

Providence Church - 405 S. Bowie Dr.

A Mission Parish of the Reformed Episcopal Church

Isn't liturgical worship insincere, mechanical, non-Protestant, and therefore vain worship?

Although liturgical worship can become mechanical and vain, so can any form of worship. Vain repetition takes place when we "amen" a prayer to which we have paid little or no attention. It happens when we mindlessly sing a hymn without concentrating on the actual words. However, when we are mentally, emotionally, and spiritually involved in what we are saying and singing, even if the prayers and hymns are pre-composed, there is nothing mechanical or vain about our worship.

If you were to ask most church-goers when they feel the most involved in worship, most would say they feel the most active and involved when singing well known hymns and scripture songs together with other members of the body of

Christ. Pre-composed hymns and scripture songs give opportunity for all in attendance to worship both corporately and intelligently before the throne of God. Although most of these hymns were written by others long before any of us were born, as long as we sincerely mean what we are singing, then singing these hymns is certainly appropriate when it comes to corporate praise. Why then do so many consider it inappropriate to take this same approach to corporate prayer?

Liturgical worship in the form of pre-composed prayers, orthodox creeds, canticles of praise, and antiphonal responses take up where hymns and scripture songs leave off.

(End of Part 1)



Sunday Services:

Morning Prayer – 9:00 AM

Worship – 10:30 AM

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