



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 & Rachel Faunce

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: How it Works - Polity & Church Leadership

All Souls within the broader context of Anglican Communion

Roles of Bishop, Priest, Deacon

The Vestry

See the back side of this page.

Connection: Viewing Polity through the Lens of the Compass Rose

How do aspects of the Compass Rose help us think about the diversity and intersections of polity and church leadership?

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Discussion + Reflection

- Given the discussion, how does Anglican polity (structure) line-up with or not with your past church experience? How is that encouraging or challenging?
- In what ways might this Anglican polity lead to spiritual and relational caretaking in the All Souls community and also strengthen the church in carrying out the mission being gracious, present and hospitable?

Anglicanism: How it works?

Excerpt from Simply Anglican:

“ To be an Anglican is to be connected to a local diocese under the spiritual leadership of a diocesan bishop. I often tell people that “to be Anglican is to have a bishop.” In my opinion this is one of the great blessings of Anglican tradition, spiritual authority. To be an Anglican is to be connected to a national province of churches that are related to one another in a geographic region...to be Anglican is to be part of a very large and at times, messy family of Christians scattered throughout the world called the Anglican Communion. Anglicanism truly is a global faith with members in every part of the world. The global nature of the Anglican church reminds us that the church is like a mosaic that is made up of many colors. Today there are many different expressions and types of Anglican churches, and I believe that is a good thing for all of us”

The Vestry

The term comes from the room in a church building where the clergy vested and stored their vestments. This room became the gathering place for elected members of the congregation to gather and hear news and make decisions regarding the life of the community. This group became known as “Vestry”. A vestry is a team of lay leaders in the church who have been identified and elected by the community to use their gifts in service of the church. Vestry helps to call pastors, to develop budgets, and to help define and articulate the mission of the church. Church communities have flexibility to determine the term lengths, structure, and what they call “vestry”.

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