Worship and Technology

Susan J. White, in her book *Christian Worship and Technological Change*, places our present discussions about the relationship between worship and technology in a larger historical context. The advent of medieval systems of measurement and clocks, for example, had a profound effect on the liturgical calendar and the rhythm of worship. The soaring arches of Gothic engineering set the stage for increased harmonic complexity in liturgical music. The biotechnology of sanitation and disease control shaped our funeral customs and communion practices. Mechanization transformed not only the means of production but also the worldview of worship leaders. Revivalism, in both the tent meeting and the mega-church, frequently takes a pragmatic approach, rendering worship a religious commodity for spiritual consumers.

White concludes her study by offering principles for a constructive dialogue between Christian worship and technology. Such a dialogue must "include a wide variety of participants." It must present "real challenges" to both technology and worship, be "broadly historical," "take theology seriously," and "be genuinely pastoral" — "...building a true community, proclaiming and responding to the eschatological hope, restoring a genuine humanity, and coming to terms with sin, vulnerability, and death...."6

The Essentials of Worship

Liturgical theologian Gordon Lathrop has argued that one means of engaging such discussions is to identify the essentials of Christian worship in order to ensure that they remain at the centre of our liturgical practice, whatever the setting. He names these as Bath, Word, Prayer, and Meal. What would it mean to consistently take these seriously as the deep structure of worship? Consider, for example, the visual foci of our worship. Often the place of the bath, the font, is invisible or shunted aside. Is it any wonder that we struggle with our identity as Christians when the primary symbol of our initiation into that identity is absent? We have trouble remembering who we are. Similarly, the place of the meal, the table, while often present, is seldom used. Even when communion is not celebrated, we can use the table as the place of our offering of gifts and prayers, our *eucharista*, our response of thanksgiving. The most successful new worship spaces keep the table as the central liturgical focus, rather than, for example, a projection screen.

At one recent worship event, we made last minute changes to the space by moving the musicians from the centre of the platform to one side, and placing the table at the centre. This allowed the music leadership to assume its appropriate place spatially, liturgically, and theologically, i.e. at the service of the liturgy, the people's work of focusing on God's action in our midst.

Affirming Bath, Word, Prayer, and Meal as the essentials of worship can help guide our technological choices. Where projection technology is used, worship planners could make it a priority to project visual art around these themes, helping to keep the formative symbols of Christian worship central. This would also challenge our use of visual technology to move beyond projecting text only, take fuller advantage of the riches of visual art, and support a more holistic worship experience.

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Definitions of worship. The word worship uses 7 letters: h, i, o, p, r, s, w. worship is playable in: Words With Friends15. Scrabble US15. Scrabble UK15. Meanings of worship. a. - Excellence of character; dignity; worth; worthiness. a. - Honor; respect; civil deference. a. - Hence, a title of honor, used in addresses to certain magistrates and others of rank or station. Hook words of worship. These are words formed by appending one letter to worship. Extend an already existing word on the board. worship. Other words with the same letter pairs. Find words containing the letter combinations fou Worship definition, reverent honor and homage paid to God or a sacred personage, or to any object regarded as sacred. See more. OTHER WORDS FROM worship. worÅ›hipÅ¬er; especially British, worÅ›hipÅ¬per, nounworÅ›hipÅ¬ingÅ¬ly, adverbmisÅ¬worÅ›ship, verb, misÅ¬worÅ¬shiped, misÅ¬worÅ¬shiping or (especially British) misÅ¬worÅ¬shiped, misÅ¬worÅ¬shipÅ¬ping, preÅ¬worÅ¬ship, noun, verb, preÅ¬worÅ¬shiped, preÅ¬worÅ¬shipÅ¬ing or (especially British) preÅ¬worÅ¬shiped, preÅ¬worÅ¬shipÅ¬ping. Trending Words. All About English. Science and Technology. Literature and Arts. WRITING. From giving at your place of worship to volunteering at your local food bank to making sure that when you get takeout itâ€™s not from a big chain, neighborhood acts make a difference. SUNDAY MAGAZINE: A WORLD IN NEED DANIEL MALLOY AUGUST 16, 2020 OZY. They voted to allow places of worship and fitness centers to use parks and established a compliance call center so the public can submit complaints of violations of county public health orders, NBC 7 reports. MORNING REPORT: THE RISE OF PRIVATE, NON-SCHOOL SCHOOLING OPTIONSVOICE OF SAN DIEGO AUGUST 6, 2020 VOICE OF SAN DIEGO. The applicant thanked his worship, and withdrew. When my father died my mother took up the family worship. It was Rassen who on the Mountain supplanted the primeval fire-worship whereof the flaming pillars which light its Sanctuary remain as monuments, by that of Hes, or Isis, or rather blended the two in one. There was a proposal from one extremist group to abolish, God among other institutions altogether, and to substitute the worship of Reason. "That is what I say," said Sancho; "there was no occasion for minding the words of a madman; for if good luck had not helped your worship, and he had sent that stone at your head instead of at your breast, a fine way we should have been in for standing up for my lady yonder, God confound her! worship (n.) Old English worÅ¬scip, wurÅ¬scip (Anglian), weorÅ¬scipe (West Saxon) "condition of being worthy, dignity, glory, distinction, honor, renown," from weorÅ° "worthy" (see worth) + -scipe (see -ship). Sense of "reverence paid to a supernatural or divine being" is first recorded c. 1300. The original sense is preserved in the title worshipful "honorable" (c. 1300). worship (v.) c. 1200, from worship (n.). Related: Worshipped; worshipping. Entries related to worship. -ship.