



Overview

What is Anglicanism

History

Polity

Theology

Common Prayer

History

- ▶ Ancient - Joseph of Arimathea and the Tin Trade
- ▶ Occasionally occupied by Roman interests
- ▶ Retained a character that was both Catholic and Protestant
 - ▶ Henry the VIII was given defender of the Faith by the Pope
 - ▶ He write the definitive defense against Martin Luther
- ▶ The Anglican Church is a by-product of the Magna Carta

History in America

- ▶ Couldn't have a Church with allegiance to the King we just overthrew
- ▶ The King wouldn't let the English Bishops Ordain
- ▶ American Church received Episcopal Ordination from the Church of Scotland
 - ▶ My enemy's enemy is my friend
- ▶ Affirmation of St. Louis
 - ▶ Retain an Orthodox sacramental Life
 - ▶ Authority of Scripture preserved
 - ▶ Property inalienable rights reserved to the Laity
- ▶ Where we stand with Alphabet soup and TAC

Polity

How the Church Is Run

- ▶ Based on English Common Law rather than Imperial Law
- ▶ Interpretation over definition
 - ▶ Precedent rather than unchangeable
- ▶ Broad spectrum of Worship
- ▶ Based on Reconciliation rather than Condemnation
- ▶ Freedom to address personal situations and moral dilemmas
- ▶ Non- Exclusive and Inclusive

Theology

- ▶ Why the
- ▶ Little “C “
- ▶ is Bigger than the
- ▶ Big “C”

Theology

- ▶ Council of Nicea - Creed What was believed by all people, all time in all places
- ▶ All that is necessary for Salvation in the Bible and Sacraments
 - ▶ Why necessarily “and sacraments”
- ▶ Sacramental Life
- ▶ 2 sacraments and 5 “so called” sacraments
- ▶ 3 Legged Stool and Via Media
 - ▶ Tradition, Reason & Scripture
 - ▶ The Middle Way Not compromise, but Moderate
- ▶ Pieties, Creedal Statements and Traditions
 - ▶ Applied to Infallibility, Immaculate Conception, Real Presence, Ever Virgin, Saints
 - ▶ Personal or group piety rather than catholic belief
 - ▶ Protection from too stringent and too loose interpretations

Common Prayer

- ▶ Responsibility for Prayer is held by the Community
 - ▶ Clergy and people
 - ▶ Common prayer, not lowly but held in Communion
- ▶ Elizabethan Compromise and the 1662
- ▶ Alternative to religious wars on the Continent
- ▶ Thomas Cranmer 2nd to Shakespeare but closest to God
- ▶ Book of Common Prayer as an extension of Scripture 80%+
- ▶ Daily Life and Sacramental Seasons
 - ▶ Morning and Evening Prayer
 - ▶ Birth to death; Advent to Trinity

1928 Book of Common Prayer

- ▶ 1662 of England as the Gold Standard
- ▶ All local BCP's based on it
- ▶ Americanized in the 1928 Prayer Book
- ▶ Biblically based
- ▶ Morally Orthodox
- ▶ Orthodox in language
- ▶ A guard against relative morality and presumption
- ▶ The Basis of Anglican parishes