

Syllabus for “Anglican Spirituality”

Diocese of MT’s School for Deacons 2021 Course Information

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Objectives:

- Through prayer, holy habits, and spiritual practices, to grow in Divine Union with God – Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
- Through reading ***Glorious Companions: Five Centuries of Anglican Spirituality***, by Richard H. Schmidt, and ***Praying our Days***, by Frank T. Griswold, Twenty-fifth Presiding Bishop of the Episcopal Church, and other books of your own choosing, as well as actively engaging in class discussions, to develop a soul-nourishing, as well as, academic sense of Anglican Spirituality.
- *Through ⁽¹⁾creating a liturgically sound, spiritually rich Evening Prayer service according to the use of the Episcopal Church – including a complete, prepared ‘worship document’ identifying all participating individuals— as well as ⁽²⁾officiating it & preaching a short homily on the saint or occasion you’ve selected from your assigned month and ⁽³⁾afterward explaining your process & receiving feedback graciously, to become a competent, knowledgeable, effective worship leader.
- Through continuing to enlarge your bibliography of books & journal articles to nurture your diaconal ministry over a life-time.
- Through ⁽¹⁾meeting individually with your Spiritual Director – including revisiting your “Rule of Life” — and ⁽²⁾engaging communally with your classmates in the MT Diocese’s School for Deacons’ “Anglican Spirituality” – including giving your testimony – to deepen and broaden your understanding and experience of Anglican Spirituality as foundational for undergirding **your** diaconal ministry.

Class Methods: *Following check-in, we will engage “Anglican Spirituality:*

- ***First**, students will rotate leading Evening Prayer ‘according to the use of the Episcopal Church.’ Using the ***BCP-1979*** and ***LFF-2018***, with the option of also including ‘Supplemental Liturgical Materials’ from ***EOW1-1998*** and ***GCW-2015***, students will create & email a complete worship program with assigned roles, and students will officiate the service including preaching a brief homily (5 minutes) on the Saint/Occasion selected from their assigned ‘month.’ After the Evening Prayer service, the “officiant” will explain his/her liturgical choices and Deacon School faculty/students will give feedback.
- **Second**, students will read about two (or more) Anglicans in ***GC*** starting in the 15th century and moving toward the 20th century. We will reflect upon the life and spiritual legacy of each designated focus Anglican from ***GC***. We’ll consider if that person is also included in ***LFF*** – 2018 and/or ***GCW***, and what that inclusion/exclusion might signify.
- **Third**, in spiritual direction and in class, students will discuss and reflect upon ***Praying our Days***, and ideally integrate the wisdom of our 25th Presiding Bishop and practice of the Church into their experience and expression of Anglican Spirituality.

- **Fourth**, students will ponder the connection between their Diaconal Call and Anglican Spirituality, and to present their thoughts to the class in their final assignment.

Class Projects:

- ***Evening Prayer Service: Assigned.** Each month a different student will officiate & preach a short homily at that Evening's Prayer Service celebrating a Saint or Occasion from the month assigned.
 - (1) Please create a full-service document assigning roles & email to fellow students by the Thursday before class. Use the *BCP-1979* & *LFF-2018*; as Bishop Marty allows the use of "Supplemental Liturgical Materials" you may use *EOW1* where it is relevant to the ONE Saint/Individual or Occasion you chose from your 'month.'
 - Prepare & deliver a short homily (5 minutes) geared to your fellow diaconal students recognizing this Saint/Occasion.
 - Following Evening Prayer Service, explain thought process in preparing service and receive feedback graciously.
- **Bibliography: 09/30.** The Association for Episcopal Deacons invites deacons diaconal students to "compile a bibliography of books and articles in the areas of Christian spirituality and best practices that empower your spiritual journey and your diaconal ministry." Please email a copy of your Diaconal Bibliography to class members by Thursday, 09/30/2021. Select and highlight, one book & one prof. journal/magazine article you've read that has been life giving to you & might be for others.
- **Rule of Life: 11/04.** In the course of 2021 speak with your Spiritual Director about your Rule of Life and Anglican Spirituality. Drawing from the resources explored in this course (see Books) to other resources recommended by your Spiritual Director / others, consider how you might more intentionally cultivate Anglican Spirituality during Year 2 of your spiritual journey in the **School for Deacons**. Email copies of your YR 2, one-page, shareable Rule of Life Thursday, 11/04/2021. Present your Rule of Life in class November 5th.
- **Testimony: 12/03.** At our final class, 12/3/2021, each student is invited to present for 5-8 minutes on their emerging sense of diaconal call in a larger Anglican context. Students might connect their sense of call to practices and actions identified with notable Anglican people or movements. Your 'audience' is our class, but you might also present to your Diaconal Call Committee at your church.

