

A row of red leather-bound books on a wooden shelf, with the title 'Navigating Liturgies for Bulletins' overlaid in white text. The books are slightly out of focus, and the lighting is warm and soft.

Navigating Liturgies for Bulletins

A Presentation on an Epically Dorky Scale
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Where to begin? or Rubrics are our Friends

- The rubrics of the *Book of Common Prayer* are the source of the liturgical instruction for our denomination. While seemingly boring, they are the guides and instructions for how to put together a liturgy.
- Grab a BCP and read through the rubrics and prefaces to each section.

Notable Service Notes

- If putting one of the Daily Offices together, you can use Mission St. Clare or an online source as a guide, but always double check with the BCP or Office Book for the proper readings of the day.
- Check the Gospel Book for how the reading actually begins.
- If parts are completely up to the priest, don't print them, use a placeholder rubric such as "Here a Proper Preface is said"
- Try to put all the congregation's parts and what they need to leading up to their part in the bulletin. The less book handling the better.
- Remember the choreography of worship.

When do we make changes? or Spicing Up the Liturgy

- The number one occasion for changing up the liturgy is a major liturgical season change.
 - Advent
 - Christmas
 - Epiphany
 - Lent
 - Holy Week
 - Easter Season
 - Pentecost
 - Ordinary Time or otherwise known as the long haul.

Where to make changes?

- We're going to walk through a typical Sunday liturgy and see where we make changes and where to get them.
- Opening Versicle (Seasonal): BCP 355
 - Beware the rubrics
- Gloria/Canticle (Seasonal): BCP Canticles and Hymnal
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- Collect of the Day (roughly weekly): BCP 211-261
- Lections (weekly): Lectionarypage.net
 - Check the Gospel with the Gospel Book

Prayers of the People

- Suggested PoP shifts. Mostly based on the sense of each. BCP 383-393
 - Advent – I, II, IV, V
 - Christmas – III, VI
 - Epiphany – II, III, VI
 - Lent – I, II with long silences, or V
 - Easter Season – III, VI
 - Pentecost and Ordinary Time – III, VI (not the confession with it)
 - All Saints – included in Prayer D
- I really liked Intercessions for the Christian People

Concluding Collect for PoP

- Want to know what burns Bro. Andrew up? Not including the concluding collect for the Prayers of the People.
 - Found on page 394-395 of the BCP.
 - Helps create a better choreography between PoP and Confession.
- Don't have to include in the bulletin.

Doxology

- You don't have to sing the same old Doxology all the time!
 - The tune for "All Creatures of Our God and King", *Lasst uns erfreuen*, #400 in *Hymnal 1982* can be used with the Doxology adding Alleluias at the appropriate points.
 - The third line and tune for "As Those of Old Their First Fruits Brought", *Forest Green*, #705 in *Hymnal 1982*, can be used. This is really good for Lent.

The Great Thanksgiving

- BCP 361-376 and Enriching Our Worship
 - Advent – A, B, C
 - Christmas – A/B
 - Epiphany – C, A, B
 - Lent - B
 - Easter Season – B, A, [D for the Vigil]
 - Pentecost and Ordinary Time or otherwise known as the long haul. – A/B
 - All Saints – D

Concluding the Service

- Post-Communion Prayer: BCP 365-366
 - Most people want the first one.
- Dismissal: BCP 366
 - Please, please read the rubric. That a-word is only for a specific season in the church year for the dismissal.

Must Have Books

- *Book of Common Prayer*
- NRSV and KJV Bibles (other authorized versions)
- *The Book of Occasional Services 2018*
 - They haven't printed it yet...so you might have to get the 2003.
- *Enriching our Worship Series*
- *Revised Common Lectionary, Episcopal Edition*
- Gospel Book
- Altar Book
- *Hymnal 1982 and other hymnals your congregation uses*

Optional Books and Resources

- *Rite Planning*
- *Gradual Psalms for Year A, B, C, and Occasional Services*
Church Hymnal Series VI
 - This resource, while dated, is still the form of psalms that is the best work of our denomination. Bruce Ford's edition, while the most current, is fraught with errors. Older text settings as authorized by the church are still available to congregations, see BCP pg. 14.
- *Gradual Psalms* by Bruce Ford
- *Enriching Our Music* 1

Optional Books and Resources

- *The Anglican Chant Psalter* by Alec Wyton
- *The Plainsong Psalter* by James Litton
- *A Celtic Eucharist*
- *Intercessions for the Christian People* by Gail Ramshaw
- *New Zealand Prayer Book*
 - You must get permission from New Zealand when using their resources. Think of it as letting them know you love their work.

Handy Websites and Online Resources

For a list of these online, visit www.dioet.org/worship-resources

- bcponline.org
- lectionarypage.net
- Hymnary.org
- OneLicense.net
- RitePlanning – We'll talk a lot about this.

Professional Organizations

- Episcopal Communicators
- Association of Anglican Musicians
- Caffeinated Church