4/18 Session 1: Discussion of Readings.  
Session 2: Practice Eucharist 5.  
**Assignment for next class:** Read Turrell, chapter 5
- 4/25 Session 1: Discussion of Readings.  
Session 2: Practice Eucharist 6.  
**Assignment for next class:** Read Turrell, chapter 6 and Epilogue
- 5/2 Session 1: Discussion of Readings.  
Session 2: Practice Eucharist 7.