

## Special Issue

# Studies on Medieval Liturgy and Ritual

### Message from the Guest Editor

Christian liturgy undoubtedly has a ritual quality, characterized by its involvement in salvific history. At the same time, liturgy encompasses the service of the church to God, as well as God's interaction with human beings.

The scope of this Special Issue includes, but is not limited to, the following topics:

- Diversity and consolidation of rituals in the liturgy (e.g., in the development of Eastern and Western churches, in the context of church reforms, etc.).
- Theological disputes about the "right" rituals.
- Shifts in the meaning of rituals within the liturgy.
- Processes in the standardization of liturgy and their social and political background.
- Rituals and ceremonies regarding the tension between church and society/politics, as well as their changes.
- Community-constituting meaning of "liturgical" rituals, for example, in cooperatives, guilds and other social groups.
- Mediality/materiality of ritual and liturgy ("Schriftlichkeit", music, objects...).
- Ritual and space in liturgy.
- Female liturgy and gender.

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