



OVERVIEW

All Souls exists to be a vibrant expression of who God is—gracious, present, hospitable.

In our shared life together we are seeking to know God more and become more:
— *gracious in Grace Groups*
— *present in Prayer Triads*
— *hospitable in Home Groups.*

In this Grace Group, learn about the Anglican way, which simply put, seeks to follow the way of Jesus with some characteristics and practices that we enjoy and seek to explain in this Grace Group.

RESOURCES

Find more resources for further reading and listening on our website:
[allsoulsseattle.org/
resources/
collections/
anglicanism](https://allsoulsseattle.org/resources/collections/anglicanism)

Welcome + Opening Prayer

Experiencing Anglicanism together: pray Evening Prayer, using [‘The Family Edition’](#) >

Discussion Overview

March 06 - *Anglicanism: Diversity + Unity + Liturgy* Led by R.J. March

March 13 - *Anglicanism: How it Works* Led by Thad Williams

March 20 - *Anglicanism: The Bible + The Role of Women* Led by Andy Pelander

March 27 - *Anglicanism: The Priesthood of All Believers* Led by Kara Barrett

Anglicanism: A History of Living in the Tensions of Unity + Diversity

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The Prayer Book: A Middle Way Created by Communion

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Story: “Finding my way to ‘the Middle Way’”

Discussion + Reflection

- Where do you find yourself on the Compass Rose? How does the opposite end of the compass draw you toward the way of Jesus?
- How have you been impacted by the church’s divisive history? How does the Anglican emphasis on a practice of praying the Bible bring healing? Bring challenges?
- How have you thought of liturgy before coming to All Souls or before this discussion? How is your regard for liturgy developing?
- How could liturgy help you to know the Bible better in a *lived* and *dynamic* way?

Anglicanism: A History of Living in the Tensions of Unity + Diversity

The three streams of Anglicanism go back to the early church. The Anglican church did not simply begin when Henry VIII broke ties with the Pope when he refused to annul his marriage to Catherine of Aragon.

1. *Spirit-Filled:* After Pentecost (Acts 2), the spread of Christianity found its way throughout the Roman Empire to Britain. Because of the early and foundational history of missionaries like St. Augustine and later St. Patrick, along with such martyrs like St Alban, the Holy-Spirit-led translation of Christianity to other cultures became an important part of British Christianity especially as Britain grew in global influence.
2. *Bible-Guided:* Anglicanism is built around the practice of praying through Scripture daily. At the center of Anglican spirituality is the Book of Common Prayer, a book that takes you through the entirety of Scripture by praying through it. The early influence of Celtic monks brought about this emphasis.
3. *Liturgy-Formed:* Because of the catholic influences, Anglican Christianity has not severed its ties with the historic and universal catholic practices of liturgy and the church calendar. The British Church sent delegates to the Council of Nicea in 325 AD, when the Nicene Creed was adopted.

The Prayer Book: A Middle Way Through Communion

