



The Book of Common Prayer

SAINT MARK'S CATHEDRAL
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tonight's *conversation*

- Land acknowledgment, opening prayer
- Introduction
- What is The Book of Common Prayer (BCP)?
- What's inside
- Practical ways to use the BCP
- Breakout groups and plenary conversations
- Exploring prayer with the BCP

Introduction

- The BCP shapes **how we worship, what we believe, how we see ourselves** and **how we see the world**.
- Used around the world across the Anglican Communion.

>>>WHAT RESONATES WITH YOU?

>>>WHAT CHALLENGES YOU?

>>>WHAT DO YOU QUESTION?

Text often quotes or sources scripture

First line of Collect for Guidance, *p. 100*

“Heavenly Father, in you we live and move and have our Being....”

Acts 17:28

“For in him we live, and move, and have our being...”

A Closing Sentence in Morning Prayer, *p. 102*

“Glory to God whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine: Glory to him from generation to generation in the Church, and in Christ Jesus for ever and ever. *Amen.*”

Ephesians 3:20-21

“Now to him who by the power at work within us is able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen.”

What is the Book of Common Prayer?

- **1549** - the changing landscape of English Reformation
- Profoundly scriptural in reference
- Meant to be not just a service book but a guide for all aspects Christian living.
- Designed to inform daily life, seasonal, individual and communal, holy days, etc.
- Not static—**1789** BCP, etc.—Elizabethan English yields to contemporary language (of the people)—theologically diverse (Via Media)
- Aesthetic and nonverbal elements of worship speak to the core of our being
- **1979** BCP—centering Baptism and Eucharist
- Prayer Book Revision—taking the long view (incarnational)

What's Inside

- Introductory Documents: Ratification, Preface, Overview, Calendar, *p. 8*
- The Daily Office: Morning, Noon, and Evening Prayer; Compline, *p. 37*
- The Great Litany, *p. 148*
- The Collects - Traditional and Contemporary, *p. 159*
- Proper Liturgies for Special Days, *p. 264*
- Holy Baptism, *p. 299*
- The Holy Eucharist, *p. 316*
- Pastoral Offices, *p. 413*





What's Inside

- Episcopal Offices - Ordinations, Celebration of New Ministry, Consecration of Church or a Chapel, *p. 511*
- The Psalter or Psalms of David, *p. 585*
- Prayers and Thanksgivings, *p. 810*
- The Catechism, *p. 845*
- Historical Documents of the Church - Articles of Religion, former creeds, *p. 864*
- Tables for Finding Easter and other Holy Days, *p. 880*
- Lectionaries - Sunday and Daily Office, *p. 888*



Practical Ways to Use the BCP

- WHAT LITURGICAL DAY IS IT?
 - WHAT IS THE COLLECT FOR THIS WEEK?
 - WHAT SCRIPTURES CAN I READ TODAY?
 - WHERE CAN I FIND QUESTIONS ABOUT FAITH?
 - WHERE CAN I FIND SACRED POETRY IN THE BCP?
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Breakout Groups: Let's Practice

A BCP Scavenger Hunt

- 1 Find a definition of prayer.
- 2 Find a prayer that celebrates God's creation.
- 3 Find the Athanasian Creed.
- 4 Find a prayer to use in a time of sickness or distress.
- 5 Find Eucharistic Prayer C.
- 6 Find a prayer intended to be said by a Bishop.
- 7 Find the collect for The Presentation (February 2).
- 8 Find the feast day of Mary Magdalene.
- 9 Find a prayer to use before bed.
- 10 Find Psalm 23 in traditional, non-contemporary language.

::*Sharing* from breakouts::

- >>>What did you find?
- >>>What did you notice?
- >>>What surprised you?



exploring *prayer*
WITH THE BCP

Exploring Prayer

THE DAILY OFFICE, *p. 36-146*

- Morning/Evening Prayer
- Noonday Prayer/Compline
- Daily Devotions

“Keep watch, dear Lord, with those who work, or watch, or weep this night, and give your angels charge over those who Sleep...”

– *A Prayer for Mission, p. 124*

Daily Morning Prayer: Rite Two

The Officiant begins with a Reading of Scripture, or with the

Advent

Watch, for you Lord, will come, in the morning.

