



The Shape of Participation (Hardback)

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CASCADE BOOKS, 2010. Hardback. Condition: New. Language: English . Brand New Book ***** Print on Demand *****. The Shape of Participation is a work of constructive theology addressed to theologians, seminarians, and thoughtful pastors. Owens engages and deepens recent popular discussions of church practices by approaching practices from the church Fathers understanding of the church s participation in God. Through a wide-ranging engagement with theologians, both ancient and contemporary—including Cyril of Alexandria, Maximus the Confessor, Dietrich Bonhoeffer, and Herbert McCabe—Owens argues that the embodied practices of the church are the church s participation in the life of God, making the church Jesus own continued, peaceable embodiment in and for the world. This book is for theologians, pastors, and anyone who wants a deeper understanding of how the visible presence of God s church is extraordinarily good news in a violent world. I m grateful for this account of the church s relationship to the life of God for refusing the hopelessness of so much contemporary ecclesiology. All of us who persist in preaching or hearing the Word and receiving God s good gifts at the table will be strengthened and encouraged by Owens s theocentric understanding of what the church...



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