



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*

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

Priesthood as participation in the mission of the Church

The Church as mission-bearing witness to Christ and the coming kingdom of God

Mission as:

- *Evangelism and common witness*
- *Healing and restoration*
- *Social justice and equality*
- *Integrity and flourishing of nature*
- *Reconciliation and peace building*
- *Dialogue and interfaith engagement*

Priesthood as ministers of the Church

The whole community serves as ministers executing the mission of the Church

Priesthood as common calling with various tasks

Not a caste system but a polycentric community model

Discussion + Reflection

- When you hear the phrase “priesthood of all believers” what word or image immediately pops into your head?
- To what extent is the notion of “priesthood of all believers” as participation in a common calling with various tasks similar to or different from how you’ve previously thought of the phrase?
- At the end of each service, we receive a blessing and a charge, “Let us go forth and serve our world as those who love our Lord Jesus Christ.” How do you see or imagine us as a community going out and participating in the mission of the Church—as sign posts of the kingdom of God?

“But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God’s own people, in order that you may proclaim the mighty acts of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light.” - 1 Peter 2:9

“There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is above all and through all and in all.” - Ephesians 4:4-6

“There are different kinds of gifts, but the same Spirit distributes them. There are different kinds of service, but the same Lord. There are different kinds of working, but in all of them and in everyone it is the same God at work. Now to each one the manifestation of the Spirit is given for the common good.” - 1 Corinthians 12:4-6

“For as we have many members in one body, but all the members do not have the same function, so we, being many, are one body in Christ, and individually members of one another. Having then gifts differing according to the grace that is given to us, let us use them: if prophecy, let us prophesy in proportion to our faith; or ministry, let us use it in our ministering; the one who teaches, in teaching; the one who exhorts, in exhortation; the one who gives, with liberality; the one who leads, with diligence; the one who shows mercy with cheerfulness.”

- Romans 12:3-8

