

The 1979 Book of Common Prayer

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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. 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.

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Some Recommended Books

Welcome to the Book of Common Prayer	Vicki K. Black	Morehouse Publishing 2005
The Story of the Real Prayer Book	William Sydnor	Morehouse Publishing 1989
<i>Revised as</i> The Prayer Book through the Ages	William Sydnor	Morehouse Publishing 1997
Opening the Prayer Book	Jeffrey Lee	Cowley Publications 1999
Inwardly Digest <i>The Prayer Book as a Guide to the Spiritual Life</i>	Derek Olsen	Forward Movement 2016