Books:

Schmidt, Richard H. ***Glorious Companions: Five Centuries of Anglican Spirituality***. © 2002 Wm. B. Eerdmans Publishing Co.

www.eerdmans.com (Amazon kindle \$14+ and used books from \$4+) or

https://smile.amazon.com/Glorious-Companions-Centuries-Anglican-Spirituality/dp/0802822223/ref=sr_1_1?crid=21XJSVI10PLYE&dchild=1&keywords=glorious+companions+five+centuries+of+anglican+spirituality&qid=1611254147&sprex=glorious+companions%2Caps%2C242&sr=8-1

Griswold, Frank T. ***Praying Our Days: A Guide and Companion***. © 2009 Frank T. Griswold. Morehouse Publishing.

www.churchpublishing.org (Given to “Anglican Spirituality” students. Available on Amazon kindle.)

Access to: ***Book of Common Prayer According to the use of The Episcopal Church.***

Enriching our Worship 1: Morning and Evening Prayer; The Great Litany, The Holy Eucharist

- ✓ PDF text <https://www.churchpublishing.org/siteassets/pdf/enriching-our-worship-1/enrichingourworship1.pdf>
- ✓ To purchase <https://www.churchpublishing.org/products/enrichingourworship1> same option for buying LLF & GCW

Lesser Feasts & Fasts - 2018 According to the use of The Episcopal Church. NOTE: may buy book or access PDF.

<https://extranet.generalconvention.org/staff/files/download/21034>

A Great Cloud of Witnesses: An unofficial calendar made available for use in the Episcopal Church (2015)

<https://extranet.generalconvention.org/staff/files/download/19349>

Overall Hopes and Expectations for Year Two, School of Deacon Students in the Diocese of Montana

- All School of Deacons students are encouraged to meet regularly (monthly if possible) with a Spiritual Director.
- All School of Deacons students should be continuing to assemble a bibliography of theological / diaconal books
- All School of Deacons students are encouraged to create a “Daily Rule” articulating spiritual practices, such as reading/praying the Daily Office, which nourish their relationship with the Living God. Ideally, students’ Daily Rule will continue to evolve in response to Years Two and Three – and thereafter continue to deepen and evolve.

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| <p>Meetings mostly 1st Fri. 7-9 pm 2021 <i>Dates, Times, & Location may change</i></p> | <p><i>Glorious Companions, Richard Schmidt (GC)</i> <i>Lesser Feasts & Fasts-2018 (LFF)</i> <i>A Great Cloud of Witnesses (GCW)</i> <i>Praying our Days, Frank Griswold (POD)</i></p> | <p>Check in, Evening Worship, & Anglican Spirituality reading discussion <i>Book of Common Prayer – 1979 (BCP)</i> <i>Enriching Our Worship 1 (EOW1)</i></p> |
| <p><i>Session #1 “February”</i> February 5th Friday 7-9 pm by Zoom</p> | <p>GC read PP. 1-33, <i>focus Thomas Cranmer</i>, ‘Father of the Prayer Book’; determine if Cranmer, Jewel, & Hooker have Feast Days & read if do. Why/why not selected? LFF pp. v-vii & pp. 3-6 What is a Lesser Feast or Fast? POD I & II, pp.1-26 “Lord Teach us to Pray” & begin “Pray without Ceasing” (Lord’s Prayer as both a prayer & a pattern for prayer.)</p> | <p>Worship: [The Rev. Valerie Webster] Evening Prayer* [read/follow * Class Objectives, Methods, & Projects] <u>Reflect upon</u> the influence of Benedictine Monastic Prayer practices on Thomas Cranmer & BCP in particular, and prayer in Anglican Spirituality in general.</p> |
| <p><i>Session #2 “March”</i> February 26th Friday 7-9 pm by Zoom</p> | <p>GC PP. 34-82, <i>focus George Herbert</i>, ‘Poet Parson’; determine if Andrewes, Donne, Herbert, & Taylor have Feast Days & read if do. Why/why not selected? LFF pp. 7-23 How does the LFF Calendar work? POD II, pp.27-54 “Daily Office,” “Before Meals,” “Others.”</p> | <p>Worship: [The Ven. Dorcie Dvarishkis] Evening Prayer* <u>Think about</u> Anglican Cycles of Prayer: daily, seasons of the year, liturgical seasons, & lesser feasts & fasts. What? How? Why?</p> |
| <p><i>Session #3 “April”</i> April 9th Friday 7-9 pm by Zoom</p> | <p>GC PP.83-126, <i>focus William Law</i>, ‘Commando in the Chapel of Ease’; determine if Trahern, Law, Butler, & J. Welsley have Feast Days & read if do. Why/why not selected? LFF skim commemorations January - June POD III “I Have Met You in Your Sacraments” PP. 55-88</p> | <p>Worship: [Jocelyn Snyder] Evening Prayer* <u>Reflect upon</u> Sacredness. For Law ‘the soul is the eternal spark of the divine.’ . . . What are the Sacraments? How does God meet us in the Sacraments?</p> |
| <p><i>Session #4 “May”</i> May 7th Friday 7-9 pm by Zoom</p> | <p>GC pp. 116-173, foci John & Charles Wesley, Anglicans & founders of Methodism; Determine if C. Wesley, Johnson, More, & Simeon have Feast Days & read if do. Why/why not selected? LFF skim commemorations July - December POD IV “I Treasure Your Word in My Heart” PP.89-120</p> | <p>Worship: [Corinne Denegre] Evening Prayer* <u>Reflect upon</u> the Anglican roots of Methodism (then) and the sharing of hands-on ministry w/ our Methodist brothers and sisters today. ... How do we treasure God’s Word in our hearts – prayerfully, practically?</p> |

