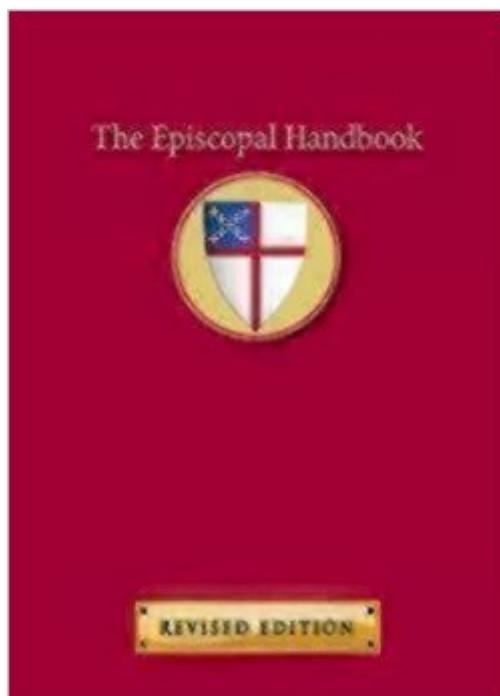


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# The Episcopal Handbook, Revised Edition



## **Synopsis**

"The original Episcopal Handbook, published in 2008, was an instant classic and has been a bestseller ever since. Still providing helpful and insightful information about the Episcopal ethos with a certain amount of whimsy and complete accessibility, this revision maintains the best features of the original work, but adds an update and an expansion on the church today. In addition to updating out-of-date references, the revision highlights Episcopal diversity— including more women and people of color in the biographical material—as well as focusing more on Episcopalians rather than Anglicans. Some new illustrations are included as well. Some material originally presented in tabular form has been adapted into a more accessible narrative format. This includes new sections on church governance, the origins of religious belief, and a capsule summary of church history. The glossary has also been expanded. The goal is to provide a book suitable for a wide range of uses and settings: for Sunday schools, confirmations, inquirer classes—and for everyone from visitors to vestries. The revision brokers an incredible compendium of information in an informal, user-friendly, and accessible format. For lifelong Episcopalians, newcomers, and those wishing to sample and explore the beliefs and organization of the denomination."

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A perfect gift for a new Episcopalian. An Episcopal service is rich with liturgy, ritual and tradition, dating back to Henry VIII. Unless the newcomer has come from a Roman Catholic background, he/she will likely be confused about sitting, standing, kneeling, use of the Book of Common Prayer and the Eucharist. This is indeed a handbook! The author not only explains the Episcopalian

worship service in detail, but provides background information on the whys.

This is an excellent introduction to the Episcopal Church. From understanding the sacrament and ceremony of Baptism to famous Episcopalians from different walks of life. It explains how the church is organized worldwide, a short chronology of the church, how Episcopalians use the three-legged stool, how to tell the season of the year by the color of the altar hangings and vestments, and, of course, settling the question, Is Coffee Hour Really Another Sacrament?

Awesome book that is full of information about the Episcopal Church. But the Episcopal Handbook is in common American English. Yeah! I can understand and recommend to anybody wanting to know more about the Episcopal Church.

This book is great. It is in question format, with wonderful answers. It's written in a light and sometimes humorous way, and I am finding it fun to read while I learn about the religion I have returned to.

I found this really helpful. I was raised in the Episcopal Church, yet I still found many pieces of information in here to be quite helpful and interesting. Highly recommend this for anyone who is involved with or interested in the Episcopal Church!

New and life-long Episcopalians will learn something from this book. I understand this version is toned down from the first, and that was likely a good call. The "How to Survive a..." reference from Y2K is now dated, and I can see where heavy use of it in the original version may have gotten tedious and on the edge of offensive. Besides, this book has enough built-in humor that the "survive" angle isn't needed. It covers a lot of ground, and I found myself reading it cover to cover, in the order presented. A terrific reference book for any Episcopalian's bookcase, and a good introduction to those who are curious about what the Episcopal church could offer them.

Am reading this book for Lent. Will start it on Wednesday, February 10th. I have a very good friend who is Episcopal, I like his church, so wanted to know more about it. I was born into the Methodist church, and besides Baptist, do not know very much about other denominations. I think this is a good starter book, but I plan to delve further. Will keep you posted!!

Pretty funny in parts, kind of "been there done that" in other parts. A great handbook for someone who has visited an Episcopal parish, or who is interested in joining but can't make all the moving parts come together yet. Would be super for a confirmation class.

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