



Leading Worship

Designation: Core Education for Layreaders

Objectives

On completion of this course you should be able to

- Know where to find Daily Office liturgies in our Anglican liturgical books and resources and where to find resources to prepare for worship
- Be familiar with the liturgies for Morning, Evening Prayer, and Compline
- Understand how to adapt the liturgy to add content appropriate to the liturgical day
- Know the factors to consider to organize and lead the service
- Understand the basic considerations for leading a Burial Service

Introductions

Reflections on Leading Worship

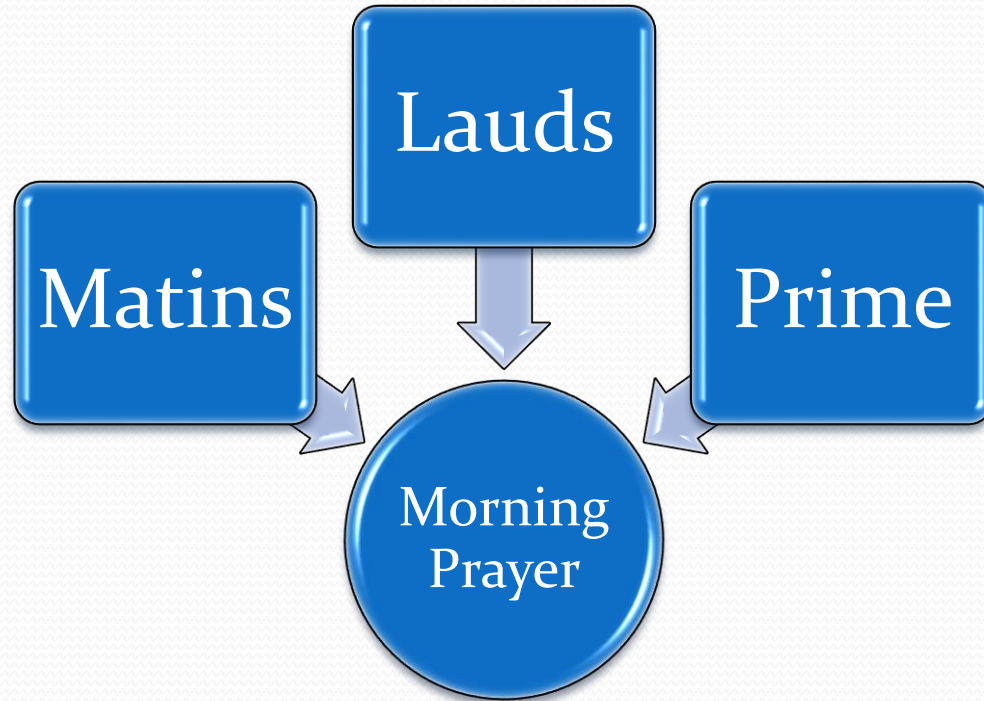
- Leading worship is different than participating
- It is always easier for the Layreader to adapt to local custom
- Most Anglicans are familiar with the basic structure of the service; if you don't explain everything that's OK
- It is often a team effort; know your team and use them
- Let go the ego; our boundless insight, wisdom, and knowledge is not the key to a successful service. Getting in touch with God through worship is...

