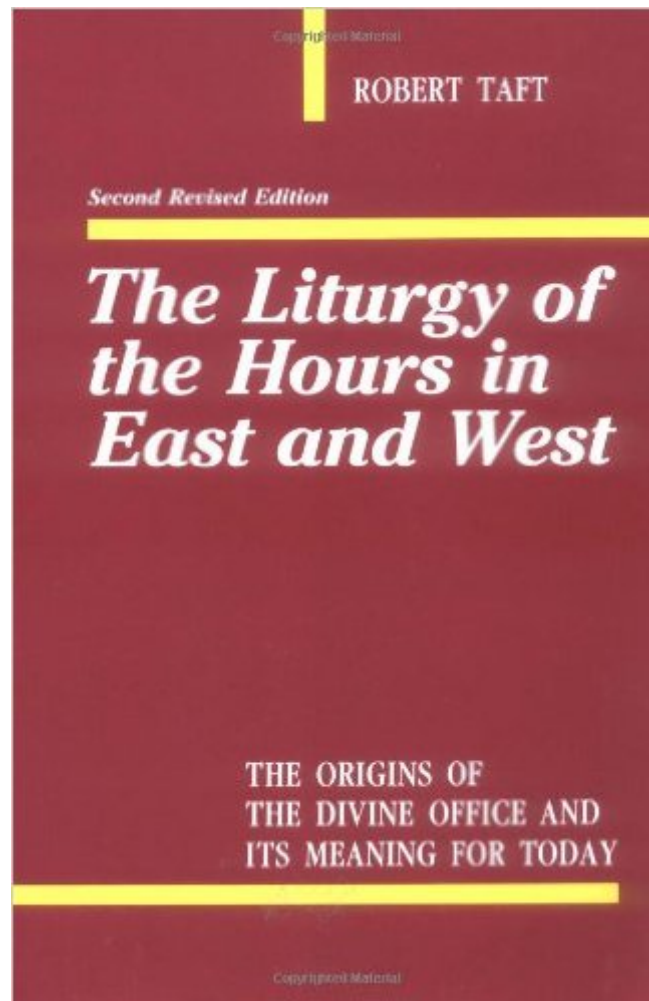


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# The Liturgy Of The Hours In East And West



## Synopsis

The origins and development of the Divine Office are traced through both Eastern and Western branches of the Church, providing a wealth of historical and liturgical information. From the small beginnings of a few Christians in New Testament Jerusalem, the prayer of the Church spread, changing and evolving as it met and was assimilated by different cultures. This classic study is a major resource for the liturgical scholar.

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Taft is one of the world's leading liturgical experts, and here he demonstrates his mastery of how the Church "redeemed the time". I really appreciate not only his style of writing, but the way he integrates primary sources into the text without feeling disjointed. While highly technical, and not something that could be used for devotional material per se (see the excellent duo *For the Life of the World: Sacraments and Orthodoxy* or *Hymn of Entry: Liturgy and Life in the Orthodox Church* (Contemporary Greek Theologians Series, No 1) for that), Taft does cover every historical detail in an organized manner, beginning with the Jewish background to prayer as practiced in the New Testament moving chronologically forward. Both Eastern (Byzantine, Coptic, African, Armenian etc) and Western theologies and practices (Roman and Reformed) are covered in detail. His concluding chapters on the value of the office as the Church's school of prayer shows his own love of the Church and God based upon his decades of living these offices on a daily basis. So I suppose I was wrong about there being no devotional application from this text. :) Other books of interest, aside

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