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Sacramental and Liturgical Theology of Healing and Crisis Rites

Message from the Guest Editor

Christian liturgy addressing sin, sickness, and death historically includes the anointing of those who are sick, the reconciliation of serious sinners, funerals, as well as liturgies responding to natural disasters, such as medieval public processions. At the same time, initiation, eucharist, and the feasts and seasons of the liturgical year also feature responses to the individual and communal crisis. This volume will bring these Christian liturgies of crisis and healing into conversation with contemporary rites of crisis: public shrines on city streets, memorial museums recalling genocide, truth and reconciliation commissions, protests of racial and economic injustice, vigils for the dead, rites addressing climate change. Together, these provide new understandings of ritual processes for crisis and healing. Contributions from multiple disciplinary perspectives are encouraged. Protestant, Eastern, and Catholic rites are all ripe for interpretation, and comparative approaches with traditional religions, other world religions, or non-religion are encouraged.

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