

# The Book of Common Prayer 1549-1979

The first Book of Common Prayer was authorized in England in 1549. This was during the time of the \_\_\_\_\_. There was a desire for worship to be in \_\_\_\_\_ and for it to be simpler, standardized & more accessible to clergy and lay. Common Prayer is \_\_\_\_\_. There were subsequent revisions to the BCP in 1552, 1559, 1604, & 1662 (this is still the authorized prayer book of the Church of England). The prayer books of the \_\_\_\_\_ all derive from this book which was carried around the world by the colonists.

The first American Book of Common Prayer authorized by the first General Convention in 1789. There have been revisions in 1892, 1928, 1979. The prayer book all Episcopalians use today is the \_\_\_\_\_ version. This book saw the new use of \_\_\_\_\_, the omission of the text of readings, and the addition of several new \_\_\_\_\_. The biggest change was that \_\_\_\_\_ became the principal Sunday worship service for all congregations.

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The Revised Common Lectionary, RCL, is now the authorized lectionary to be used for all celebrations of the Eucharist and for holy days including Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and the Easter Vigil. Newer prayer books will have the Revised Common Lectionary published in the back, if so, it is clearly indicated on page 889. If this is not the case you will need to refer to an Episcopal Calendar, or go to the website [www.lectionarypage.net](http://www.lectionarypage.net). Find the appropriate Sunday, click on it and you will see the collect of the day and the readings and psalm listed and available as a download.

Daily Office Lectionary 934

The selection of services to be used during the day is \_\_\_\_\_, the principal Sunday service in normal times is \_\_\_\_\_, during the pandemic Sundays we have been using \_\_\_\_\_.

For daily prayers at home I might select Morning Prayer, or Compline. If I am new to daily prayer, simple and accessible services can be found in the \_\_\_\_\_ section of the BCP. If I need instructions as to how to use the BCP I can follow the directions given by the \_\_\_\_\_. There are additional directions at the beginning & end of each service section. To find the assigned readings and psalms for Morning Prayer or Evening Prayer I would look in the \_\_\_\_\_ section. This is at the back of the book and is divided into two years. The readings are in the \_\_\_\_\_ and the psalms in the \_\_\_\_\_.

If I want to find the date of Easter or Ash Wednesday for a particular year, other than asking Siri or Alexa, I can use the \_\_\_\_\_ in the \_\_\_\_\_ of the prayer book. If I am looking for a prayer for a special occasion, there is a section of these in the BCP found after the \_\_\_\_\_.

Some of the services in the prayer book can only be led by a bishop. These include, Consecration of a Church, Ordination of a Priest or Deacon, and one I am anticipating, \_\_\_\_\_.

On page 845 is the Outline of the Faith commonly called \_\_\_\_\_. This contains \_\_\_\_\_.

If I am sick or know someone who is sick, or about to have surgery I will find prayers to for me to say in the Ministration to the Sick section, on pages \_\_\_\_\_ & \_\_\_\_\_.