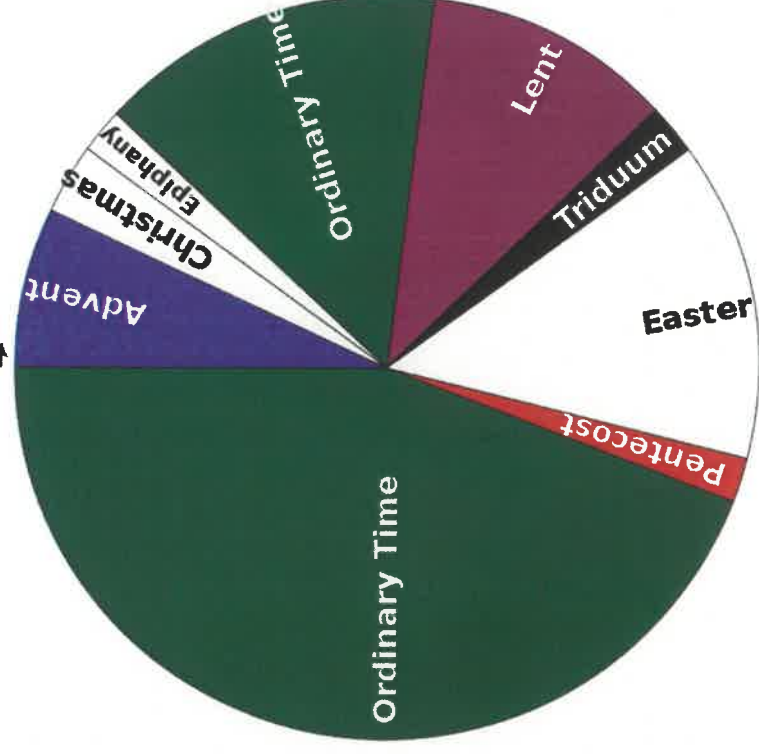


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The Church year starts here – 1st
Sunday of Advent



Source for calendar year:
<https://anglicancompass.com/what-time-is-it-an-overview-of-the-church-calendar-and-liturgical-year/>

We tell time by
seasons and colors

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ADVENT: The Church year begins with Advent, a season which encompasses four weeks of preparation – first to await Christ’s second advent to judge the living and the dead ([2 Pet 3:11-14](#); [1 John 3:2-3](#)), but also to celebrate his first advent at the Incarnation.

CHRISTMAS: Christmastide begins with the Nativity of Our Lord Jesus Christ on December 25, and extends for twelve days of celebrating the Incarnation ([John 1:17](#)).

Epiphany: Epiphanytide begins with the Epiphany of Our Lord Jesus Christ on January 06, and extends to the Presentation of Our Lord Jesus Christ [at the Temple; [Luke 2:22-52](#)] on February 02. This season commemorates the revelation of Christ to the Gentiles in fulfillment of prophecy ([Isa 60:1-3](#)), as exemplified in the visitation of the Magi ([Matt 2:1-12](#); McKenzie, *The Anglican Way*, 127-8).

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Lent

Just as the Christmas cycle begins with a season of preparation, so the Paschal cycle begins with Lent – the period of fasting and penitence from Ash Wednesday until Holy Saturday.

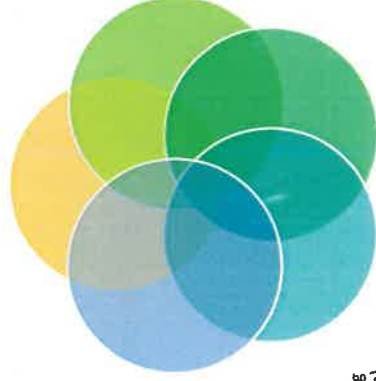
Because Lent lasts for forty days, not counting the six Sundays which are celebrations of the Resurrection, it recalls Christ's fasting during temptation in the wilderness (Matt 4:1-11).

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Holy Week: The last week of Lent, Holy Week, remembers the last week of Christ's earthly life, beginning with [Palm Sunday's](#) commemoration of Jesus's triumphal entry into Jerusalem ([Matt 21:1-11](#)).

The [Paschal Triduum](#) ("three days") begins on the evening of Maundy Thursday and lasts until evening on Easter Sunday. It includes:

[Easter Sunday](#), which celebrates the triumphal Resurrection of Christ from the dead ([Matt 28:1-20](#)).



[Maundy Thursday](#) (commemorating the institution of the Eucharist at the Last Supper [[Matt 26:20-35](#)] and Christ's washing of the disciples' feet [[John 13:1-15](#)]).

[Holy Saturday](#) (remembering Christ's time in the tomb), and

[Good Friday](#) (a commemoration of the Crucifixion; [Matt 27:27-54](#)).

