# **Bread, Wine, and Water: An Exploration of the Sacraments** THIS IS A DRAFT SYLLABUS - THE INSTRUCTOR RESERVES THE RIGHT TO MAKE CHANGES UP TO THE DAY OF CLASS

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#### Description

The goal of this course is to engage in careful reading of key primary and secondary texts in the doctrine of the sacraments, so that students may begin to develop their own sacramental theology.

**Required texts** - available at Crux Books, with the exception of the reading packet

John Colwell, Promise and Presence: An Exploration in Sacramental Theology

George Hunsinger, The Eucharist and Ecumenism: Let Us Keep the Feast

Alexander Schmemann, For the Life of the World: Sacraments and Orthodoxy

READING PACKET - may be purchased at front desk, Wycliffe College

#### Requirements

- Regular and vigorous participation in seminar discussions
- Weekly bullet-point responses to the readings
- Eight- to ten-page paper. Due one week following the end of classes.

Each of these three elements will constitute roughly one third of the final grade.

#### Procedure - bullet points

Each student will come to class with six bullet-point *responses* to one or more of the readings for the day. Three of these should be purely descriptive in character— "this is what I think the author is trying to say here." Three should be evaluative: "I know this is what the author is trying to say, but this part doesn't make sense," or "the author's assertion X on p. 17 contradicts his position Y on p. 36." The evaluative points don't have to represent strong positions on your part, but may simply take the form of questions: "Does the author really mean to say thus-and-so? I can't make any sense of this."

Whether descriptive or critical, bullet points should be *points*—a couple of sentences at most, not full-blown paragraphs or mini-essays. All six of your bullet-points are to be printed out and turned in each class session.

#### Schedule of topics and readings

September 11

Introduction

# September 18

Alexander Schmemann, For the Life of the World: Sacraments and Orthodoxy

## September 25

Thomas Aquinas, *Summa Theologiae*, III, selections from Questions 61, 62, 63, 65, 66, and 68 (reading packet)

## October 2

Martin Luther, On the Babylonian Captivity of the Church; On the Councils and the Church (reading packet)

#### October 9

John Calvin, Institutes of the Christian Religion, Book 4, chapters XIV-XV (reading packet)

## October 16

Richard Hooker, Of the Laws of Ecclesiastical Polity, Book 5, chapters 50-57 (reading packet)

# October 23 READING WEEK - NO CLASS SESSION

## October 30

John Colwell, Promise and Presence, Part I

## November 6

John Colwell, Promise and Presence, Part II; Robert Jenson, "Church and Sacraments," in The Cambridge Companion to Christian Doctrine

## November 13

John Colwell, Promise and Presence, Baptism-Confirmation-Lord's Supper

## November 20

George Hunsinger, *The Eucharist and Ecumenism*, Part I: Real Presence Thomas Aquinas, *Summa Theologiae*, Part III, questions 75 and 80 (selections)

## November 27

George Hunsinger, *The Eucharist and Ecumenism*, Part II: The Sacrifice We Offer Thomas Aquinas, *Summa Theologiae*, Part III, question 83 (selections)

#### December 4

Pro Ecclesia symposium on Hunsinger: Cohen, O'Gara, McIntosh, Saarinen, Hunsinger

Course outcomes	Course element	Assessment instrument(s)	<b>M.Div outcomes (</b> see College web site for a full listing of these)
	This outcome will be achieved by means of	and will be demonstrated by	This course outcome corresponds to this aspect of Wycliffe's MDiv outcomes: (note: this is a rough guide; other correlations are possible)
articulate the concept of a "sacrament"; describe the contours of historic debates over real presence and Eucharistic sacrifice; describe major issues in the theology of baptism, including debates between pedobaptist and believers' church traditions	readings, seminar	Seminar discussions, final exam	Aa1 - conversant with scripture, historic Christian faith Aa2 - history & theology of church; ecumenical sensitivity
say "why sacraments matter," in terms accessible to lay Christians	Lectures, readings, seminar discussions	Seminar discussions, final exam	Aa3 confident in evangelism, inspire enthusiasm in congregations
have improved their skills of theological reading, reasoning, and argumentation	bullet points, final exam		Aa1 - see above Ee4 - prepare and preach exegetically responsible & relevant sermons Ee6 - develop educational events for congregations

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