Music in Christian Worship: Schedule

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Course Links

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Unit 1: The Struggle to Build a Christian Identity (1st to 3rd centuries)

Week 1: Orientation; Worship in a time of crisis, now and then

Music in Worship: Listening/Viewing (YouTube playlist)

- 1. A Roman Catholic Mass:
 - Pentecost Sunday 2017 at the Basilica of Notre Dame (University of Notre Dame, Indiana)
- 2. An evangelical megachurch service:
 - Easter Sunday 2019 at Willow Creek Community Church (near Chicago, Illinois)

All music/worship videos are on the class YouTube playlist unless otherwise indicated.

Reading

- 1. The Old Testament (Bible, Hebrew Scriptures)
 - Psalms 5, 10, 29, 33, 47, 51, 66, 95, 98, 100, 103, 130, 134, 137, 148, 150
 - Deuteronomy 4-13
 - 2 Chronicles 1–7
 - Amos 5–9
- 2. The New Testament (Bible):
 - Luke (The Gospel according to Luke), entire
 - Acts (The Acts of the Apostles) 1-20

Readings are online via the links here or on Blackboard. Please let me know if you cannot find or access a reading.

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Week 2: Conflict between traditional Jews, Jewish Christians and Gentiles

Music

- 1. Synagogue chanting of Mizrahi Jews
- 2. A Jewish synagogue service:
 - Shabbat Evening Service at Congregation Beth Israel in Houston, Texas, 2018

Reading

- 1. The New Testament:
 - 1 Corinthians 8-16
 - Colossians
- 2. The Birkat Hamazon
- 3. The Didache
- 4. William T. Flynn, "Liturgical Music," in The Oxford History of Christian Worship (OHCW), ch. 30 (Blackboard)
- 5. Grove Music Online, "Music of the Early Christian Church", by James McKinnon
 - For both music readings, Focus on portions relevant to the early church; you may wish to return to these throughout the course

T 2/9 Jesus and early Christian worship: Continuity and discontinuity with Hebrew traditions

Class notes outline

R 2/11 Jewish and Gentile Christians: worship patterns and controversies

Class notes outline

Week 3: Worship under persecution; controversies over doctrine

Music

- 1. A Syrian Orthodox liturgy:
 - Mass for Pentecost 2018, Syrian Orthdox Church in Jerusalem
- 2. Early Christian hymns and chants:
 - Oxyrhynchus papyrus fragment

Reading

- 1. The New Testament: Revelation 4-7, 19-22
- 2. Justin Martyr, First Apology ch. (1–15,) 61–67
- 3. The Apostolic Tradition attributed to Hippolytus
- 4. Maxwell Johnson, "The Apostolic Tradition" (OHCW 2)

M 2/15, 9 a.m. DUE: Week 3 Journal

T 2/16: Patterns and Images of Worship in Justin Martyr

Class notes

R 2/18: Review of worship systems and beliefs in first centuries

Class notes

Unit 2: Entanglement with Worldly Power (4th to 14th centuries)

Week 4: The impact of legalization; Eastern Orthodoxy

Music

- I. Monks of Mount Athos: Greek Orthodox Byzantine chant for Easter, Christos anestē (Christ is Risen)
- 2. An Greek Orthodox Divine Liturgy (Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom in Athens)
- 3. A Russian Orthodox Divine Liturgy (Liturgy of St. James)

Reading

- 1. Liturgy of Saint James
- 2. Liturgy of Saint John Chrysostom
- 3. Egeria, Pilgrimage diary:
 - Section on Jerusalem and church year, pp. 45-94
 - (page numbers are in angle brackets like this <45>)
- 4. John F. Baldovin, "The Empire Baptized" (OHCW 3)
- 5. Alexander Rentel, "Byzantine and Slavic Orthodoxy (OHCW 7)
- 6. Grove Music Online, s.v. "Orthodox Church", by David Drillock

T 2/23: Worship in public; becoming a state church; "mysteriological piety"

Class notes

R 2/25: Worship in the East from Egeria to Eastern Orthodoxy

Class notes

Week 5: Clerics and monks, nobles and commoners in Western Christendom

Music

- I. Monks of the Benedictine Abbey of Our Lady of Solesmes: Western plainchant for Easter, Alleluia Christus resurgens
- 2. Salve Regina
- 3. Hildegard of Bingen, O rubor sanguinis
- 4. Notre Dame polyphony: Perotin, Viderunt omnes
- 5. Johannes Ockeghem, Missa Prolationum
- 6. Josquin, Tu pauperum refugium (lyrics)

Reading

- 1. The Rule of St. Benedict
- 2. Thomas à Kempis, The Imitation of Christ
- 3. Michael Driscoll, "The Conversion of the Nations" (OHCW 5)
- 4. Timothy Thibodeau, "Western Christendom" (OHCW 6)
- 5. Teresa Berger, "Women in Worship" (OHCW 29)

M 3/1, 9 a.m. DUE: Week 5 Journal

T 3/2: Tensions in the medieval West

Class notes

(W 3/3 study break day)

R 3/4: Splendor and poverty in later medieval worship

Class notes

Unit 3: Colonialism and Reformation (15th to 18th centuries)

Week 6: Intercultural confrontation, conquest, colonization

Music

- 1. Hernando Franco, Salve Regina
- 2. Franco, Sancta Maria yn ilhuicac
- 3. Amiot, "Chinese Mass" reconstruction

