

The Church of Christ does what she does because it is good and right to do
The word "liturgy" is derived from a Greek word that refers to the public duties of an official; in Church it is commonly used to refer to the order of worship, as well as to the very principle of worship being orderly, or "liturgical".

There is something liberating to this notion of the order of worship, and of worship being orderly, as the public duty of the Church of Christ. It sets the Christian free from having to constantly create his or her own worship in his or her own heart and mind. And it sets the Christian free from measuring up to the demand that his or her worship must be emotional and intense, which is not always an easy demand to measure up to.

The demand that worship must come "from the heart" in order to be pleasing to God is a complete misunderstanding. When our Lord Jesus said that true worship of God is "in Spirit and Truth", He is, of course, referring to the Spirit of God, and His Word of salvation, rather than human spirituality and intensity. Out of the heart come evil thoughts," as He has also said it, and "murder, adultery, sexual immorality, theft, false witness, slander."

On the other hand, if we pay attention to what is actually said in the liturgy of the faithful Church of Christ, we will notice that what is spoken to us, and what we speak, is the Word from God of His salvation. For that is what good liturgy is.

The concept of liturgy as public duty allows the Christian to come before God with a good conscience, knowing that it is the right thing to do. God is worthy of worship, it is as simple as that, and worship is what His Church Christ does, and His Christians. And so, I need not speculate about my motivations. I am free to leave myself behind and focus on somebody much more interesting.

And as we do what we do, as the Church of Christ, and as His Christians, because it is what we do, and because it is the right thing to do, greater things happen than just us doing what we do: His Word lives among us, and in us, which will not return to Him empty, but will complete that which He purposes. Writes the Apostle: "Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body, and be thankful. Let the Word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs with thankfulness to God in your hearts." The ordered worship of His faithful Church allows us to do this. And thanks be to God for that.