

Why Do We Do That?

Our Anglican liturgy is steeped in rich history and meaningful traditions. No wonder, then, that the Anglican Communion is the third largest body of Christians in the world and the largest Protestant denomination. It's also one of the fastest growing churches spreading like wildfire across the globe. Every month, we'll unpack some of what we do and why. Let's begin with an overview.

Overview

Our Anglican liturgy has its roots in the Old Testament, New Testament, and the early Church. It has been adapted throughout generations, but its basic form has remained the same since the days of the Apostles. From the beginning, the liturgy has been designed to express the beauty of God and the important role of Christians in worship. We gather to worship God through song, prayer, responsive reading, reflection, and celebrations of the Eucharist.

The Procession

During the opening song or hymn, a cross is carried into the sanctuary down the main aisle to symbolize the entrance of God's people into the presence of God through Christ. More next month.

Opening Hymn

The songs at the beginning of the service are intended to help us proclaim the glory and majesty of God in a spirit of joy and wonder.

Prayer for Purity

"Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open..." This prayer prepares us to enter into true worship acknowledging our need for cleansing and the role of the Holy Spirit in worship.

Collect

The Collect is a prayer that "collects" the church around a central prayer, usually following the themes in the readings and sermon.

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