

Anglicanism 101

Class 10: What does it mean to be Anglican? [Course Conclusion]

I. Introduction: By way of recap, go over the topics covered in the course:

- **Class 1 (September 10): What does it mean to be Anglican? [History & Identity] / Course Introduction:**
- Guest speaker Dr. Greg Strong; Introduction to Anglicanism 101 course, goals, schedule, and overview.
- **Class 2 (September 17): How did we get to where we are? [Anglican Foundations & Thomas Cranmer]:** Exploration of the English Reformation, the foundations of the Church of England, and Thomas Cranmer.
- **Class 3 (September 24): How do we worship? [Anglican Worship & Sacraments]:**
- Liturgical worship, sacraments, church calendar, etc.
- **Class 4 (October 1): What is the BCP? [Anglican Book of Common Prayer]:**
- Purpose, structure, contents, and use (historic & current) of the BCP and lectionary in worship and devotion.
- **Class 5 (October 8): What do Anglicans believe & how do they act? [Anglican Frameworks]:**
- Anglican frameworks for belief and ethics, including a survey of sources, ends, and means.
- **Class 6 (October 15): What role does Scripture play? [Scripture as source for Anglican Belief & Ethics]:** Old & New Testament sources for understanding beliefs and action/living/ethics.
- **Class 7 (October 22): What's so different about Anglicans? [Distinctively Anglican sources]:**
- The 39 Articles, the Book of Common Prayer, the Catechism, etc.
- **Class 8 (October 29): What does it mean to be Reformed? [Reformation Day]:**
- Guest speaker Dr. Chad Van Dixhoorn on Luther and "Solus Christus: The Sufficiency of the Saviour."
- **Class 9 (November 5): How do we live out our faith? [Anglicans in Action: Activists & Authors]:** Considering significant Anglican "activists" (Hannah More, William Wilberforce) and authors (Evelyn Underhill, T.S. Eliot, C.S. Lewis, Madeleine L'Engle).
- **Class 10 (November 12): What does it mean to be Anglican? [Course Conclusion]:**
- Discussion of Anglican distinctives: apostolic, reformational, mission-focused, Episcopal, liturgical, transformative, relevant.

II. Reflection on Anglican Distinctives:

- What has been most helpful for you in understanding Anglicanism?
- What words would you use to describe distinctives of Anglicanism or of Christ the King?
- Consider these hallmarks of Anglicanism:
 - Author Bob Weber: Worship, Sacraments, Mystery, Historic Identity, Ecclesiastical (Church) Home, Holistic Spirituality
 - Authors Ashley Null & John Yates III: apostolic, reformational, mission-focused, Episcopal, liturgical, transformative, relevant.

III. Reflection on Personal Faith Journey:

- **Individual:** Spend a few moments reflecting and recording some of your experience with the Anglican tradition, and the ways in which it has helped your worship the Lord, grow in faith, and live out your faith. Consider if there have been challenges that you have found with the Anglican way. Are the hallmarks (above) helpful for you?
- **Personal:** my reflection on how God has shaped me through my Anglican experience:

IV. Devotion and Prayer: Using Daily Devotions for Individuals and Families (BCP, p. 136-140)

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Annotated Bibliography and Suggested Reading

- The Catechesis Task Force of the Anglican Church in North America. *To Be A Christian: An Anglican Catechism*. Newport Beach, CA: Anglican House Publishers, 2013. *A more comprehensive approach to catechism than that present in the 1979 BCP, intended for use within ACNA.*
- Chan, Simon. *Liturgical Theology*. Downer's Grove, IL: IVP Academic, 2006.
Helpful overview of liturgy, including information on different approaches, traditions, and sources; helpful orientation for Anglicans and for those of other traditions.
- Dean, Jonathan, ed. *God Truly Worshipped*. London, Canterbury Press, 2012.
Helpful work providing excerpted works of Thomas Cranmer, as well as some historical and biographical data, and orientation to the original texts that are included.
- The Episcopal Church, USA. *The Book of Common Prayer*. New York, NY: Church Publishing, 2007.
The 1979 revision of the BCP, updated to include the Revised Common Lectionary.
- Guyer, Benjamin. *The Beauty of Holiness*. London, Canterbury Press, 2012.
A compilation from Caroline Divines, with helpful sections on devotion, liturgy, and ethics.
- Howard, Thomas. *Evangelical is not Enough*. San Francisco, Ignatius Press, 1984.
Personal/theological reflection on evangelicalism's deficiencies and sacrament and liturgy.
- Howe, John and Sam Pascoe. *Our Anglican Heritage*. Eugene, Cascade Books, 2010.
Overview of Anglicanism, especially in U.S., with emphasis on distinctives and current issues.
- Jacobs, Alan. *The Book of Common Prayer: A Biography*. Princeton: Princeton University Press, 2103.
Comprehensive, but not exhaustive, overview of Cranmer and historical progression of BCP.
- Metaxas, Eric. *Amazing Grace: William Wilberforce and the Heroic Campaign to End Slavery*. New York, NY: Harper San Francisco, 2017. *This biography includes context for the Clapham Sect, Hannah More, and Wilberforce's two "great objects" - ending slavery and reforming manners.*
- Metaxas, Eric. *7 Women and the Secret of their Greatness*. Nashville, TN: Nelson Books, 2016.
This book provides brief biographical sketches of seven women, including Hannah More, who the author confesses that he knew little about until he researched William Wilberforce.
- Null, Ashley and John Yates III, editors. *Reformation Anglicanism*. Wheaton; Crossway, 2017.
A vision/overview for Anglicanism, with reference to history and Reformation solas.
- Packer, J.I. and R.T. Beckwith. *The Thirty-nine Articles: Their Place and Use Today*. London, Latimer Trust, 2006. *This short book gives an overview of the content and relevance of the 39 Articles.*
- Prior, Karen Swallow. *Fierce Convictions*. Nashville, TN: Nelson Books, 2014.
Hannah More biography, portraying humanity and works as author, reformer, and abolitionist.
- Senn, Frank. *Introduction to Christian Liturgy*. Minneapolis, MN: Fortress Press, 2012.
Basic textbook treatment of this history of liturgy, worship, sacraments, and prayer.
- Taylor, Jeremy. *The Rule and Exercises of Holy Living*. Philadelphia, PA: J.W. Bradley, 1860.
This text gives a helpful and pietistic look at Anglican thought and belief in the 17th century.
- Thornton, Martin. *English Spirituality*. Eugene, OR: Wipf & Stock, 1986.
Outline of ascetical theology, exploring key sources, authors, Anglican frameworks, and BCP.
- Webber, Robert and Lester Ruth. *Evangelicals on the Canterbury Trail*. New York, NY: Morehouse Publishing, 2012. *Orientation to Anglican distinctives, especially for those from other traditions.*