



## COURSE CONTENT DOCUMENT -

### TITLE: Leading Worship

*Designation: Core Requirement for All Layreaders*

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#### Overview

Worship is the core activity of Christians, who regularly gather together to offer praise and prayer to God. This course exposes participants to a number of resources and alternative liturgies for lay-led worship with the goal of familiarizing Layreaders with the breadth of liturgical options to increase flexibility to lead a Service in an unfamiliar setting and without support.

The course responds to the goal by focusing on the principal service on a Sunday and assumes that Layreaders will want to adjust to the practices of the community, e.g. hymns, intercessions and readings, so that as little disruption as possible occurs in worship. The course content is equally for Layreaders called to lead any Daily Office service on any day

While the course focuses on Morning and Evening Prayer, leading the Service of Compline and leading or supporting a Funeral service are also discussed.

NOTE: Although this course provides a variety of examples of liturgy, it is the layreaders responsibility to follow and adhere to the preferences and advice of the clergy in charge of the parish in which they are leading worship.

#### Objectives

On completion of this course and as a layreader, you will be able to:

1. know where to find Daily Office liturgies in our Anglican liturgical books and resources and where to find resources to prepare for worship;
2. be familiar with the liturgies for Morning, Evening Prayer, and Compline;
3. understand how to adapt the liturgy to add content appropriate to the liturgical day;
4. know the factors to consider to organize and lead the service; and
5. understand the basic considerations for preparing and leading a Burial Service

#### Reading Assignment (Included in this document. As you read list key points.)

1. Familiarize yourself with the rubrics in the Morning and Evening Prayer liturgy in the BAS and BCP and note the places where the liturgy could be different from the services with which you are familiar.

#### Practical Assignment

1. Complete the Liturgical Exercise to gauge your skill in using the lectionary:
  - a. Read pages 1 and 2 of the Liturgical Exercise handout;
  - b. read the rubrics at the beginning of the Sunday and daily office lectionaries in the BAS and the daily office lectionary in the BCP,

c. complete the exercise.

2. View the Rev. David Peer's course video. The key presentation content is in the handouts and in the annotated liturgies for BAS and BCP morning prayer. NOTE: The audio sounds in the video is low. It is recommended that you connect an external speaker to your computer.

3. Check out the website resources after the presentation: the resources on the world-wide web with which you are unfamiliar and the annotated service liturgies available for download on the course page.

### **Pause and Consider**

1. Your key learning moment.
2. Could the content be improved to suit your needs. Share your observations on the online course evaluation.

### **Supplementary Resources**

Service liturgies with notes:

#### Morning Prayer

- Book of Alternative Services – Morning Prayer (Annotated BAS MP.pdf)
- Book of Alternative Services Supplement – Service of the Word 1 (Annotated BAS Supplement.SW1.pdf)
- Book of Alternative Services Supplement – Service of the Word 1 (Annotated BAS Supplement.SW1.pdf)
- Book of Common Prayer – Morning Prayer – Morning Prayer (Annotated BCP MP.pdf)

#### Evening Prayer

- Book of Alternative Services – Evening Prayer (Annotated BAS EP.pdf)
- Book of Common Prayer – Evening Prayer – (Annotated BCP EP.pdf)

#### Compline

- Book of Common Prayer – Compline (Annotated BCP Compline.pdf)
- Book of Alternative Services Supplement – Night Prayer (BAS Supplement.Compline.pdf)

#### Burial

- Book of Common Prayer – The Burial Office – (Annotated BCP Burial Office.pdf)
- Book of Alternative Services – The Funeral Liturgy Form II (Annotated BAS Funeral II.pdf)

#### Trial Morning and Evening Prayer Rites

- Ordinary Time (GS2016-Ordinary-MP-EP-2016-05-23.pdf)
- Seasonal (GS2016-Seasonal-MP-EP-2016-05-20.pdf)

## Website Resources

BAS Online Lectionary

<https://ww2.anglican.ca/lectionary/>

Vanderbilt Divinity Library

<http://lectionary.library.vanderbilt.edu/>

BCP Online Lectionary

<https://ww2.anglican.ca/lectionary/lectionary-bcp/>

Liturgical Texts online

<https://www.anglican.ca/about/liturgicaltexts/>