

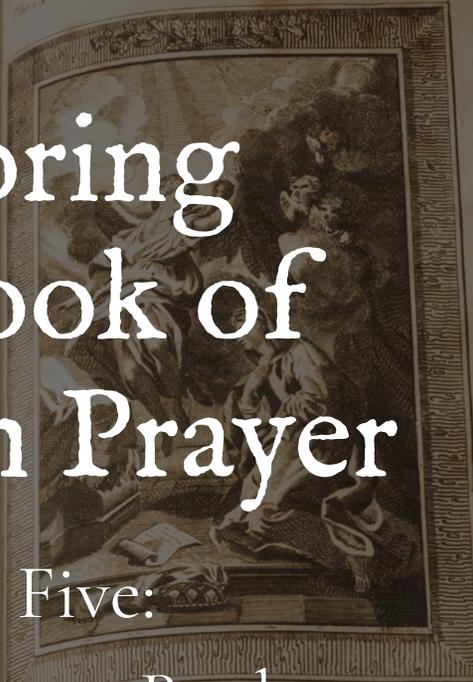
The Annunciation of the blessed Virgin Mary.
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THE COLLECT.

WE beseech thee, O Lord, pour thy grace into our hearts; that as we have known the grace into our of thy Son Jesus Christ by the message of an angel; so by his cross and passion, we may be brought to the glory of his resurrection, through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. *Answer.*

FOR THE EVIL that we have done, and for the MOREOVER, the Lord spake unto him, saying, Ask thee a sign of the Lord. But Ahaz said, I will not ask, neither will I tempt the Lord. And he said, Hear ye now, O David; Is it a small thing for you to weary yourself, but will ye weary the God of your fathers? himself shall give you a sign; a virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall call his namemanuel. Butter and honey shall he eat, that he may know to refuse the evil, and choose the good.

AND in the fifth month the angel Gabriel was sent from God unto a virgin espoused to a man, whose name was Nazareth, of the house of David; and the Virgin's name was Mary. And the angel came in unto her, and said, Hail, thou that art highly favoured, the Lord is with thee: blessed art thou among women. And when she saw him, she was troubled at his saying, and cast in her mind what manner of salutation this should be. And the angel said unto her, Fear not, Mary; for thou hast found favour with God. And thou shalt conceive in thy womb, and bring forth a Son, and shalt call his name Jesus. He shall be great, and shall

The ANGEL, appearing to the VIRGIN MARY.



And this Angel said unto her fear not, Mary, for thou hast found favour with God.
Luke Chap. 1. v. 30.

Exploring The Book of Common Prayer

Session Five:
The 2019 Prayer Book

Why does the ACNA have a new BCP?

- Ever since its birth, one of the ACNA's goals has been to develop a new Book of Common Prayer closer to the tradition of the 1662 BCP than other recent BCPs in use throughout the global Anglican Communion. The ACNA's Fundamental Declarations of the Province says:

“We receive The Book of Common Prayer as set forth by the Church of England in 1662, together with the Ordinal attached to the same, as a standard for Anglican doctrine and discipline, and, with the Books which preceded it, as the standard for the Anglican tradition of worship.” (p. 767)

- This is very much in line with GAFCON's 2008 Jerusalem Declaration:

“We rejoice in our Anglican sacramental and liturgical heritage as an expression of the gospel, and we uphold the 1662 Book of Common Prayer as a true and authoritative standard of worship and prayer to be translated and locally adapted for each culture.” (p. 792)

Why does the ACNA have a new BCP?

- “The liturgical movement of the 20th century and the ecumenical rapprochement in the second half of that century had an immense impact on the Prayer Book tradition. The Book of Common Prayer (1979) in the United States and various Prayer Books that appeared in Anglican Provinces from South America to Kenya to Southeast Asia to New Zealand were often more revolutionary than evolutionary in character. Eucharistic prayers, in particular, were influenced by the re-discovery of patristic texts unknown at the Reformation and often bore little resemblance to what had for centuries been the Anglican norm. Baptismal theology, especially in North America, was affected by radical revisions to the received Christian understanding and came perilously close to proclaiming a gospel of individual affirmation rather than of personal transformation and sanctification.” (p. 4)

Why does the ACNA have a new BCP?