The Triduum or "Three Days"

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Eastertide then lasts for fifty days – first for forty days until the remembrance of Christ's Ascension to the Father's right hand (Acts 1:1-11), and then for ten more days until the commemoration of the Holy Spirit's descent at Pentecost (Acts 2:1-41).

This season emphasizes the typological fulfillment of the feasts of Unleavened Bread and Weeks in the Christian celebrations of Easter Sunday and Pentecost (Daniélou, *The Bible and the Liturgy*, 339).

Eastertide

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“Ordinary Time” , Trintytide (Season after Pentecost)

The time between [Trinity Sunday](#) (the Sunday after Pentecost, focusing upon the Triune identity of God) and [Christ the King Sunday](#) (the Sunday before Advent, proclaiming Christ’s Lordship)—from approximately June through November—is called the Season after Pentecost, or Ordinary (numbered) Time. This remainder of the liturgical year is “the time in which the church is to live out its calling in the world, fulfilling the mission of God” (Chan, [Liturgical Theology](#), 164). Instructed in the school of sacred time, Christians go forth to love and serve the broken world which God has invaded, and over which He triumphs.

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Seasons, Principal Feasts and Liturgical Colors

Season	Dates	Color	Meaning
Advent	Late Nov - Dec 24	Purple	Beginning of the Church year. A time of preparation for the Lord's coming at Christmas and an anticipation of his coming again at the end of time. (4 Sundays)
Christmas	Dec 25 - Jan 5	White	A celebration of our Lord entering into our world by becoming a man.
Epiphany	Jan 6 - ~ Feb	White	"Epiphany" is a Greek word for "manifestation". We celebrate God being made known to us in Jesus. <i>Biblical events we remember at this time of year are:</i> 1. Jesus' first miracle (changing water into wine) 2. Jesus' baptism (the Holy Spirit descended upon him as a dove). 3. the coming of the wise men (representing God in Jesus being revealed to all mankind).
Lent	~ Mar - ~ April	Purple	A time of reflection upon our faults. A time of reflection upon Jesus' sacrifice for us. A preparation for the joyous Easter celebration. Lent is always the 40 weekdays before Easter. In Lent, Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are appointed as fast days in the Episcopal Church.
Easter	~ April	White	A celebration of the resurrection of our Lord. Most of the dating of the Church year focuses around the date of Easter which is the Sunday after the first full moon of Spring (Mar 22 - Apr 25)
Ascension Day	~ May	White	Remembrance that Jesus, after his resurrection, was lifted bodily into heaven to prepare a place for us.
Day of Pentecost	~ May	Red	Always 40 days after Easter - on a Thursday (Acts 1:3)
Trinity Sunday	~ June	White	Celebrating the coming of the Holy Spirit to believers 10 days after the Ascension - on a Sunday (Acts 2:1-13)
Ordinary Time	~ Jun - ~ Nov	Green	First Sunday after Pentecost. A celebration of God being known to us as Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
All Saints' Day	Nov 1st	White	Season of the year when the Spirit-empowered Church focuses on the work of Christian ministry.
Liturgical Colors	White or Gold	Purple	The celebration of our communion with all Christian believers-- both those who have gone before us and those alive today.
	Red	Red	Penitence, sadness, mourning (Lent) / Royalty (Advent)
	Green	Green	Festive, celebratory (Easter, Christmas, Weddings) The color of fire (Holy Spirit) and blood (martyrdom) The color of life and growth (Season after Pentecost)

Anglican Catechism
for
Mature Christians

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Liturgically We Are Guided by the Book of Common Prayer

- ✠ Worship
 - ❖ Sundays, Holy Days
 - ❖ Daily Office
- ✠ Personal and Family Devotion
- ✠ Outline for prayer and
- ✠ Reference

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Vestments

The basic idea of Anglican vestments is to symbolize order, office and role or function. This is true of any uniform that we use in society.

They are not supposed to be used for personal expression, but are supposed to be uniform within certain sacred design patterns. (e.g. they aren't supposed to have personalized messages, political messages/symbols, sports or patriotic related colors/symbols, or iron-on pictures of my children, etc).

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White Overgarment: Cassock-Alb or Surplice

White robes have long signified the righteousness of Christ, worn as a garment. Wearing a white robe means that I'm not serving because I'm a great guy. I'm serving because Jesus loves me and you—and he covers me with *his* righteousness. The two principle white vestments are the **Cassock-Alb** or the **Surplice**. The Cassock-Alb is a single garment. The Surplice is always worn over a cassock (see next).

