

## PRACTICAL USE OF THE BOOK OF COMMON PRAYER AS REFERENCE

*The Lord looks down from heaven on the children of man,  
to see if there are any who understand,  
who seek after God. Psalm 14:2*

The 2019 Book of Common Prayer is a ready reference for Worship and Doctrine in the Anglican Church in North America. Information is included for worship of the church and facilitates effective worship and guided spiritual growth.

### Worship:

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| ✦ Expectations and purpose of Divine Service    | P6   |
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- Recitation of the Psalms is central to daily worship throughout the Christian Tradition. Anglicanism at the time of the Reformation established that **the entire Psalter should be read in the Daily Office every month**. This one-month cycle is printed on the following page, and is indicated within the Psalter itself.
  - The principle adopted at the Reformation was that **“the whole of Holy Scripture (or the greatest part thereof)” should be read each year**. This cycle of lessons is based on that principle.
  - This Daily Office Lectionary may be adapted for use in a two-year cycle (indicated by I and II in the monthly headings) by reading only the two lessons appointed for Morning Prayer in odd-numbered years (e.g., 2019) and the two lessons appointed for Evening Prayer in even-numbered years (e.g., 2020). The two lessons each day may be divided across the two Offices. In this way, the New Testament will be read through once each year, and the Old Testament will be read through in two years.
  - **The Gloria Patri (Glory be...) may be said after each psalm, or at the conclusion of all the psalms of the Office.** The manner of recitation of the psalms can be adapted to size of Congregation and

physical setting: responsive (between leader and people), antiphonal (alternating sides of the Congregation), or in unison, and by whole or half verse. For purposes of reflective pause, half-verse recitation, or musical chant, the asterisk (\*) printed in each verse indicates the place where the verse divides.

- ✠ The Fundamental Declaration of the Providence states in what manner the ACNA will uphold the Anglican Way
- ✠ We are creedal people
  - Athanasian Creed – the nature of Christ
- ✠ Thirty-nine Articles – Not just a historical document, but a collection of Anglican Doctrine or what we believe as Anglicans.
  - Affirms authority of Scripture: Articles 6,7
- ✠ Article 8 endorses belief in three creeds.
- ✠ What separates us from the Presbyterian faith – predestination Article 17
- ✠ Definition and authority of the Church – Articles 19, 20, 21
- ✠ What separates us from the ROMAN CATHOLICS
  - Articles 22 Regarding Purgatory
  - Article 28 of the Lord's Supper
- ✠ Do you understand why our priest are married .....Article 32
- ✠ Jerusalem Declaration foundational document for the Anglican Church in North America.....What WE BELIEVE

**To be an Anglican in the twenty-first century on the path to sanctification all you need practically is a BCP and a Copy of Holy Scripture.**

