

Online Liturgical Resources

The following is a list of online texts and resources related to the study of Christian worship. Many are cited in the chapters above; but many are not, offering glimpses into a wider range of liturgical history and theologies than a “basic introduction” can provide.

Two notes concerning the hyperlinks provided here: (1) For many of the texts listed below to be available on the internet means they are in the public domain. There are likely more recent and more critical translations of such texts found in print form. This list is not meant to commend the online translations as the best to be consulted for critical study but for ease of introductory engagement. (2) The bibliography is not comprehensive. There are many important liturgical texts and sources referring to historical and contemporary liturgical practices and theology that are not available on the web.

Early Church

[Didache](#) (late 1st to early 2nd c.)

7 on Baptism, 9-10 on Eucharist, 14 on the Lord's Day

The Epistle of Barnabas (late 1st to early 2nd c.)

on the Eighth Day, [15](#)

[Pliny's Letter to Trajan](#) (ca. 112)

Ignatius, *Epistle to the Magnesians* (ca. 115)

9 on ceasing to worship on the Sabbath and worshipping on the Lord's Day

<http://www.earlychristianwritings.com/text/barnabas-lake.html>

Didascalia Apostolorum (mid 2nd c.)

on assembling for worship on the Lord's Day, 13;

on worshipping on the first day of the week instead of the Sabbath, 26

Justin Martyr, *First Apology* (ca. 155)

[61](#) on Baptism, [65-66](#) on Baptism and Eucharist, [67](#) on Word and Table

Tertullian, *On Baptism* (ca. 205)

<http://www.ccel.org/ccel/schaff/anf03.vi.iii.i.html>

Eusebius, *Ecclesiastical History* (323)

on the dating of Pascha ([5.23-25](#))

The Chronography or Philocalian Martyrology (ca. 354)

Dates of Easter, [9](#)

Date of the Nativity as Dec. 25, [12](#)

The Apostolic Tradition, attributed to Hippolytus (late 4th c.)

Apostolic Constitutions (ca. 375)

Feast and Fast Days, [5.3](#)

on Eucharist and Baptism, [7](#)

[The Pilgrimage of Egeria](#) (ca. 384)

on Epiphany, 16-18

on Daily and Sunday Offices, 45-52

on Liturgical Year, 52-94

Ambrose of Milan (ca. 340-97)

[Concerning the Mysteries](#) (ca. 387)

[Liturgy of St. James](#) (late 4th c.)

[Liturgy of St. Mark](#) (late 4th c.)

Augustine,

Enchiridion (after 420)

on [Baptism and Original Sin](#), 41-47

Letter to Januarius—Letter 55 (ca. 400)

on the Lord's Day, 13

on the Triduum, 14

on Lent through Pentecost, 15-17

on diversity of liturgical practices, 18-19

City of God (413ff), [10.1.2](#) on the vocabulary of worship

Medieval Church

- [Ordo of St. Amand](#) (early 9th c.)
- Innocent III, *Concerning the Holy Mystery of the Altar* (ca. 1195)
 - on [Liturgical Colors](#)
- Fourth Lateran Council (1215)
 - Constitutions, on [Yearly Confession and Communion](#)
 - Canons, on [Transubstantiation](#)
- Thomas Aquinas, *Summa Theologica* (1265-74)
 - [3.60-90](#) on the sacraments
- [Decree of the Armenians](#)
 - on the seven sacraments

Reformation(s)

- Martin Luther
 - [The Babylonian Captivity of the Church](#) (1520)
 - [Luther's Liturgical Writings](#), (most from the 1520s) in *Work of Martin Luther*, vol. 6
- The Marburg Colloquy (1529)
 - [Report by a Lutheran Eyewitness](#)
 - [Ulrich Zwingli's Report](#)
 - [The Marburg Articles](#)
- Martin Bucer
 - [Strasbourg Liturgy](#) (1539)
- John Calvin
 - [Short Treatise of the Supper of Our Lord](#) (1541)
 - [The Form of Prayers and Ministration of the Sacraments](#) (1556)
 - [Treatise on the Sacraments of Baptism and the Lord's Supper](#)
- Council of Trent
 - [Decree on the Sacraments](#) (1547)
 - [Decree concerning the Most Holy Sacrament of the Eucharist](#) (1551)
 - [On the Sacrament of Matrimony](#) (1563)
- [First Act of Uniformity issued by King Edward](#) (1549)
- Thomas Cranmer
 - [1549 Book of Common Prayer](#)
 - [1552 Book of Common Prayer](#)

