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Liturgy For Living





Synopsis

"The worship of the Christian community, properly understood and done, leads worshipers to act out in their lives the love of God, which is at the heart of our worship. Worship also provides the power and the sustenance which makes this style of living possible. This Christian style of living, moreover, drives those who are committed to it back to the worship of God, to find forgiveness and strength...When this interdependent relationship is understood, the power of worship is illuminated and the power to live increased." - From the Preface First written in 1979, and out of print for many years, Liturgy For Living remains a classic text in the field of Anglican/Episcopal liturgy. This highly readable overview explores the meaning of worship from a theological, historical, and spiritual perspective. It then examines the history, theology, and meaning of specific Anglican liturgies including: Holy Baptism, Confirmation, the Daily Office, the Holy Eucharist, and the various pastoral offices. An extensive bibliography, and a glossary of liturgical terms are included.

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Customer Reviews

This is a well written book! Easy to read, easy to understand and incredibly well presented. I am really enjoying this book and will use it for years to come. It will become one my reference books.

Using the book in a class on liturgy. Very clear writing on a complicated topic. A explanation of why Episcopalians do what they do in church.

Although this book is somewhat dated (referencing as it does the 1976 Proposed Prayer Book), the material remains quite relevant. It begins with a discussion on the Anglican conception of worship and how this concept relates to the liturgy. After some history, it spends time discussing the seven sacraments, the regular services, and how the rites in the prayer book relate to each. The non-text portion is also quite valuable: the references provide an excellent starting point for a study on liturgy. This is precisely what I wanted from this book, and I got it in a logical form with clear prose. If you're looking for a readable reference on these subjects (and the current Episcopal Church teaching series is too cursory for you), this book is a great choice.

This is an excellent book written on the liturgy of the Episcopal Church. It was originally written shortly before the '79 prayer book was published so Liturgy for Living can function as a great "teaching tool" to learn about the meaning behind the rituals of the Episcopal Church. I highly recommended the book.

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