

Silence, the LORD be with you! [and also with you!], Prayer
the importance of ritual

I. Worship is for GOD! Indirect results in communal, individual formation
implications for the Church that 45% of U.S. citizens have chronic illness

II. Ps. 86:1-7 Dialectic of grief and hope -- lament, praise, thanksgiving

¹Incline your ear, O LORD, and answer me,
for I am poor and needy.

²Preserve my lie, for I am devoted to you;
save your servant who trusts in you.

You are my God; ³be gracious to me, O Lord,
for to you do I cry all day long.

⁴Gladden the soul of your servant,
for to you, O Lord, I lift up my soul.

⁵For you, O Lord, are good and forgiving,
abounding in steadfast love to all who call on you.

⁶Give ear, O LORD, to my prayer;
listen to my cry of supplication.

⁷In the day of my trouble I call on you,
for you will answer me.

II. Ps. 69:1-3 Need for Lament; otherwise, deepening of the mire

¹Save me, O God,
for the waters have come up to my neck.

²I sink in deep mire,
where there is no foothold;
I have come into deep waters,
and the flood sweeps over me.

³I am weary with my crying;
my throat is parched.
My eyes grow dim
with waiting for my God.

III, Difference between reality and truth; subjective and objective

IV. Entire meta-narrative, overarching story of who the Trinity is

V. The Mystery of our Participation in God's Larger Story

VI. The Nature of the Character of God LORD and Lord

VII. The difference between BEING well and FEELING or DOING -- gift