- “The Book of Common Prayer (2019) is indisputably true to Cranmer’s originating vision of a form of prayers and praises that is thoroughly Biblical, catholic in the manner of the early centuries, highly participatory in delivery, peculiarly Anglican and English in its roots, culturally adaptive and missional in a most remarkable way, utterly accessible to the people, and whose repetitions are intended to form the faithful catechetically and to give them doxological voice.
- “The Book of Common Prayer (2019) is the product of the new era of reform and restoration that has created the Anglican Church in North America. The Jerusalem Declaration of 2008 located itself within the historic confines of what is authentically the Christian Faith and the Anglican patrimony and sought to restore their fullness and beauty. The Book of Common Prayer (2019) is offered to the same end.” (pp. 4-5)

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What is in the 2019 Prayer Book

We'll begin with the sections of the 2019 BCP that you'll use most.

- Daily Office (Morning and Evening Prayer)
- Great Litany
- Holy Communion
- Baptism
- Confirmation

What is in the 2019 Prayer Book

Daily Office (pp. 9-88)

- Daily Morning Prayer and Daily Evening Prayer are the established rites (offices) by which, both corporately and individually, God's people annually encounter the whole of the Holy Scriptures, daily confess their sins and praise Almighty God, and offer timely thanksgivings, petitions, and intercessions.

What is in the 2019 Prayer Book

Great Litany (pp. 89-101)

- The Great Litany is commonly used before the Holy Eucharist on the First Sunday of Advent and the First Sunday in Lent and may be used on other Sundays as needed or as the Bishop directs.
- The Great Litany is especially appropriate for Rogation days, other days of fasting or thanksgiving, and occasions of solemn and comprehensive entreaty. It can be used as an independent rite or at the conclusion of Morning or Evening Prayer.

What is in the 2019 Prayer Book

Holy Communion (pp. 103-158)

- The Holy Communion, commonly called the Lord's Supper or the Holy Eucharist, is a chief means of grace for sustained and nurtured life in Christ. It is normally the principal service of Christian worship on the Lord's Day and on other appointed Feasts and Holy Days. Mindful of the admonition in 1 Corinthians 11:27-29, participation in Holy Communion requires a penitent heart and lively faith.

What is in the 2019 Prayer Book

Note that there are two Communion rites:

- The Anglican Standard Text “is essentially that of the Holy Communion service of the Book of Common Prayer of 1662 and successor books through 1928, 1929, and 1962” (p. 104). It is presented in contemporary language and an ordering of elements/sections that matches other modern Prayer Books. However, the 2019 BCP allows for both traditional language and the 1662 ordering of elements/sections. It can also be abbreviated as needed.
- The Renewed Ancient Text “is drawn from liturgies of the Early Church, reflects the influence of twentieth-century ecumenical consensus, and includes elements of historic Anglican piety” (p. 104). It is also shorter than the Standard text.

What is in the 2019 Prayer Book

Baptism (pp. 160-173)

- Holy Baptism is the initiatory rite of the Church, which seals adoption in Christ and is the means of grace for new life in him.

Confirmation (pp. 174-181)

- Confirmation (or Reception) through the laying on of hands by a Bishop is the rite of public profession of faith that is expected of every adult member of the Church. In it, the Holy Spirit gives grace to the believer for discipleship and ministry as a mature Christian.

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What is in the 2019 Prayer Book

- Pastoral rites: rites officiated by ministers throughout the life of parishioners, including marriage, rites of healing, and burial.
- The Psalter.
- Episcopal services: those rites officiated by a bishop, including the ordinal (ordinations of deacons and priests and consecration of bishops).
- Special Liturgies of Ash Wednesday and Holy Week
- Collects and Occasional Prayers
- Calendars and Lectionaries
- Documentary Foundations, including creeds, confessions, and the prefaces of the 1549 and 1662 Prayer Books.

