

Study Guide

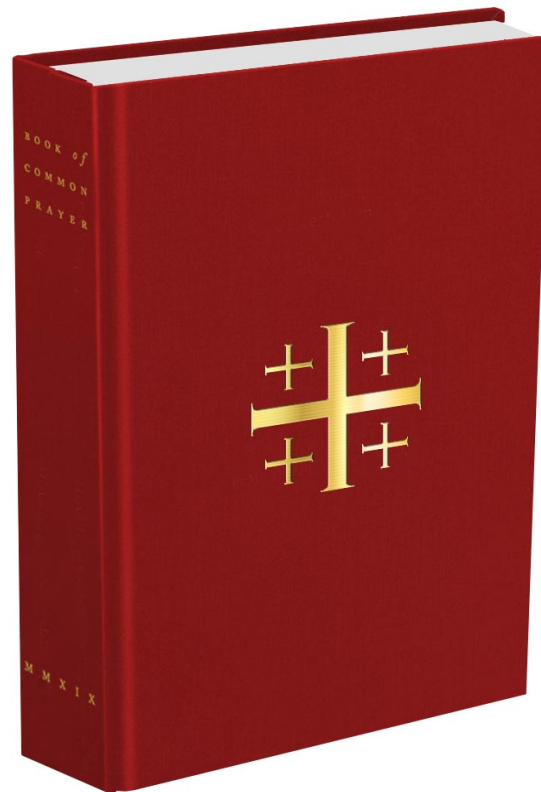
For

Anglican Church in North America's

Book of Common Prayer 2019

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This study guide is designed as a curriculum for those teaching an introductory class on the Anglican Church in North America's (ACNA) new Book of Common Prayer 2019 (BCP 2019). Of course, individuals could successfully complete a self-study. It is desirable that each person should have their own copy of the BCP 2019 for highlighting items or writing notations in the margins.

Why is the BCP 2019 important to us? The list below is not complete but provides some insight as to its value.

- It is carefully prepared to maintain historical development within the ACNA.
- Language is used that will be easily understood by the reader.
- It is very easy on the eyes to read.
- The Documentary Foundation is a great Anglican Church reference.
- The Occasional Prayers cover a wide variety of potential prayer needs.
- The rubrics are a great help for clergy and laypersons.
- The new Cloverdale Psalter is beautiful.

To conduct a daily office the Officiant should have a copy of the BCP 2019, an ESV Bible with an Apocrypha, and perhaps a hymnal for public worship. The Table of Contents outlines contains a wealth of information for learning about and worshipping in the Anglican Church. The Preface (pp. 1-5) and next section Concerning the Divine Service of The Church (pp. 6-8) are must-reads that will further assist the reader in fully understanding the beauty, history, and significance of the new prayer book adopted by the ACNA.

The BCP 2019 Table of Contents contains the following:

- Preface
- Concerning the Divine Service of The Church
- Daily Office
- Great Litany and Decalogue
- Holy Eucharist
- Baptism and Confirmation
- Pastoral Rites
- The Psalter (The new Coverdale Psalter)
- Episcopal Services
- Special Liturgies for Lent and Holy Week
- Collects & Occasional Prayers
- Calendars & Lectionaries
- Documentary Foundations

I would urge the reader to review each subject listed in the Table of Contents to become familiar with and to understand the purpose of each section. You will soon discover that the Book of Common Prayer 2019 is an invaluable resource. As such it deserves as much time possible to study it from cover to cover. Try to make it yours in head, heart, and hands and use it every day.

To enable us to prepare readings for the liturgies (a list of readings for the church year) it very important to be able to determine scripture lessons as appointed. The first task is to learn how to use the lectionaries for the Holy Eucharist and Daily Morning Prayer.

I. Introduction to the Sunday, Holy Day, and Commemoration Lectionary (Scriptures and Psalm appointed)

This Lectionary (p. 716) provides a three-year cycle of three readings for each Sunday, Holy Day, and Commemoration services of the Christian Year plus a Psalm appointed. The purpose of the three-year cycle is to read most of the Bible in a three-year period.

A. The procedure for selecting the correct cycle A, B, or C.

The new cycle begins with Advent Sunday on years divisible evenly by three. For example, 2019 is evenly divisible by 3. Which means we will start on Year A on the first *Sunday* in Advent this year. Looking at page 717 in the BCP 2019 the readings for the first Sunday in Advent are as follows:

Isaiah 2:1-5

Psalm 122

Romans 13:8-14

Matthew 24:29-44

B. Determine the current year cycle and list three scripture readings for Holy Communion on Sunday plus the Psalm appointed for Christmas Day 1.

Old Testament

Psalm appointed for the day

New Testament

Gospel

II. Introduction to The Holy Eucharist

A. The Holy Eucharist: The Renewed Ancient Text (p. 105)

- a. Review Concerning the Holy Eucharist (p. 104)
- b. Emphasize the importance of the rubrics
- c. Determine the correct scripture readings plus the Psalm appointed for Pentecost Sunday.

Old Testament

Psalm appointed for the day

New Testament

Gospel

III. Introduction to Daily Morning Office and Family Prayer

A. Read Annual Cycle of Lessons Appointed (pp. 736, 737)

- a. Determine the readings for Daily Morning Prayer for January 31.

Psalm appointed

First Lesson

Second Lesson

B. Daily Morning Prayer (p. 11)

- a. Review the entire Daily Morning Prayer Office
- b. Emphasize the rubrics for the Daily Morning Prayer
- c. Determine the readings for the service plus the Psalm for May 7.

Psalm appointed

First Lesson

Second Lesson

C. Family Prayers

In today's world with all the difficult issues facing our families it is especially important to become familiar with and implement the Family Prayer devotionals. At home, family gatherings, or with young children these family devotions are easy to do and beneficial in building a spiritual life not just for the young, but also for the entire family. It would be great to have the children assist in conducting the services.

- a. Read Concerning Family Prayer (p. 66)

This will explain when and how to use Family Prayer devotions. The devotions are easy to use, but it is important to read and follow the rubrics.

- b. Family Prayer in the Morning (p. 67)

c. At Midday (p. 69)

d. In the Early Evening (p. 71)

e. At the Close of Day (p. 73)

IV. Practicum for Daily Morning Prayer

The final activity is for the participant(s) to act as the Officiant and complete all tasks necessary for a successful Daily Morning Prayer service. Include lessons, Psalm, canticles, prayers, and a concluding sentence.

A. List the tasks necessary, in order to conduct a Daily Morning Prayer service.

B. Discuss the tasks and share on issues, questions, or concerns.