An Order of Service for Noonday

Officiant O C
People O I

Officiant and People

Gloria to the Lord

Daily Devotions for Individuals and Families

These devotions follow the basic structure of the Daily Office of the Church.

When more than one person is present, the Reading and the Collect should be read by one person, and the other parts said in unison, or in



Exploring Prayer

COLLECTS, *p. 158-261*

- Seasons of the Year
- Holy Days
- Common of Saints
- Various Occasions

“Blessed Lord, who caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning: Grant us so to hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them...”

– **Collect for Proper 28, *p. 236***

Collects: Traditional

First Sunday of

Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness, and put on the armor of light, now in the time of

Collects: Contemporary

First Sunday of Advent

Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness, and put on the armor of light, now in the time of this mortal life, in which your Son Jesus Christ came to visit...



Exploring Prayer

PRAYERS & THANKSGIVINGS

p. 810–841

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miscellaneous prayers
& thanksgivings

For example:

- Prayer for Church Musicians and Artists
- Prayer in Times of Conflict
- For a Birthday
- Grace at Meals

Prayers and Thanksgivings

Prayers

Prayers for the World

1. For Joy in God's Creation
2. For all Sorts and Conditions of Men
3. For the Human Family
4. For Peace
5. For Peace among the Nations
6. For our Enemies

Prayers for the Church

“O God of peace, who hast taught us that in returning and rest we shall be saved, in quietness and in confidence shall be our strength...”

– A Prayer for Quiet Confidence, *p. 832*

Exploring Prayer

MISCELLANEOUS

- Psalter (30-day cycle)
- Prayers within various rites
- Supplements



“O Lord, your compassions never fail and your mercies are new every morning: We give you thanks for giving our brother (sister) *N.* both relief from pain and hope of health Renewed...”

– **Thanksgiving for a Beginning of Recovery**, p. 460

Second Day: Morning Prayer

9 Confitebor

1 I will give thanks
I will tell

2 I will be glad
I will sing

3 When my voice

Before an Operation

Almighty God our heavenly Father, graciously comfort your servant *N.* in *his* suffering, and bless the means made use of for *his* cure. Fill *his* heart with confidence that, though at times *he* may be afraid, *he* yet may put *his* trust in you; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

or this

Strengthen your servant *N.*, O God, to do what *he* has to do and bear what *he* has to bear; that, accepting your healing gifts through the skill of surgeons and nurses, *he* may be restored to usefulness in your world with a thankful heart; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

For Strength and Confidence

Heavenly Father, giver of life and health: Comfort and relieve your sick servant *N.*, and give your power of healing to those who minister to *his* needs, that *he* may be strengthened in

Breakout Groups

>>>What has your experience been of the BCP? Do you have a prayer book at home or use a an online resource? What revision?

>>>What do you appreciate? What challenges you?

::Sharing from breakouts::

Resources

- [Online BCP](#)

Daily Office

- [Mission St. Clare](#)
- [Venite](#)
- [Forward Movement](#)
- [Episcopal Church in Garrett County \(audio\)](#)

Lectionary

- [Daily/Weekly lectionary](#)
- [Current lectionary selections at Saint Mark's](#)

Supplements

- [Enriching Our Worship I](#) ::Church Publishing::
- [Holy Men, Holy Women - Celebrating the Saints](#)
::Church Publishing::
- [Episcopal Church BCPs and Supplements](#)



“Prayer Before Meal” ::VICENTE MANANSALA::

For Children and Families

- [Prayers for Faithful Families](#) ::Traci Smith:: PRESCHOOL
- [Common Prayer for Children and Families](#) ::Jenifer Gamber and Timothy J.S. Seamans:: ELEMENTARY
- [Sing, Wrestle, Spin: Prayers for Active Kids](#) ::Jennifer Grant:: ELEMENTARY
- [Call on Me: A Prayer Book for Young People](#) ::Jenifer Gamber & Sharon Ely Pearson:: MIDDLE/HIGH SCHOOL
- [The Book of Common Prayer: A Spiritual Treasure Chest: A Spiritual Treasure Chest--Selections Annotated and Explained](#) ::C.K. Robertson:: ADULTS
- [Opening the Prayer Book](#) ::Jeffrey Lee:: ADULTS