Liturgical Comparison of the 1540 Roman Missal and the 1612 Bible

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Abstract
On the subject of 16th and 17th century worship, two historic texts give insight on religious services, musical hymns, and inspired sermons of the time. The first book, a Protestant Bible from 1612 and the second, a 1540 Catholic volume entitled the Roman Missal. What we find intriguing about these two books relates to the timing of when they were written; the year 1540 being near the start of the Reformation and 1612 in the middle. We believe the century between their publication give insight on differences in religious worship and practice. In the Early Modern period religion greatly affected the lives of people in all social classes. When we can understand the changes that were made during the reformation we will have a better understanding and outlook into this time period's society. We can see how people worshipped Catholicism in the 1500's, and then how people's ideas changed. Our goal is to understand more about the different religious ceremonies, so we can have a new perspective on the lives of people during this time period and what they believed. We are also interested in seeing what other researchers and scholars have found about this topic. This Bible and Roman Missal can be a great insight into how religion and worship changed. We would like to share what we learn through the discovery of the ceremonies associated with each of these books and the music contained.

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