Daily Office History

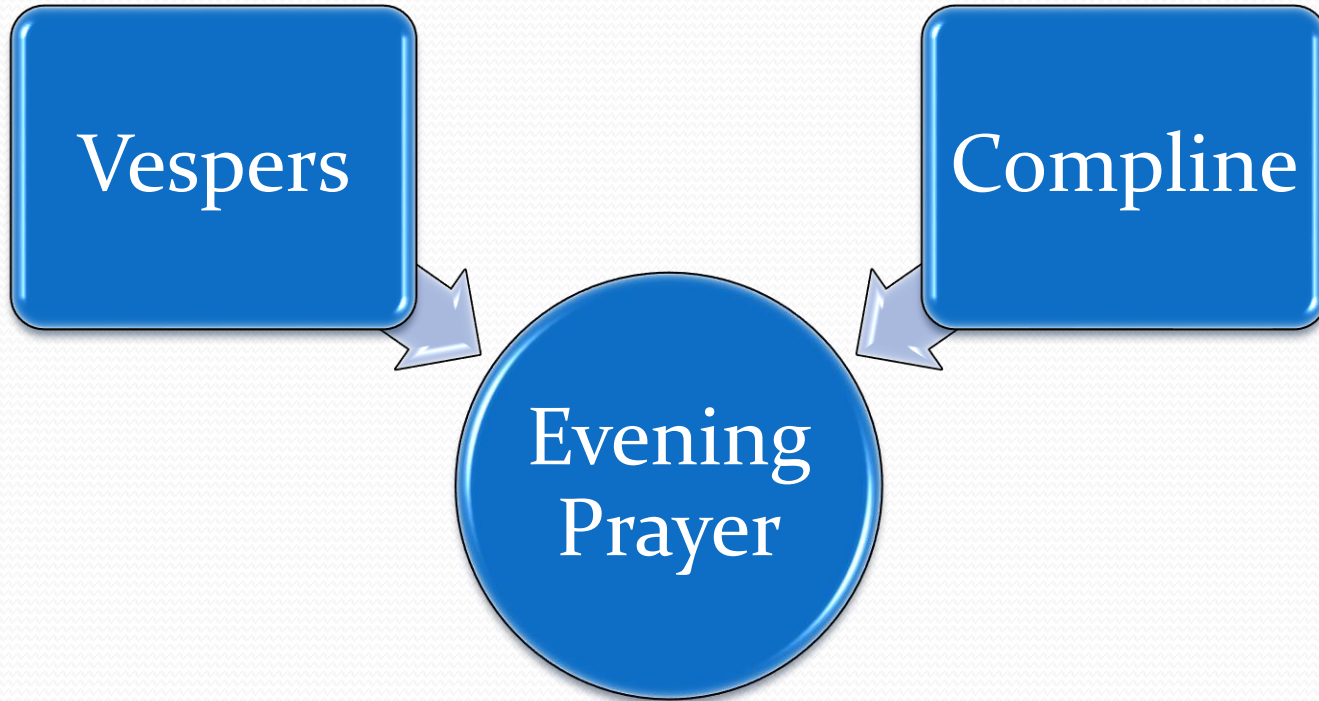
- By the 8th century eight daily prayer services were held every three hours in cathedrals, monasteries and convents

Time	Service	Time	Service
Midnight	Matins	Midday	Sext
3 am	Lauds	3 pm	None
6 am	Prime	6 pm	Vespers
9 am	Tierce	9 pm	Compline

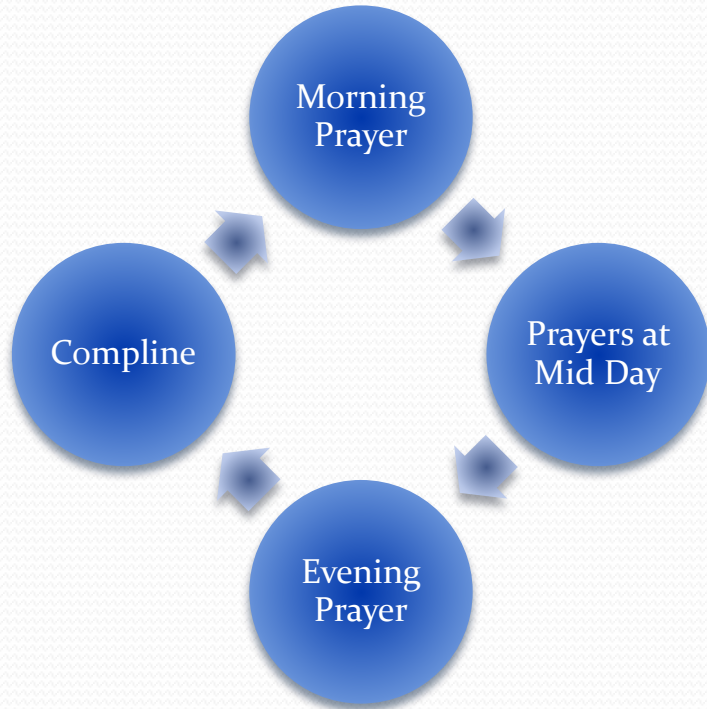
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- Prayers at Midday and Compline reintroduced in the Canadian BCP of 1962
- Compline used when Evening Prayer has been previously said

Daily Office History

- For hundreds of years of Anglican Prayer Book worship Morning Prayer was the main Sunday service
- Communion was infrequent – monthly to quarterly
- Catholic revival of 19th century encouraged weekly communion
- The pattern of alternating Morning Prayer and Communion services on Sunday
- Liturgical reform (BAS) identifies the centrality of Holy Eucharist to Sunday worship
- Patterns of worship in the Anglican Communion have become more Eucharist-focused for Sunday worship

Service Options

- Principal Sunday service
 - Morning or Evening Prayer
 - BAS, BCP, Service of the Word, Trial Rite
- Daily Offices
 - Morning, Mid-day, and Evening Prayer
 - Compline (also called Night Prayer)
 - BAS, BCP, Service of the Word, Trial Rite

Leading Services

- We will concentrate on Morning Prayer used as the principal service on a Sunday
- We will explore the flexibility of the offices used on weekdays or secondary services on Sunday
- We will become familiar with the Burial Office a Layreader may be asked to lead

Preparing for Worship

- Pray
- Determine service and liturgy
- Set the service structure
- Think about movement and actions

Preparing for Worship

- Exercise
 - Name 5 different liturgies you could use for a Principal Service

Preparing for Worship

- Lectionary Exercise
 - Lets look at the results of the lectionary exercise

Final Thoughts on Preparations

- The Wardens for St John the Baptist Anglican Church in Gotham City has asked you to lead the Sunday service on 24 June 2018. Is there anything you might want to ask the Wardens?
- Questions on preparations?



