

Intro to Anglicanism



Week 5 Handout
Revised 10/25/22

Outline of topics...

...covered last week...

THE CHRISTIAN SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

WHAT IS BAPTISM?

FAITH NECESSARY

CONVERSION

COMMUNION WITH GOD

WASHING

BAPTISM MARKS US AS NEW CREATIONS

REPENTANCE

BAPTISM MARKS OUR RECEPTION OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

EXCURSUS ON THE "BAPTISM OF THE HOLY SPIRIT"

BAPTISM MARKS OUR INITIATION INTO CHURCH

BAPTISM TEACHES US AND REMINDS US ABOUT OUR NEW LIFE

...being covered tonight...

BAPTISM & INFANTS

INFANT BAPTISM & THE RELATION OF BAPTISM AND FAITH

INFANT BAPTISM & CONFIRMATION

BAPTISM AND INFANT DEATH

WHEN IS INFANT BAPTISM APPROPRIATE?

INFANT BAPTISM FROM A COVENANT THEOLOGY PERSPECTIVE

BAPTISM & INFANTS

CHRISTIAN DIVISION

SCRIPTURE NEITHER COMMANDS NOR FORBIDS INFANT BAPTISM

STRONG EVIDENCE APOSTLES PERFORMED INFANT BAPTISM

*'At the same hour of the night (the jailer) took them and washed their wounds; then he and his entire family were baptized without delay.
- Acts 16:33*

INFANT BAPTISM & THE RELATION OF BAPTISM AND FAITH

"Can infants have faith?"

YES & NO

NO: NOT FULL FAITH: INFANTS CANNOT ACKNOWLEDGE THE TRUTH OF GOSPEL & PROCLAIM JESUS AS LORD

YES: INFANTS CAN BELONG TO CHRIST & RELATE TO HIM THROUGH LIFE IN THE CHURCH

Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me, and do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of heaven belongs." - Matthew 19:14

INFANT BAPTISM & CONFIRMATION

OPPOSITION ROOTED IN CONCERN OVER INDISCRIMINATE INFANT BAPTISMS

BAPTISM AND INFANT DEATH

FEAR OF INFANT DAMNATION CAN BE TRACED TO ST. AUGUSTINE

"...let no one promise for the case of unbaptized infants some middle place, as it were, between damnation and the kingdom of heaven, of rest and happiness... for this is what the heresy of Pelagius promises them" -St Augustine

INFANT DAMNATION INCONSISTENT WITH SCRIPTURAL WITNESS

"Everyone therefore who acknowledges me before others, I also will acknowledge before my Father in heaven; but whoever denies me before others, I also will deny before my Father in heaven." - Matthew 10:32-33

“When is infant baptism appropriate?”

INFANT BAPTISM IS APPROPRIATE WHEN THERE IS A REASONABLE EXPECTATION OF ACTIVE LIFE IN THE CHURCH

INFANT BAPTISM FROM A COVENANT THEOLOGY PERSPECTIVE

"Baptism isn't primarily a way for us to show our faith and devotion. As with worship more generally, God is the agent here. Baptism is a sacrament precisely because it is a means of grace, a way that God's gracious initiative marks and seals us. It is the sign that God is a covenant-keeping Lord who fulfills his promises even when we don't. This is why, since the time of the early church, households have been baptized (Acts 16:33, 1cor 1:16), and it is why, historically in 'catholic' Christianity, believing parents present their children for baptism. Baptism is not a bottom-up expression of our faith but a top-down symbol of God's gracious promises. He chose us before we could believe; he loves before we even know how. Baptism signals our initiation into a people..." -James K.A. Smith

THE BAPTISMAL RITE (*BCP p. 161ff*)

VOWS: RENUNCIATIONS & AFFIRMATIONS (*p. 164*)

CORPORATE AFFIRMATION (*p. 165*)

SEALED WITH OIL OF CHRISM (*p. 169*)¹



¹ There are 3 holy oils regularly used in the life of the Church: Oil of Chrism, Oil for Catechumens, Oil for the Sick; each have a unique recipe combining olive oil and balsam. These oils are typically stored in the ambry. Only Bishops have the right to consecrate the chrism, as was stated at the Second Council of Carthage (390 AD). This is done each year at the Mass of Chrism, traditionally

OTHER SACRAMENTS

SACRAMENT: “An outward and visible sign of an inward and spiritual grace.”

