

1.0 AUTHORIZED WORSHIP TEXTS

1. The Holy Scriptures for use in worship services:

In recent years, the English Standard Version (ESV) translation of the Holy Bible is becoming the standard for use in worship services. It is the recommended text for the public reading of and preaching on the Scriptures. However, it is not required that our local churches use this text, if due to good and practical reasons, other suitable translations are used.

Other suitable translations include:

The New Revised Standard Version-NRSV

The New King James Version-NKJV

The New International Version – NIV

Inasmuch as translations are changing with greater rapidity, it may be too expensive for a local church to change the Bibles it has placed in the pews or chair backs. If, however, it is possible, due to technology, the more updated translations are preferred.

It is not appropriate for public reading of the Scriptures to be taken from a Paraphrased Version of the Bible, but if a paraphrased version is quoted during the sermon for its greater accessibility and understanding, then this is permitted.

2. Book of Common Prayer

The Anglican Church in North America was birthed through a historic realignment within the Anglican Communion on matters that relate to biblical theology, classical Christology and missiology while the wider culture is undergoing a rampant re-ordering of its values and beliefs. This realignment involves the entire world and is accompanied by the rise of militant terrorist groups, some of which are focused on destroying others who hold alternative values and beliefs.

The rise of leadership within the Anglican Communion has introduced the western church to leadership and resources from the 2/3 world. Consequently, we are reliant on those who have maintained biblically orthodox convictions to assist us with common prayer. The ACNA affirms that our 'theological standard' for common worship is the 1662 Book of Common Prayer. This standard is our guide on the matters of theology that inform our prayer and worship life as Anglican Christians.

Glory to God that the ACNA Book of Common Prayer has been published and distributed! Now that the season of trial developmental liturgies has passed, as people of common prayer let us embrace the BCP2019 and use it not only for Sunday worship but for the formation of the people that God has placed into our care. Other texts may be considered for one-time or occasional use with the bishop's permission. Please make this request in advance of holding the worship service itself. Other authorized prayer books include:

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| + 1928 Book of Common Prayer | The Episcopal Church USA |
| + The Kenyan Eucharistic Rite (1989) | The Anglican Province of Kenya |
| + Common Worship (2000) | The Church of England |

The Anglican tradition of worship includes metrical versions of the Psalter, because these metrical versions of the Psalter are available from a variety of prayer book and musical sources.

