

## Lecture 25: *The Case of England*

### 1. *The Tudor Dynasty and Henry VIII's "great matter"*

- A. Henry VII and royal majesty
- B. Henry VIII and the power to sire

### 2. *The Creation of the Anglican Church, 1534*

- A. Monarchy and Church: Act of Supremacy
- B. Provoking the Pope: Act of Suppression
- C. Rule in the French Manner – above the law

### 3. *The Stripping of the Altars*

- A. Henry VIII's heirs: From Protestant to Catholic and back again
- B. Elizabeth I and a "mingle-mangled" Church
- C. The problem of belief by 1600

## The Tudor Dynasty of England

**Henry VII** (r. 1485-1509) – consolidates Tudor Dynasty and seeks to rule in the French manner = absolutely; to be above the law.

**Henry VIII** (r. 1509-1547) – Ruled as head of the Anglican Church in England

- m. Catherine of Aragon (seeks to divorce her ca. 1520s)
- m. Anne Boleyn, 1534 – (seeks a male heir)
- Will marry four more times before his death

## The Creation of the Anglican Church

-- **1534, Act of Supremacy** – Henry VIII "supreme head" of the Church of England

-- **1536, Act of Suppression** – Suppresses lesser monasteries in England; soon thereafter he becomes "sucked into the Protestant world pool of religious politics."

-- In 1539 he suppresses the great monasteries of the realm and seizes the lands and wealth of the church = dramatic break with the papacy and Catholic church

-- **1539, Act of Proclamations** – what the king says is law = dramatic consolidation of royal power.

## Henry VIII's Heirs

**Edward VI** (r. 1547-1553) – rules with a militant Protestant agenda

**Mary “Bloody Mary”** (r. 1553-1558) – Returns England to Catholicism

**Elizabeth I** (r. 1558-1603) – Compromise church in England created

-- 1559 issues a new Act of Supremacy = calls herself prince and king (not queen) and states that she is “**governor**” of the church not “the supreme head.”

-- 1563 issues the **Thirty-Nine Articles** that create a new Anglican Church of England = Catholic ritual tempered by Calvinist/Protestant doctrine.

***Article XXII: Of Purgatory***

“The Romish Doctrine concerning Purgatory, Pardons, Worshiping and Adoration, as well of Images as of Reliques, and also invocation of Saints, is a fond thing vainly invented, and grounded upon no warranty of Scripture, but rather repugnant to the Word of God.”

“I do not want windows into men’s souls”