CONFIRMATION (2019 BCP p. 175ff)

MINISTER OF CONFIRMATION: BISHOP

RATIFYING INFANT BAPTISM

EMPOWERMENT FOR HOLY LIVING AND MINISTRY

...we shall become mature people, reaching to the very height of Christ's full stature. Then we shall no longer be children, carried by the waves and blown about by every shifting wind of the teaching of deceitful people, who lead others into error by the tricks they invent. Instead, by speaking the truth in a spirit of love, we must grow up in every way to Christ, who is the head. - Ephesians 4:13-15

*The apostles in Jerusalem heard that the people of Samaria had received the word of God, so they sent Peter and John to them. When they arrived, they prayed for the believers that they might receive the Holy Spirit. For the Holy Spirit had not yet come down on any of them; they had only been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. Then Peter and John placed their hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.
- Acts 8:14-17*

COMMISSIONING INTO CHRISTIAN SERVICE

Question: If I was baptized as an adult in another tradition, should I be confirmed?

YES!

SUBMITTING UNDER AUTHORITY OF BISHOP

ESSENTIALLY HOW ONE BECOMES ANGLICAN

REQUIREMENT FOR CONGREGATIONAL LEADERSHIP ROLES

BEFORE CONFIRMATION:

RECIPIENT OF CONFIRMATION - BAPTIZED & INSTRUCTED IN FAITH

HAVE YOU ACCEPTED JESUS CHRIST AS YOUR SAVIOR & LORD?

ASK THE HOLY SPIRIT TO FILL YOU

CANDIDATES WILL KNEEL IN FRONT OF THE BISHOP (BCP p. 178), WHO WILL ANOINT THEM WITH OIL FOR CATECHUMENS & PRAY OVER THEM

RECEPTION (BCP p. 179)

Question: If my understanding of my faith and commitment to the Lord has increased significantly since I was confirmed, is there anything left for me to do?

REAFFIRMATION OF BAPTISMAL VOWS (BCP p. 179)



HOMEWORK FOR THOSE SEEKING CONFIRMATION, RECEPTION, OR REAFFIRMATION OF BAPTISMAL VOWS:

1. Review confirmation rite (BCP 175-180) and bring any questions
2. Speak with Fr John to notify him about our intention or confirm with him
3. Begin writing Spiritual Autobiography for Bp Menees (according to the guidelines below), due 2 weeks before the Confirmation service

Guidelines for Writing a Spiritual Autobiography for Confirmands, Receptions, and Reaffirmations in the Diocese of San Joaquin

The Bishop's usual practice is to try and meet in person with candidates for Confirmation, Reception, or Reaffirmation prior to the laying on of hands service, in order to hear from them – in their own words – the story of their faith thus far and why they want to take this step in their faith. However, from time to time and in certain years, this type of one-on-one meeting will not be possible.

In order to be certain that the Bishop is still able to get to know the candidates, he requires that each candidate write a brief spiritual autobiography, with the help of their sponsors and/or clergy. The following are some minimum guidelines (not exhaustive) for the types of information a spiritual autobiography of this sort should provide:

- What is your faith background? Did you grow up in a Christian home environment, some other faith, or with no faith at all?
- When did you begin your relationship with Jesus? Has it been ongoing since your baptism as an infant, or were you older?
- What impact has following Jesus had on your life? What role has your faith played in your day-to-day activities, whether school, work, or social/recreational?
- What do you think Confirmation is, and why is being Confirmed/Received or Reaffirming your faith something you want to do right now
- What does being an Anglican mean to you?
- Do you believe the Nicene Creed? Why is it important?