Break

Considerations before the service

Confirm

- Hymns
- Bible Readings
- Offertory practices
- Psalm customs
- Intercessions
- The Lord's Prayer used
- What happens with the Children

Actions

- Collect
- Psalm
- Sermon or Homily
- Listen to the News
- Arrive in Good Time
- Sound System checks

Considerations during the Service

- Vestry Prayer?
- Welcome?
- Attitude
- Focus on the service
- Be Heard
- Simple and clear Instructions
- Advice on introducing hymn numbers
- How to start off a congregational Prayer
- Follow the natural pace of the congregation
- Interruptions
- Service Register

Example Morning Prayer Services

- Use the rubrics
- Consider your options
- Make your notes with your decisions and the questions to ask when you arrive.
- Let's look at sample Morning Prayer services from the BAS and BCP.

BAS Morning Prayer Service

- Pretend you are visiting a different parish than your own...
- Penitential rite appropriate during Lent and other times.
Replaces the opening responses
- Antiphons are not always used
- Invitatory Psalm options include the Psalms and “Christ our Passover” on page 50.
 - How may readings?
 - Where would you put hymns and your homily?
 - How will you structure your intercessions?
- You can't go wrong if the Psalm follows the 1st reading

BAS Morning Prayer Service (2)

- A gradual Hymn usually precedes the Gospel reading, but flexibility exists to skip the hymn or say an appropriate canticle instead
- Chose only one of the options for the affirmation of faith. It is not really optional for the principal service – use your discretion on weekdays.
- When using the BAS Daily Office Lectionary refer to BAS p 450. Three readings are provided for each day. Use two readings for Morning Prayer, one from the OT
- *Gloria Patri* can be said after the Psalm, but many parishes omit it and say the prayer at the end of the Psalm.

BAS Morning Prayer Service (3)

- An offertory hymn fits well before Intercessions
 - How will you receive offerings?
 - Use the Prayer over the gifts in the Sunday Lectionary if there is not a tradition in the parish that differs
- Use the Lord's Prayer version the congregation normally uses
- Concluding hymn before the dismissal
- Some congregations are used to having a blessing pronounced before the end of the service. I like "the grace" said together

BCP Morning Prayer Service

- Read the rubrics; they tell you what to do and if there are options
- Which Lectionary should you use for a weekday service?
 - Three readings Sundays and two weekdays
- Is the Exhortation normally used?
- Lead the absolution kneeling with the congregation or substitute “For Pardon through the Cross” on p. 730 or the Collect for the 21st Sunday after Trinity found on p. 252.
- Confirm the parish hasn’t adapted the liturgy with some “BAS flexibility” to treat the Gospel reading different.

BCP Morning Prayer Service (2)

- Offertory hymn fits well after the creed (not in the rubrics)
- Where would you put hymns and your homily?
- How will you structure your intercessions?
- Will you have the closing Hymn before or after the Grace?

Compline

- Added in the 1962 BCP – Where is it in the BCP
- Service is not new though it may not be familiar
- BCP rubrics- Use after Evening Prayer has already been said
- Intended as the last service of the day
- You may encounter it on retreats where multiple services occur
- The BAS form is available – Where can you find it?
- It is the easiest office to add to your daily prayer life



Break

Burial Office

- Preparation includes meeting with the family
- Bring a service template and understand your options
- Funeral homes have BAS and BCP funeral services in a book for use in Funeral Chapels
- Know the funeral chapel book use it to lead the service
- The Funeral Office has a simple structure

Burial Office

- Questions

Sharing Time

- Any final thoughts on the course
- Questions about the content
- Things to share with others

Summary

- It is easier to lead worship in a familiar setting
- Understand expectations
- Plan your liturgy
- Lead worship with confidence
- It's not about you; it's all about God

Pause & Consider

- What was your key learning
- How could we make this course better

Website Resources

- *Vanderbilt Divinity Library*

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

- Select the Sunday from the left window
- Select Prayer from the right window

The screenshot shows a web browser window displaying the website lectionary.library.vanderbilt.edu. The page title is "the Revised Common LECTIONARY" and it is a service of the Vanderbilt Divinity Library. The main content area shows "TRINITY SUNDAY Year A" for "June 11, 2017". Below this, there is a list of lectionary texts: "Genesis 1:1-2:4a", "2 Corinthians 13:11-13", and "Matthew 28:16-20". The text for "Genesis 1:1-2:4a" is displayed, including verses 1:1 through 1:5. On the right side of the page, there is a sidebar with navigation options: "ART", "PRAYER", "HYMNS", "COLORS", "OTHER VERSIONS", and "DAILY". The "PRAYER" option is circled in red. On the left side of the page, there is a navigation menu with options like "Home", "Year A (2016 - 2017)", "Advent", "Christmas", "Epiphany", "Lent", "Holy Week", "Easter", and "Season after Pentecost". Under "Season after Pentecost", "Trinity Sunday" is selected and circled in red.