Post-Reformation(s)

- Puritan, [Directory for the Public Worship of God](#) (1645)
- Robert Barclay, [An Apology for the True Christian Divinity](#) (1678)
- Eleventh Proposition - concerning Worship
 - Twelfth Proposition - concerning Baptism
 - Thirteenth Proposition - concerning the Communion
- John Wesley
- [*The Sunday Service of the Methodists with Other Occasional Services*](#) (1788)
- Alexander Campbell
- [“On the Breaking of Bread”](#)
- Charles Finney, [Lectures on Revivals of Religion](#) (1886)
- Religious Practice of Enslaved African Americans in the Southern United States: [Selections from the WPA Interviews](#) (1936-1938)
- Vatican II (1962-65)
- [Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy](#) (1963)
- World Council of Churches
- [Baptism, Eucharist, and Ministry](#) (1982)
- Consultation on Common Texts
- [Praying Together](#) (1988)
- [Revised Common Lectionary](#) (1992)

Liturgical Glossaries

- [Church Year Dictionary](#) by ChurchYear.net
- [Episcopal Dictionary of the Church](#) including many liturgical terms
- [Liturgical Dictionary](#) by Alexius Hoffman (1928)
- [Liturgical Glossary](#) hosted by the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod
- [New Advent Catholic Encyclopedia](#) includes many entries on theological terms, issues, and historical topics
- [A Small Liturgical Dictionary](#) by Cardinal Lercaro (1959)
- [Worship Vocabulary](#) flashcards by Quizlet

Denominational Worship

The following websites provide a myriad of liturgical and homiletical resources.

American Baptist

<http://www.abc-usa.org/resources/for-churches/worship-renewal/>

Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)

<http://disciples.org/resources/>

Ecumenical

<http://www.commontexts.org/rc1/index.html>

<http://englishtexts.org/>

<http://www.oikoumene.org/en/resources/documents/commissions/faith-and-order/i-unity-the-church-and-its-mission/baptism-eucharist-and-ministry-faith-and-order-paper-no-111-the-lima-text>

<http://worship.calvin.edu/>

Episcopal Church

<http://www.bcponline.org/>

Evangelical Lutheran Church

<http://www.elca.org/Resources/Worship>

<http://www.worship.ca/>

Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)

<https://www.pcusa.org/resource/list/liturgy/>

<https://www.pcusa.org/resource/order-worship-brochure/>

<http://www.presbyterianmission.org/ministries/worship/worship-education-materials/>

<http://bookoforder.info/Book-of-Common-Worship.pdf>

Reformed Church in America

<https://www.rca.org/resources/directory-worship>

Roman Catholic

http://www.vatican.va/archive/hist_councils/ii_vatican_council/documents/vat-ii_const_19631204_sacrosanctum-concilium_en.html

<http://catholic-resources.org/Lectionary/>

http://www.usccb.org/_cs_upload/8090_1.pdf

https://mbreal23.files.wordpress.com/2011/01/roman_missal_third_edition.pdf

United Church of Canada

<http://www.united-church.ca/worship>

United Church of Christ

<http://www.ucc.org/worship>

United Methodist Church

www.chuckknowschurch.com

<http://www.umcdiscipleship.org/worship>

<http://www.umcdiscipleship.org/worship/book-of-worship>

Congregational Song

The following websites can aid worship planners seeking hymns and contemporary songs for worship.

<http://www.hymntime.com/tch/>

<http://www.hymnary.org/>

<http://www.lutheran-hymnal.com/>

<http://www.hymnsite.com/>

<http://www.oremus.org/>

<http://lectionarysong.blogspot.com.au/2015/03/songs-and-hymns-for-lent-5b-march-22.html>

John Wesley, ed., *A Collection of Hymns for the Use of the People Called Methodists*:

<http://www.ccel.org/ccel/wesley/hymn/files/hymn.html>

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<http://us.ccli.com/>

<https://www.onelicense.net/>