

Episcopal Diocese of Southwest Florida
School for Ministry Development
Worship and the Book of Common Prayer

Course Description: This course will look at the development of the BCP as a book of worship as well as a distinctively Anglican phenomenon. It will consider the changes in worship goals through its history and revisions. The course will also look at various services with a view to developing the worship experience in the context of the Episcopal Community.

Texts: BCP

Hatchett, A Commentary on the American Prayer Book

Course Requirements:

- 1) bring Hatchett to class
- 2) read from any source a history of the BCP
- 3) Read the Preface to the BCP
Concerning the Service of the Church
Additional Directions to the Daily Office, p. 141
An Order for Celebrating the Holy Eucharist, p. 400
Additional Directions, p. 406
The Preface to The Book of Occasional Services
- 4) Write a paper on a single service of the Church with your vision for its liturgical practice, giving the reasons why you make the liturgical choices you make.

Course Outline

- I. Liturgy and Worship in History
- II. History and Development of the BCP
- III. Using the BCP in Worship
- IV. Constructing a Service
- V. Prayer Book Spirituality