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| <p><i>June-Aug. Break</i></p> | <p>June 1 – July 17 Community Organizing – Bexley Seabury</p> | <p>August NO Class</p> |
| <p><i>Session #5 "September"</i> September 10th Friday 7-9 pm Location TBA</p> | <p>GC PP. 174-219, focus John Keeble, ‘Herald of Revival’ (also introduction to the Oxford Movement); Determine if Keeble, Maurice, DuBose, & Gore have Feast Days & read if do. Why/why not selected? GCW pp. VII-XIV Introduction To A Great Cloud of Witnesses 2015 POD V “The Communion of Saints,” PP. 121-154</p> | <p>Worship: [Paul Nelson] Evening Prayer*</p> <p>Bibliography: Share document & highlight one book & one prof. journal/magazine article that might be life giving for your classmates too.</p> <p>Reflect on the role of ‘Revival’ in Anglican Spirituality & consider how the Holy Spirit enlivens the Communion of Saints.</p> |
| <p><i>Session #6 "October"</i> October 1st Friday 7-9 pm Location TBA</p> | <p>GC PP. 220-265, focus Vida Dutton Scudder ‘She Dreamt of a New World’; Determine if Scudder, Allen, Underhill, & Temple have Feast Days & read if do. Why/why not selected? GCW Appendix A3-A36 Commons of Saints POD VI ‘My Soul is Athirst for God’ PP. 155-176</p> | <p>Worship: [Hank Tuell] Evening Prayer*</p> <p>Consider: How might being present to the Mystery be connected to doing effective, life-giving social justice work? How do the lives & teachings of the saints inspire and instruct us?</p> |
| <p><i>Session #7 "November"</i> November 5th Friday 7-9 pm Location TBA</p> | <p>GC PP. 266-297, foci C.S. Lewis ‘Mere Christian’ & Verna J. Dozier, ‘Re-envisioning the Laity’; determine if Sayers, Lewis, or Dozier have Feast Days & read if do. Why/why not selected? GWC Appendix A37-62 Various Occasions POD ‘Afterword’ PP. 177-179</p> | <p>Worship: [Alana Cruse] Evening Prayer*</p> <p>Rule of Life: provide documents & talk about your YR 2, one-page, shareable Rule of Life and its impact on your diaconal journey year 2.</p> |
| <p><i>Session #8 "December"</i> December 3rd Friday 7-9 pm Location TBA</p> | <p>GC PP. 298-331, foci Festo Kivengere, ‘World Evangelist,’ and Desmond Tutu, ‘Prophet of Forgiveness’; determine if Kivengere and Tutu have Feast Days & read if do. Why/why not selected? GWC Appendix A63-A77 New Propers for Various Occasions & Additions (& Deletions) ... How might adding new Saints & Occasions enrich Anglican Spirituality? Why might doing challenge some? What might be a middle way? POD ‘Source Notes’ P. 180 & your ongoing Bibliography . . .</p> | <p>Worship: [Rev. Valerie Webster w/ faculty] An Order of Prayer for Evening – Celebrating the Threshold between concluding Benedictine & Anglican Spirituality & Embarking on your Diaconal Ministry Field Experience</p> <p>Testimony: present for 5-8 minutes on your emerging sense of diaconal call in a larger Anglican context. Might connect your sense of call to <u>practices</u> and <u>actions</u> identified with notable Anglican people or movements.</p> |