CHURCH ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE

ANGLICANISM HAS A SYNODICAL, NOT PAPAL MODEL

THE BUCK STOPS WITH EACH DIOCESAN BISHOP

BISHOPS ARE HELD ACCOUNTABLE BY FELLOW BISHOPS

ARCHBISHOPS HAVE LIMITED AUTHORITY BEYOND SIMPLY BEING THE CHAIR OF A PROVINCE'S BISHOPS AND REPRESENTING THEIR COLLECTIVE DECISIONS

Congregations²

The governing documents of a congregation are the bylaws (a copy is available upon request).



Saint Matthias Anglican Church

www.saintmatthiasoakdale.com

The founding of St. Matthias in Oakdale dates back to 1884. It was officially recognized by the Episcopal Diocese of California in 1887. In those early years, services were held in various locations, including the back of a saloon and was initially served by The Rev D.O. Parker who would walk from Sonora. A permanent home was built in 1905 and consecrated by Bishop Nichols in 1907. For a history of the parish put together in celebration of its centennial history in 1987, visit www.saintmatthiasoakdale.com/centennialhistory

PARISH - a congregation in union with the Diocese	Rector	The priest who is responsible for the conduct of worship and the spiritual jurisdiction of the Parish. President of the Vestry.	Elected by Vestry. Installed by Bishop (BCP p. 515). Currently Fr John Roberts
	Vestry	Manages the material affairs of the Parish. A minimum of 5 lay members + the Rector.	Confirmed Communicants in good standing*, elected by People at Annual Meeting (in January), approved by Bishop.
	Senior Warden	Supports and advocates on behalf of Rector. President of Vestry in absence of Rector.	Vestry Member appointed each year by the Rector Currently Barbara Cortese
	Junior Warden	Advocates on behalf of Laypeople. Often also manages the buildings and grounds.	Vestry Member elected each year by the Vestry Currently Russell Crooker
	Clerk (Secretary)	An officer not required to be a member of the vestry.	Elected each year by the Vestry Currently Eva Mauch
	Treasurer	An officer not required to be a member of the vestry.	Elected each year by the Vestry Currently Traci Yazembiak
CATHEDRAL - official Church of the Diocesan Bishop	Bishop	Chief Pastor of the Cathedral. President of the Chapter. Nominates Dean.	
	Dean	Resident Clergyman at the Cathedral. The cure of souls for the Cathedral Congregation.	Nominated by Bishop and elected by the Chapter
	Chapter	Manages the material affairs of the Cathedral. Elects Dean from Bishop's nomination.	Bishop + Dean + Diocesan Chancellor + 12 lay members
<i>The Diocese of San Joaquin, unusually, does not have a Cathedral at this time. The former Cathedral congregation, St James, merged this past year with the Hispanic congregation, Our Lady of Guadalupe, to form Emmanuel Anglican Church, but they do not have their own property at this time.</i>			

² Prior to 2018, there was a distinction in the Diocese of San Joaquin between Parishes and Missions, with parishes being able to self-support, including a full time priest, and missions being unable to do so. Now that this distinction is dissolved, all congregations function as parishes and use "parish terminology" whether they can afford a full-time clergy person or not. Under the previous model, the rector of a Mission was the Bishop, if there was a priest in charge, they were called a "vicar", the Vestry was called a "Bishop's Committee", and the Sr Warden was called a "Bishop's Warden".

