Digital Presence

Where is God when we are online?



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Windows-based worship and the first multimedia prayer App 1577 AD

Image from Christianity Today: Online Communion Can Still Be Sacramental

ASSESSMENT

Historic Christian practices are often improvised and adapt to keep their impact alive...They also include things adopted from around us, yet born again for a new purpose... discovering and uncovering God's presence in our life... Christian practices constitute a whole way of life with the capacity to address our fundamental needs. They are not specialist games like chess that 'teach' us something.

Adapted from Kathryn Tanner, Theological Reflection and Christian Practices (2002) Image from Christianity Today: Online Communion Can Still Be Sacramental Christian practices: uncovering and discovering where God is present with us

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When are we (not) online? The internet age as:

Embedded Embodied Everyday

Christine Hine (2015) Ethnography for the Internet: Embedded, Embodied and Everyday What practices help us to 'uncover and discover' God's presence in an embedded, embodied and everyday digital world?

Practices for 'marking time & making space[,]

- Adapt Prayer Apps & Zoom chimes
- Adopt WhatsApp & Facebook live

Practices to enhance awareness and personal connection

- Adapt Live-linked <u>and</u> in-person services
- Adopt Vox pops & lollypop sticks

Practices that raise insights/shape instincts

- Adapt Life hacks & targeted ads
- Adopt follow better & send 'blessings'

