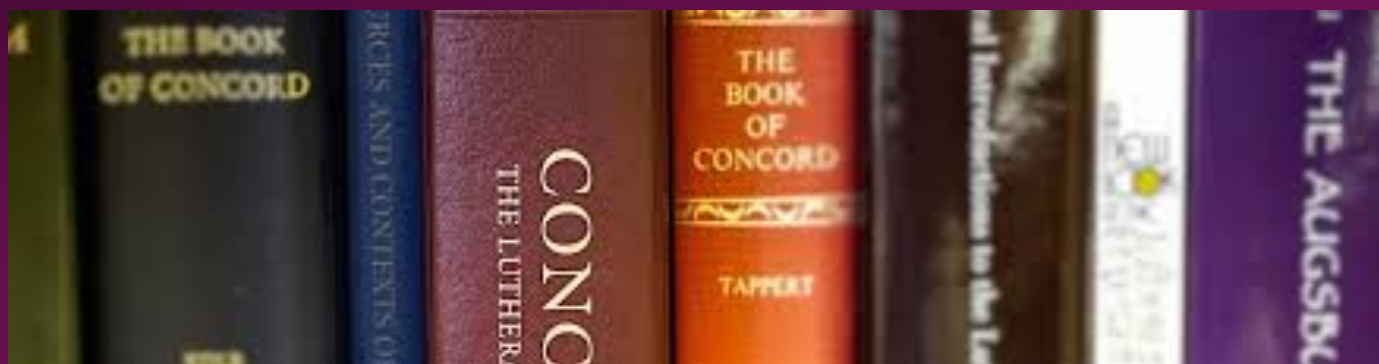


Liturgy and Discipleship: How the world is done



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- “The Church is the central workshop of the human City, a City which under grace has already begun to mutate by fits and starts into the City-of-God-in-the-making, the focal point of a World made new in Christ Jesus.” Kavanagh, *On Liturgical Theology*, 42.
- Liturgy is “the world done right.” Kavanagh, *On Liturgical Theology*, 100.

Liturgy

- Liturgy as “performance of faith.”
 - What is meant by “performance?”
 - Foundation of “faith.”

Liturgy as “performance of faith”

Divine Narrative



Word and Sacrament



Rites and Ceremonies

On Orthodoxy

- What are we after with “orthodoxy?”
- Schreier: loci of orthodoxy and liturgical grammar
- Liturgy “at play”



Liturgy “at play”

Relationship of 11:00 on Sunday and our daily life



Three prevalent models

- The “equip” model
 - Empty sacks
 - Oasis in the desert
 - “Inside and Out”
- The “attract” model
 - Worship is the place of ministry, mission, evangelism
 - “Outside in”
 - Both “equip” and “attract” assume a significant disconnect between church and world
- The “do” model
 - A rehearsal of God’s story
 - A microcosm of the daily life
 - The performance of God’s story as the Church for the World – the world done right.

Church and Culture

- Relationship of church to culture is an *exchange*...both produce this performance.
 - Inculturation
- Inculturation calls for a nuanced middle of two extremes:
 - First extreme: the church has a culture that is different from the world
 - Second extreme: the church must mimic the culture in order to attract and gain relevance
 - Nuanced middle: The Church is the "World done right."

Doing the world: Using, redeeming, and being culture

- The Gospel transforms culture
 - All culture is redeemable!
- Culture (rituals) create meaning
 - Culture *is not neutral*.
 - It is not that we are doing rituals, rituals are doing us.

Questions to pursue

- Many we could pursue:
 - Adiaphora?
 - Unity and fidelity?
 - Balance of cultural engagement v. cultural capitulation?
 - Transcultural v. local practice
 - Music style
- Question I am more interested in?
 - How do our practices at 11:00 on Sunday rehearse the story?
 - How do our practices at 11:00 on Sunday do the world rightly?

So...what are you doing?

- How is your church enacting God's story through your practices?
- What are some good practices that we might all consider doing?
 - Gathering, hospitality
 - Submitting to the authority and Word of God
 - Rehearsing "forgiveness, life, and salvation for all who believe"
 - Praying for the World
 - Using our bodies to enact praise, worship, service