



CM513 Trinitarian Worship with In-Person Meeting

Short Syllabus

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Course description

CM513 addresses the corporate (public) worship that is conducted by local churches. It does so by exploring how doxology (worship) flows from and is informed by incarnational Trinitarian theology. The course also looks at the history of the development of the church's liturgy of worship and other related issues. The aim of the course is to equip pastors, worship leaders, and others responsible for planning and conducting worship with a theological-historical framework along with useful tools to assist them in this vital aspect of Jesus Christ's work in and through the church.

Estimated workload: For a student to do well in this course, the student will need to invest a total of 150 hours, or about 13 hours per week of reading, participating on the website, and writing papers.

Special note: Students are required to participate in the intensive portion of this course, which will be held on June 26-28 in Charlotte, NC at the home office of GCI. GCS does not cover expenses related to travel, lodging or most meals. (Lunch will be provided on June 27 and June 28 and dinner will be provided on June 26 and 27.) Students need to arrange their own travel, lodging and remaining meal arrangements, and cover those expenses. In addition to the regular tuition, there is also a surcharge of \$165 for this course to cover the extra costs involved in this format of the course. The fee will be nonrefundable unless the class is cancelled by GCS due to lack of enrollment.

Registration will open from April 24 through May 4, and class will begin May 8, which is a week earlier than the classes that are not in-person. All assignments will be due prior to the in-person component. Additional details regarding the due dates will be supplied in the full syllabus.

As is usual with GCS courses, if not enough students enroll, the class will be cancelled. Please confirm that the class will be held before purchasing a plane ticket.

Required textbooks

Navarro, Kevin J. *Trinitarian Doxology: T.F and J.B. Torrance's Theology of Worship as Participation by the Spirit in the Son's Communion with the Father*. Eugene, OR: Wipf and Stock Publishers, 2020. ISBN: 978-1-7252-5098-7, 197 pages. Approximate price: \$28.

Gross, Bobby. *Living the Christian Year: Time to Inhabit the Story of God*. Downers Grove, IL: IVP, 2009. ISBN: 978-1-7252-5098-7, 322 pages. Approximate price: \$15.

Cosper, Mike. *Rhythms of Grace: How the Church's Worship Tells the Story of the Gospel*. Wheaton, IL: Crossway, 2013. ISBN: 978-1-4335-3344-0, 189 pages. Approximate price: \$17.

Navarro, Kevin J. *The Complete Worship Service: Creating a Taste of Heaven on Earth*. Grand Rapids, MI: Baker Books, 2005. ISBN: 0-8010-9183-7, 164 pages. Approximate price: \$15.

Please obtain these books before the class begins. To find the lowest prices on these books, you may find it helpful to use www.bookfinder.com.

Requirements and assignments

1. **Read the lessons.** Lessons will be posted each Monday for the first ten weeks. See the *Student Handbook* for study suggestions. You should look up any scripture references in the lessons.
2. **Participate.** Attend the in-person classes held June 26 – June 28 and participate in discussions structured around the required reading – lectures and textbooks. This counts for 30 percent of the final grade. *Note: this could also be broken down further to include a brief (somewhat) formal presentation by each student at the face-to-face portion.*
3. **Read the textbooks.** They total about 645 pages (about 65 pages/week).
4. **Midterm reflection paper.** This counts for 25 percent of the final grade. We estimate that you will need about 13 hours to work on this paper.
5. **Final Integrative paper.** This counts for 45 percent of the final grade. We estimate that you will need about 45 hours to work on this paper.

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	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
8:00		Discussion Lectures 4 and 5	Discussion Lectures 9 and 10
12:00		Lunch (Provided)	Lunch (Provided)
1:00	Introduction and discussion: Lectures 1 and 2	Discussion Lectures 6 and 7	Concluding Remarks
4:30	Dinner (provided)	Dinner (provided)	
6:00 – 8:00	Discussion Lecture 3	Discussion Lecture 8	