Website Resources

- *BAS Online Lectionary*
<https://ww2.anglican.ca/lectionary/>
 - Select the day
 - Press enter
 - Select the appropriate readings for MP, EP or the principal service of Sundays or holy days

Online Lectionary

Home
Feedback
anglican.ca

Online lectionary – Book of Alternative Services

These readings are from the Anglican Church of Canada's adaptation of the Revised Common Lectionary. On Sundays and feast days there is a link to the full readings.

Also available: [Daily BCP readings](#)

Lenten Feria (Violet) OR Robert Machray, First Primate of Canada, 1904 (Corn) (Violet) Eve of Lent 4 (Violet or Rose)
Saturday, March 10th, 2018

Morning Prayer: Ps 87, 90; Gen 47:27–48:7; 1 Cor 10:1–13; Coll 290

Holy Eucharist: As Sunday, except: Hos 5:13–6:6; Ps 51:1–2, 17–20; Lk 18:9–14 OR com Robert Machray: Common of a Pastor 435 or FAS 109; 1 Cor 3:5–11; Ps 26:1–8; Mt 7:24–27; Preface of Lent

Evening Prayer: Ps 131 (131:1–11); Mk 7:1–23; Coll 292 (Eve of Lent 4)

2018-03-11 [show new date](#)

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Other ways you can use this data:

- RSS feeds. Includes readings for today and the upcoming 7 days. [BAS feed](#). [BCP feed](#).
- Download the full liturgical year as a comma separated value (CSV) file. [BAS CSV file](#) (right mouse click to save). [BCP CSV file](#) (right mouse click to save)

Website Resources

- *BCP Online Lectionary*
<https://ww2.anglican.ca/lectionary/lectionary-bcp/>
 - Select the day
 - Press enter
 - Select the appropriate readings for MP or EP

The screenshot shows the website for the Anglican Church of Canada's Online Lectionary. The page title is "Online lectionary – Book of Common Prayer". It features a navigation menu with "Home", "Feedback", and "anglican.ca". The main content area displays the date "2018-03-10" and a "show new date" button, both of which are circled in red. Below this, the text reads "Lenten Feria (Violet) Eve of Lent 4 (Violet or Rose) Saturday, March 10th, 2018". It lists the "Morning Prayer" readings (Invit 4; Ps 50; Ex 22:20–23:17; John 6:41–end; Coll 145, 138) and the "Holy Eucharist" (As Sunday, no Creed or Gloria). At the bottom, there are social media icons for Facebook, Twitter, and Email, along with a "1" indicating the number of items.

Website Resources

- *CofE Daily Prayer App*
Itunes and Google Play
 - It's free
 - It works on smart phones and tablets
 - Select the service
 - MP, EP, or Compline
 - It works on smart phones and tablets
 - Great for personal devotions



Daily Prayer: from the CofE

Aimer Media Books & Reference

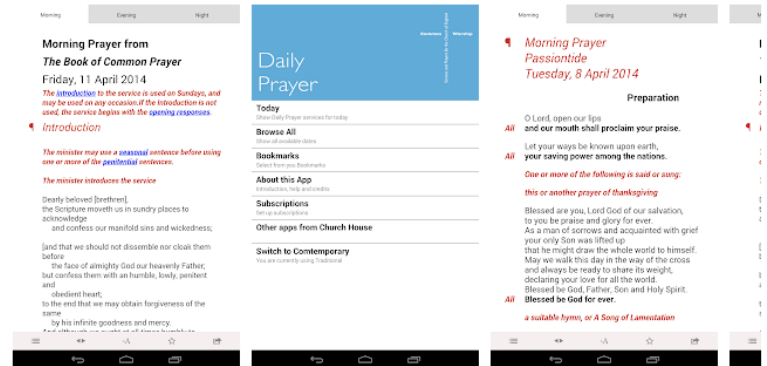
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This app is compatible with all of your devices.

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Find complete services for Morning, Evening and Night Prayer from the Church of England with this

Website Resources

- Liturgical Texts online

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

- BAS & BCP
 - Services of the Word SW₁ & SW₂
 - Night Prayer (Compline)
- Diocese of Fredericton Lay Reader Resources
 - Annotated BAS and BCP Morning and Evening Prayer
 - Annotated BCP Compline
 - Annotated Services of the Word SW₁ & SW₂