# History of Liturgy

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***COURSE AIMS AND INTENDED LEARNING OUTCOMES***

The course aims to familiarise students with the main aspects of the history of the liturgical movement with two single-subject explorations of the prayer for the "perfidious Jews" in the Good Friday liturgy and the politicization of devotions. At the end of the course, students will be able to examine, applying a historical-critical method, texts concerning the history of liturgy in the contemporary age.

***COURSE CONTENT***

1. An overview of the history of the liturgy and of the history of liturgical movement.
2. “We also pray for the perfidious Jews”. The course will cover the history of the prayer for the Jews in the context of the Good Friday liturgy.
3. The history of the devotions and their politicisation in contemporary times: Immaculate Conception, Sacred Heart, Immaculate Heart of Mary.

***READING LIST***

M. Metzger, *Storia della liturgia. Le grandi tappe*, San Paolo, Cinisello Balsamo, 2014.

D. Menozzi, *Giudaica perfidia. Uno stereotipo antisemita fra liturgia e storia,* il Mulino, Bologna, 2014.

D. Menozzi, *Il potere delle devozioni. Pietà popolare e uso politico dei culti in età contemporanea*, Carocci, Roma, 2022.

***TEACHING METHOD***

Frontal lectures with active student participation in reading and interpreting sources.

***ASSESSMENT METHOD AND CRITERIA***

Students will be assessed by means of an oral exam on:

* Short course pack on liturgical lexicon.
* lecture notes including materials (texts and images) provided in electronic format by the lecturer.

– Preparation of volume: D. Menozzi, *Il potere delle devozioni. Pietà popolare e uso politico dei culti in età contemporanea*, Carocci, Roma, 2022.

During the oral exam, students must demonstrate that they understand the key concepts, facts and distinctions of the history of liturgy; and can confidently address themes and issues covered on the course, in the course pack and in the monographic volume.

***NOTES AND PREREQUISITES***

Non-attending students are invited to contact the lecturer to discuss the exam syllabus.

Students require basic knowledge of the history of Christianity.

Further information can be found on the lecturer's webpage at http://docenti.unicatt.it/web/searchByName.do?language=ENG or on the Faculty notice board.