Deanery

A deanery is a group of parishes and/or missions within the Diocese	There are four Deaneries in the Diocese of San Joaquin ³	St Matthias is in the Northern Deanery. There is also the Central, Southern, and East-West
Rural Dean	President of Rural Deanery Meetings	Fr John Roberts is Dean of the Northern Deanery

Diocese

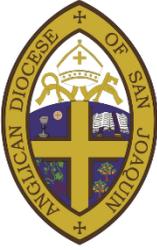


The governing documents of a Diocese are the constitution and canons, available for download at the links below:

Constitution: www.dioceseofsanjoaquin.net/uploads/1/9/3/7/19374831/approved_constitution_2019.pdf

Diocesan Canons: www.dioceseofsanjoaquin.net/uploads/1/9/3/7/19374831/approved_canons_2019.pdf

Ecclesiastical Court Rules: www.dioceseofsanjoaquin.net/uploads/1/9/3/7/19374831/adsj_trial_court_rules_2014_1.pdf

 <p style="text-align: center;">THE ANGLICAN DIOCESE OF SAN JOAQUIN www.dioceseofsanjoaquin.net</p>		
<p><i>The Diocese of San Joaquin began as a missionary district of the Episcopal Church USA in 1911. It became a Diocese of the Episcopal Church in 1961. It disaffiliated from the Episcopal Church in 2008 and was one of the founding Dioceses of the Anglican Church in North America in 2009.</i></p>		
Diocesan Bishop	Ecclesiastical Authority of the Diocese. Chief Pastor of the Diocese.	Elected by Diocesan Convention. Approved by ACNA College of Bishops. Currently Bishop Eric Menees
Diocesan Convention	Approves and adopts Diocesan Budget. Elects members of Diocesan Council & Standing Committee, & Delegates to Provincial Synod. Meets at end of October or by Special Meeting. Elects Bishop.	Qualified Bishops, Priest, Deacons + Delegates from each Congregation (# of Delegates determined by congregation size) St Matthias' 2022 delegates: Linda Reiff & Karen Roberts, elected at 2022 Annual Meeting
Standing Committee	Carries out the instructions of Convention. Proposes Budget to Convention. Ecclesiastical Authority of the Diocese if Bishop unable to serve.	4 Clergy + 4 Laypersons (1 Clergy and 1 Lay elected by each Deanery) Fr Luke Childs just elected to 4 year term as clergy rep for Northern Deanery
Ecclesiastical Trial Court	Commence a presentment proceeding when a member of the clergy is served with Articles of Presentment that they are in violation of Church Canons	4 clergy & 3 adult lay communicants in good standing; appointed by the Diocesan Bishop
Commission on Ministry	Advises the Bishop concerning the guidance, pastoral care and continuing education of Candidates and Postulants for Holy Orders.	4 Clergy + 4 Laypersons; appointed by the Diocesan Bishop St Matthias' Bobbie Pagano is completing a term on C.O.M.
<p>St Matthias gives 10% of the offerings it receives to the Diocese.⁴</p>		

³ Until a few years ago, there were six deaneries: the Delta, Yosemite, Fresno, Sequoia, Kern, Sierra. St Matthias was in the Yosemite Deanery. Fr Jim Stout served as Dean of Delta for many years.

⁴ Historically this was referred to as the Assessment, and under the previous bishop the amount congregations in the diocese were required to give went as high as 17-18%. When Bishop Menees was consecrated in 2011, he reduced this to 10%.

Province

The governing documents of the ACNA are the Constitution and Canons, available for download at <https://www.dioceseofsanjoaquin.net/uploads/1/9/3/7/19374831/current-c-and-c-2019.pdf>



ANGLICAN CHURCH OF NORTH AMERICA

www.anglicanchurch.net

Current Dioceses in the ACNA are as follows: All Saints, Carolinas, Cascadia, Central States, Christ Our Hope, Churches for the Sake of Others (C4SO), Fort Worth, Great Lakes, Gulf Atlantic, International, Jurisdiction of Armed Forces and Chaplaincy (J AFC), Living Word, Mid-America*, Mid-Atlantic, Mid-Atlantic, REC*, Network in Canada (ANIC), New England, Pittsburgh, Quincy, Rocky Mountains, San Joaquin, South, South Carolina, Southeast*, Southwest, Upper Midwest. Western Anglicans, Western Gulf Coast

*Reformed Episcopal Church Dioceses

^Wellspring Anglican Church in Modesto is in the Diocese of the Rocky Mountains

Each diocese shares in the governance of the Province's four structures (below):

