

## **Abstract**

The outcomes of the Second Vatican Council have brought essential changes into liturgy, having impacted the liturgical space as well. However, the totalitarian communist regime that was in power in Czech lands at the time allowed only a limited space for the application of the Council outcomes in practice. That is why the post-Council situation in liturgy is in many ways unique in the Czech Republic. After the Velvet Revolution there was a rapid and rapturous development that has brought not only positives, but also certain negatives stemming from the too-quickly loosening grip of bondage.

The aim of this thesis is to monitor the state of the discussion on liturgical space in the period between the Second Vatican Council and the present day.

The theoretical part looks at the summary of the discussion in the Czech Republic before the Second Vatican Council, then briefly presents concept of sacred space of the Second Vatican Council and at the end outlines the pre-Council and the post-Council European context.

The practical part consists in the finding, researching and evaluating of materials concerning the subject. They have been assessed according to three main criteria. The first is a historical viewpoint sorting the materials by the time they came into being. The second classifies them by the kind and the target group they address. The third aspect pays attention to the thematic focus of the contributions concerning liturgical space.

The conclusion lies in analysing the outcomes, characterising the present state of discussion including possible shifts that may have taken place as well as outlining the possibilities of using the critically assessed findings in practice.

This work is a direct follow-up of my bachelor's work of the same name where an earlier period was examined, namely that between the time when professional documents on the topic started to be published, and the Second Vatican Council. The present work thus makes the overall picture more complete, providing a comprehensive report on the state of discussion on liturgical space in Czech-speaking lands.