

# ***Cranmer Theological House***

## ***DT 602 Thirty-Nine Articles***

***Pre-Lent 2026 (Atlanta Campus)***

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### **I. Required and Suggested Texts**

#### **A. Required Texts: [See notes on the reading below]**

Browne, Edward Harold. *An Exposition of The Thirty-Nine Articles of Religion: Historical and Doctrinal*. Houston, TX: Classical Anglican Press, 1998. (REC reprint) The best printing available for this book is through The Episcopal Recorder (the publisher for the REC). The problem is that you will have to mail or fax your order in before they mail the book out. See this website for instructions: [http://www.recus.org/pub\\_soc.html](http://www.recus.org/pub_soc.html) . Cheaper versions are available on Amazon, but I do not recommend those. This work is available online at: <https://archive.org/details/a548952400browuoft/page/n7/mode/2up>

#### **B. Suggested Texts:**

Bicknell, E. J. *The Thirty-Nine Articles*. New York, NY: Longmans, Green and Co, 1957 (3<sup>rd</sup> Edition)

Bray, Gerald. *Documents of the English Reformation*. Minneapolis: Fortress Press, 1994.

———, ed. *The Institution of a Christian Man*. Cambridge: James Clarke and Co, 2019.

Davie, Martin. *Our Inheritance of Faith: A Commentary on the Thirty-Nine Articles*. Gilead Books Publishing, 2013.

Gibson, Edgar C. S. *The Thirty-Nine Articles of the Church of England*. London: Methuen & Co., 1898.

Griffith Thomas, W. H. *The Principles of Theology: An Introduction to the Thirty-Nine Articles*. Houston, TX: Classical Anglican Press, 1996. (REC reprint)

Hardwick, Charles. *A History of the Articles of Religion: To Which Is Added A Series of Documents, From A. D. 1536 to A. D. 1615; Together With Illustrations From Contemporary Sources*. London: George Bell & Sons, 1881.

O'Donovan, Oliver. *On the Thirty-Nine Articles: Conversations with Tudor Christianity*. London, England: SCM Press, 2011 (2<sup>nd</sup> Edition)

## **II. Course Description**

An overview of the historic doctrinal formulary of the Church of England and its importance to the greater Anglican tradition, with primary emphasis on the interpretation of the Thirty-Nine Articles. Also, compares and contrasts the Articles with other Reformation confessions.

## **III. Course Objectives**

- A. To place The 39 Articles in their historical and theological context.
- B. To introduce a proper hermeneutical paradigm for the interpreting The Articles.
- C. To provide a sense of how The Articles are understood and used in the Reformed Episcopal Church and the Anglican Church in North America.
- D. To give an overview and exposition of the Articles, taking into consideration contemporary issues.

## **IV. Course Requirements**

- A. Writing Assignments (45% each): Follow the CTH Style Sheet for Papers (see the CTH Writing Lab here: <https://sites.google.com/view/cth-writing-lab/home> )
  - a. Write a 10-page paper showing how the teaching of Article XXVII (Of Baptism) is expressed in the Baptismal Office of The Book of Common Prayer. Try to show connections in wording as well as allusions to Biblical texts.
  - b. Write a 10-page paper showing how the teaching of Article XXVIII (Of the Lord's Supper) is expressed in the Eucharistic Office of The Book

of Common Prayer. Try to show connections in wording as well as allusions to Biblical texts.

B. Reading (10%): Each student taking the course for credit is to read all of the required resources and give an honor statement at the end of class giving an account of the percentage of each text that is read. The required reading encompasses:

- a. Read all of E. H. Browne's Commentary EXCEPT his commentary on Article III (it is a bit confusing!). Instead, read Gibson's commentary on Article III (pp. 159-180) which may be found here: <https://prydain.files.wordpress.com/2010/07/the-thirty-nine-articles-of-the-church-gibson.pdf>

**Note: All assignments are due by 3/20/26 and may be submitted to Dean Camlin electronically at [frcamlin@gmail.com](mailto:frcamlin@gmail.com).**

## V. Class Schedule

Friday afternoon:

- A. A brief overview of the English Reformation, taking into consideration the historical and theological context of The Thirty-Nine Articles.
- B. The proper hermeneutical paradigm for interpreting The Articles. The use of The Articles in the REC and ACNA.
- C. An Exposition of Articles I-III

Friday evening:

An Exposition of Articles IV-VII

Saturday morning:

An Exposition of Articles VIII-XVIII

Saturday afternoon:

An Exposition of Articles XIX-XXIV

Saturday evening:

An Exposition of Article XXV

Sunday afternoon:

An Exposition of Articles XXVI-XXXIX