Black Garment: Cassock

Black robes are really/technically not vestments. The black **Cassock** (the one that looks like Neo's outfit in the Matrix) was just the priest's street clothes back in the day. The cassock is worn under a white surplice. Now, sometimes you'll see a purple or red cassock. These are used in the same way as the black cassock. Often they are associated with the colors of the cathedral church or the Bishop's canons (assisting people

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Eucharistic Vesture: Chasuble or Dalmatic

Some of you will see a priest wearing a **Chasuble**. This is a large piece of material, cut round or diamond shape, with an opening in the middle. This is worn during eucharistic services. (*To learn more about [the structure and parts of Holy Communion, AKA the Eucharist, go here.](#)*) The deacon will wear a similar vestment called the **Dalmatic**. Under this is the white alb. Generally, a church either really loves these vestments, and uses them all the time, or doesn't use them at all. Not much of an in-between there.

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Scarves: Stole or Tippet

Stoles are signs of order and office. The **Priest's Stole** hangs vertically over each shoulder. The **Deacon's Stole** hangs diagonally from the left shoulder and then is secured at the right side. Note that a black **Tippet** is not a stole. A deacon or priest will wear these for non-eucharistic offices at times, or when not serving at the altar in a particular service. Lay ministers, readers, or choir members will sometimes wear a Cassock-Alb or Cassock and Surplice with no stole (some customs include a blue reader's "scarf" which isn't considered a stole).

Belt: Cinctures

The **Cincture** is a belt for an Alb or a Cassock. These come in band or rope varieties.

Colors

The colors of the stoles, as well as the Chasuble and Dalmatic, change based on [the seasons of the church year](#). Basically like this:

- **Purple or Blue** – [Advent](#)
- **Purple** – [Lent](#)
- **White** – [Christmas and Easter](#), Major Feast Days, [Weddings](#) and [Funerals](#)
- **Green** – the [Seasons after the Epiphany and after Pentecost](#)
- **Red** – the Day of [Pentecost](#), Saints' Days, [Confirmations](#), and [Ordinations](#)

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 |
| ✦ The Calendar of the Christian Year | P687 |
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| ✦ Table for Finding the Date for Easter | P713 |
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| ✦ Daily Office Lectionary | |
- 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 marriedArticle 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.

*And if it is evil in your eyes to serve the Lord, choose this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your fathers served in the region beyond the River, or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you dwell. But **as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord.***” Joshua 24:15

The 2019 Book of Common Prayer is uniquely positioned to enable us to live into this scripture.

- ✦ It does not have the rubric that stating “all that is necessary for full incorporation into the Christian life is baptism.”
- ✦ The 2019 BCP provides sufficient tools, combined with Holy Scripture, that will guide toward sanctification of the individual and the family.

Family Applications:

- ✦ **Family daily devotions are important:**
 - To draw the family closer to God through a deeper spiritual life as a unit and individual members
 - Regular Morning, Mid-day, Evening Prayer and Compline can be difficult to gather the family around.
 - Solution are Family Prayers:
 - Follows the basic structure of the Daily Office of the Church
 - The Reading and Collect may be read by one person, and the rest said in unison.
 - Appropriate Opening Sentences, Psalms, Readings and Collects are provided for in each service, but these may be expanded by following the rubric on page 66.
 - A concluding sentence from Morning and Evening Prayer may be used at the end of any of these devotions and may become a repeating theme with your family.
- ✦ Let's look at one of the services which could be the beginning of a devotional discipline for your family:
- ✦ At The Close of The Day, p. 73
 - Utilize prayers from page 76-78
- ✦ Once the pattern is established prayers for morning, midday and early evening are more easily added to the daily devotions.
- ✦ **Reaffirmation of baptismal vows.** P161
 - A candle is given at each Baptism – on the anniversary of the baptism each year the candle should be lit.

- The baptismal covenant should be restated
- ✦ **Anniversary of Marriages:**
 - Utilize the vows from the ceremony to restate your commitment to one another – p201
- ✦ **Death of a loved one.** Utilize the prayers in the Burial Office. P249

Suggestions:

- ✦ Have multiple BCP's easily acceptable in the home for easy reference and use.
- ✦ Give BCP to your spouse children, grandchildren and friends as gifts.
- ✦ Teach your children by involving them in the liturgies of the church and home.
- ✦ Below is the information for ordering:

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*Now Jesus was **praying** in a certain place, and when he finished, one of his disciples said **to him**, “**Lord, teach us to pray**, as John taught his disciples.”* Luke 11:1

- ✦ There are times when our hearts are so filled with joy, sorrow or our we are overcome by the enormity of the burden. In those times the BCP can be a source of reference as to how we may put our feelings into words as we speak to our Lord.
- ✦ When distraught or troubled and we are tempted to be angry.... let us pray.

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- ✠ Set aside time to pray, even if it is short
- ✠ Utilize the Index to focus your prayer, first in preparation and secondly a particular need
- ✠ Utilize these prayers for family prayer time applying those to needs within the family
- ✠ When distant pray, when close pray, when in doubt pray, when joyful pray, whenWell you get the picture.
- ✠ With the 2019 BCP there is ample tools to go before our Lord in prayer.

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