Reading

I. Jaime Lara, "Roman Catholics in Hispanic America" (OHCW 23)

M 3/8, 9 a.m. DUE: Midterm 1

T 3/9: Sites and stages of European missions, intercultural encounters

Class notes

R 3/11

Week 7: Protestant Reformations

Music

- I. Early Lutheran hymns (look these up on http://www.hymnary.org)
 - Ein' feste Burg ist unser Gott
 - Es ist das Heil uns kommen her
 - · Aus tiefer Not schrei' ich zu dir
 - Erhalt uns Herr, bei deinem Wort
 - Wir glauben all an einen Gott
- 2. A Lutheran "Divine Service" for Christmas, reconstruction featuring musical settings by Michael Praetorius: opening of service

Reading

- I. Martin Luther, On the Freedom of a Christian (1520)
- 2. Luther, Small Catechism: Creed (1529)
- 3. Luther, Preface to a collection of hymn settings (1538)
- 4. Nathan Mitchell, "Reforms, Protestant and Catholic" (OHCW 8)
- 5. James F. White, Protestant Worship, ch. 2-3

M 3/15, 9 a.m. DUE: Week 7 Journal

T 3/16: Luther and the Protestant Churches

Class notes

R 3/18: Singing Luther's Theology; Lutheran Worship Patterns

Class notes

Week 8: The Reformed, Anglicans, and Puritans

Music

- 1. Genevan psalm tunes
- 2. Gaelic psalm singing
- 3. Thomas Tallis, Morning Service

Reading

- I. Jean Calvin, The Forme of prayers and ministration of the sacraments (Geneva, 1556)
 - Preface
 - Look at ceremonies, select psalms
- 2. Church of England, The Book of Common Prayer (London, 1681):
 - Preface
 - Of Ceremonies
 - Order for Morning Prayer

• The Communion

T 3/23: From Luther to Calvin

Class notes

R 3/25: Reformed Worship

Class notes

Week 9: Lutheran Worship through Music of Bach

Music

I. Johann Sebastian Bach, The Passion according to St. Matthew

Reading

1. New Testament: Matthew 25–28

M 3/29, 9 a.m. DUE: Week 9 Journal

(T 3/30 study break day)

R 4/1: Bach's St. Matthew Passion and Lutheran Devotion to the Cross

Class notes

(FYI: For Western Christians Sunday, April 4 is Easter/Resurrection Sunday and the preceding week is Holy Week)

Week 10: Lutheran Passion Devotion

T 4/6: St. Matthew Passion Part 1

R 4/8: St. Matthew Passion Part 2

Week 11: Enlightenment and Great Awakenings, Early Evangelical Worship

Reading

- 1. Isaac Watts, *The Psalms of David Imitated in the Language of the New Testament and Applied to the Christian State and Worship* (1719) Preface and select hymn texts
- 2. John Wesley, Select Hymns: with Tunes Annext: Designed chiefly for the Use of the People called Methodists (1761)
 - Select hymn texts by Charles Wesley and others
- 3. Wesley, "Directions for Singing"
- 4. William Walker, The Southern Harmony, and Musical Companion (1845)
- 5. Lowell Mason, The Boston Handel and Haydn Society Collection of Church Music (1830)
- 6. D. L. Moody, Ira Sankey, and others, Gospel Hymns Consolidated (1883)
- 7. Karen B. Westerfield Tucker, "North America" (OHCW 22)

Music

I. Select revival/campmeeting hymns (in the above collections)

M 4/12, 9 a.m. DUE: Week 11 Journal

T 4/13 (No class: Study break)

R 4/15: Revivalism and Worship on the American Frontier

Class notes

Unit 4: Searching for Connection in the Modern World (19th to 21st centuries)

Week 12: Modernism, reforms, ecumenism

Music

- 1. Select evangelical/"gospel" hymns (hymn books on Blackboard)
- 2. Gaelic psalmody (review)
- 3. Examples of African-American congregational singing:
 - "A Charge to Keep I Have" (Dr. Watts singing)
 - "Sign of the Judgment" (ring shout)
 - "Lord's Prayer" (improvised prayer with moans)
- 4. Lord, How Come Me Here? (African-American spiritual)
- 5. Amazing Grace (NEW BRITAIN) (shape-note singing)
- 6. On the Beautiful Beyond (Oneida hymn singers)

M 4/19, 9 a.m. DUE: Ethnography reports 1 and 2 due

T 4/20: Revival and Reform

Class notes

R 4/22: Outgrowths of the Evangelical Movement and Its Music

Class notes

Week 13: Cultural and Musical Shifts in the 20th Century

Listening

- I. Thomas Dorsey, Peace in the Valley
- 2. Dorsey, Precious Lord, Take My Hand, sung by Mahalia Jackson
- 3. Edwin Hawkins, *Oh Happy Day*
- 4. Michael Joncas, On Eagles' Wings
- 5. John Rutter, For the Beauty of the Earth

Reading

- 1. André Haquin, "The Liturgical Movement and Catholic Ritual Revision" (OHCW 27)
- 2. Geoffrey Wainwright, "Ecumenical Convergences" (OHCW 28)

T 4/27 Beginnings of cultural shifts in North American worship

• Black and white Protestants, Roman Catholics through the 1960s

Class notes

R 4/29 DUE in class: Worship song project, group presentations

Week 14: Worship wars and uncharted territory

M 5/3, 9 a.m. DUE: Week 14 Journal

T 5/4

R 5/6

Week 15 (Finals)

5/8-9 Reading period

R 5/13, 4 p.m. DUE: Final ethnography paper

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