Provincial Council	The Council meets every year to hear ministry updates from around the Church, consider changes to the Constitution and Canons that might be referred on to the Assembly, elect members to the Executive Committee, and to pass the provincial budget. Comprised of 120-240 Members	Each Diocese: The Bishop + 1 Clergyperson + 2 lay persons from every Diocese.
Provincial Assembly	Meets every 3-5 years. Deliberates on any manner of the faith and mission of the Church and makes recommendations to the Provincial Council on such matters. Ratifies changes to the Provincial Constitution and Canons. Comprised of 250-300 Members, with the number of delegates being proportional to the numerical size of each diocese.	Made up of lay and clergy representatives from each diocese.
College of Bishops	Meets biannually (January & June). Chief work: the propagation and defense of the Faith and Order of the Church. Elects the Archbishop. Must approve Bishop elected by a Diocese or choose between a pool of candidates a Diocese puts forth (uncommon). Comprised of approximately 50 members (all bishops).	Every ACNA Bishop
Executive Committee	Serves as a board of directors, meeting monthly to oversee the business of the Province. Prepares budget and oversees the administration of the church in between Provincial Council meetings. Currently includes two lay members from the Diocese of San Joaquin: Dr. Bill Atwood (Christ Church Oakhurst) & Catechist Elizabeth Conkle	The Archbishop + 12 members elected by the Provincial Council (6 clergy & 6 lay)
Provincial Court	Responds to official charges of presentment made against a bishop.	see current membership here: https://anglicanchurch.net/wp-content/uploads/2021/07/ACNA-Provincial-Court-Membership-2021.pdf
Archbishop (Primate)	Presiding Officer of the Church	The Archbishop will be elected by the College of Bishops from among the College of Bishops. Five year term (maximum 2 terms). Currently The Most Rev Foley Beach, second term ends in 2024
Provincial Deans	Archbishop is assisted in the administration of the Province by four deans (appointed by him), each with a unique focus.	Bishop Ray Sutton is the canonical Dean of the Province and also oversees ecumenical relationships, Bishop John Guernsey oversees provincial affairs, Bishop Bill Atwood oversees international relationships, and Bishop Terrell Glenn oversees the life of the College of Bishops.

[The Diocese of San Joaquin gives 10% of the money it receives from its congregations to the ACNA.](#)

Full infographic available here: <https://anglicanchurch.net/wp-content/uploads/2020/05/Structure-ACNA.pdf>

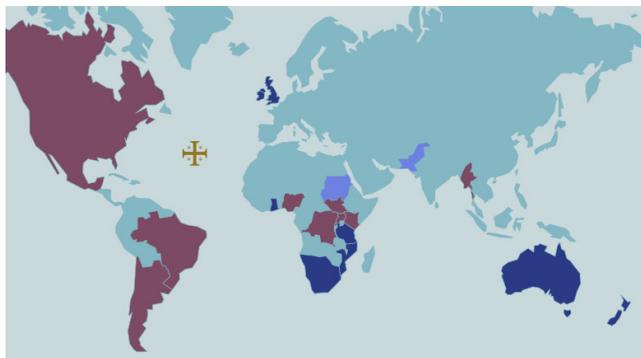
Communion



Global Fellowship of Confessing Anglicans

There are some 85 million Christians in the worldwide Anglican Communion spread across 40 regional churches, known as Provinces. Gafcon is a global movement within the Communion which represents the majority of all Anglicans.