Frequently Asked Questions

- **Why are certain things italicized?**
- When nouns/pronouns and verbs are italicized, this just means that you can change between the singular and plural if needed (he/she <-> they, etc.).
- **What are the vertical lines in the left margins for?**
- If there's a paragraph with a vertical line in the left margin, this just means that the minister can decide whether to include this section—it's optional.
- **What do the asterisks mean?**
- In the 2019 BCP, asterisks “are used to denote the responsorial, antiphonal, or musical break points in canticles and other texts frequently sung or corporately recited.”

Frequently Asked Questions

- **What about other liturgies/services?**
- “In addition to these liturgies and the other rites contained in this Book, the Minister, subject to the direction of the Ordinary (Diocesan Bishop), may use other forms of occasional service set forth by authority within this Church. Special devotions taken from Holy Scripture and other services consistent with the Scriptures may be authorized by the Bishop.”
- **What about other languages?**
- Although the 2019 BCP is in English, it makes provision for the translation of its services into other languages as needs arise. Furthermore, although the 2019 BCP is predominantly in our contemporary idiom, a Traditional Language Edition published in 2022. There is also a full Spanish translation and a Chinese translation of several rites so far.

Frequently Asked Questions

- Which Scripture translation is used?
- The English Standard Version (ESV), except for the Psalms and Canticles, and for citations marked with a superscript “T” which indicates traditional Prayer Book language (like on page 26 after 2 Cor. 13:14).

Frequently Asked Questions

- **A Quick Word on the English Standard Version**
- Because the English Standard Version is the standard translation of the 2019 Prayer Book, and because the Anglican Liturgy Press (an imprint of Anglican House Publishers) has released a couple of editions of the ESV Bible with Apocrypha over the years by special arrangement with Crossway, the ESV's publisher and copyright-holder.
- The ESV's Apocrypha was originally commissioned in 2010 by Oxford University Press, then turned over to Crossway in 2016, who hired a team of 20 scholars to review and re-edit the work. Crossway themselves have never released an edition of the ESV with Apocrypha, but there are handsome editions by Anglican House, SPCK (in England), and (by far my favorite) Cambridge.

Frequently Asked Questions

- **A Quick Word on the Apocrypha:**
- Why does the BCP include a limited number of readings from the Apocrypha? The 39 Articles says of the Apocryphal books, “the Church doth read for example of life and instruction of manners; but yet doth it not apply them to establish any doctrine.”
- Not all Anglicans read the Apocrypha. As we discussed a couple of weeks ago, the 1604 Prayer Book and the first American Prayer Book left those readings out. However, those are in the minority, and the vast majority of Anglican Prayer Books worldwide have included Apocrypha readings from the 16th Century to the present.

Frequently Asked Questions

- A quick word on the New Coverdale Psalter:
- According to Dr. John Crutchfield, who served on the translation committee of the New Coverdale Psalter:
- The committee consisted of three Hebrew scholars and one liturgist. We were given specific guidelines from the College of Bishops (update archaic language, make it gender-neutral without being obtrusive, etc.). Our methodology was to start with the original Coverdale Psalter as it appeared in the 1662 BCP; then, we consulted the Hebrew text to make sure Coverdale's rendering was acceptable (if it wasn't, we were free to correct it). Then, as we revised Coverdale's language, we consulted both the "Revised Psalter of 1963" (which T.S. Eliot and C.S. Lewis contributed to) and the Psalter in the 1979 BCP.

Helpful Websites

To buy a 2019 Book of Common Prayer, go to
www.anglicanhousepublishers.org

To say the Daily Office using the 2019 BCP liturgies, go to
www.dailyoffice2019.com

For easy guides through the Prayer Book and other Anglican basics, go to
www.anglicancompass.com

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