The Anglican Communion is in a time of reformation. In 2008, the Global Fellowship of Confessing Anglicans (GAFCON), which represents the majority of the world's Anglicans, called for the creation of a new provincial home in North America for orthodox Anglicans and, in response, the Anglican Church in North America was established in 2009. The Anglican Church in North America is in full communion with the GAFCON Provinces of Brazil, Chile, Congo, Kenya, Myanmar, Nigeria, Rwanda, , South America, South Sudan, & Uganda. This recognition continues to grow in momentum with the Anglican Church in North America being made a full partner province of the Global South, an official structure of the Anglican Communion. In addition, there are branches of GAFCON in Australia, the UK, Ghana (Sunyani), Ireland, & Tanzania.



www.gafcon.org

To learn about the present state of the unique relationship between the Church of England and the State in the United Kingdom, visit a document drafted on the subject by Fr John & (now) Fr Luke in 2019 at www.saintmatthiasoakdale.com/coeandstate



CELEBRATION AND BLESSING OF A MARRIAGE (BCP p. 201)

MARRIAGE BETWEEN A MAN AND A WOMAN REFLECTS THE LOVE CHRIST HAS FOR HIS CHURCH

DIOCESAN CANON ON MARRIAGE

Sacrament of Marriage (a) The Sacrament of Holy Matrimony is a lifelong covenant between a man and a woman in which the two become one flesh. It is both an ordinance of Creation, affirmed as such by our Lord, and also a sign of the mystical union between Christ and His Church, as commended by Saint Paul. (b) All members of the clergy of this Diocese are prohibited from solemnizing or blessing any union or intimate personal relationship other than between one man and one woman in Holy Matrimony (c) No church facility may be used to solemnize, bless, or celebrate any union or intimate personal relationship other than Holy Matrimony between one man and one woman. (d) All members of the clergy of this Diocese may refuse to solemnize the marriage of any couple for any reason. (ADSJ Canons, Sec. 31.03)

BLESSING OF A CIVIL MARRIAGE

REMARRIAGE IN THE ACNA - REQUIRES APPROVAL OF DIOCESAN BISHOP

RECONCILIATION OF THE PENITENT (CONFESSION) (BCP p. 223)

So then, confess your sins to one another... - James 5:16

MINISTER: BISHOP OR PRIEST

NOT REQUIRED, BUT A GIFT

FORESHADOWS THE LAST JUDGMENT

NO (ROMAN CATHOLIC) DISTINCTIONS BETWEEN SIN (MORTAL VS VENIAL)

THE SEAL OF THE CONFESSIONAL - the absolute obligation of the confessor not to reveal anything said by a penitent using the Sacrament of Penance. To do so is a violation of canon law.

DIOCESAN CANON ON THE SEAL OF THE CONFESSIONAL

The sacramental seal of confession is inviolable. There are never any circumstances whatsoever in which communications between a penitent and a confessor, made under the sacramental seal, may be disclosed by the confessor in any manner, directly or indirectly, to any third party, not even to a third party that purports to act under ecclesiastical or legal authority. (c) A confessor is completely prohibited from using knowledge acquired during confession to the detriment of the penitent, even when any possibility of revelation is excluded. A person who has been placed in authority cannot use knowledge about sins which he has received in confession in any manner for external governance. (ADSJ Canons, Sec. 31.02 b-c)

APPOINTMENTS FOR CONFESSION MAY BE MADE WITH PRIESTS OR BISHOP

- Download a guide for making confession to a priest at www.saintmatthiasoakdale.com/confession-guide
- Any priest at St Matthias is available for this by appointment.

ANOINTING / UNCTION (BCP p. 225 (+237))

Are any among you sick? They should send for the church elders, who will pray for them and rub olive oil on them in the name of the Lord. - James 5:14

“RITES OF HEALING”: THREE SACRAMENTS RESPOND TO ILLNESS: UNCTION, COMMUNION, CONFESSION

OIL STOCK

HOLY COMMUNION TAKEN TO THE INFIRMED (BCP p. 227)

ANOINTING FOR HEALING (BCP p. 225)

ANOINTING AT THE TIME OF DEATH (BCP p. 237)

MINISTRY TO THE DYING, ALSO CALLED “LAST RITES”

DOES NOT PRECLUDE MIRACULOUS HEALING

OTHER BCP MISCELLANY

BURIAL (BCP p. 249)

NOT A SACRAMENT