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# Prayer Book And Hymnal



## Synopsis

This is the standard Book of Common Prayer (BCP) and Administration of the Sacraments and Other Rites and Ceremonies of the Church together with The Psalter or Psalms of David according to use in the Episcopal Church in the United States authorized in 1979. Included is the normative edition of The Hymnal 1982 for all who sing, choir and congregation alike, containing all hymns and service music. Genuine leather, gold edges, ribbon markers, gift box.

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## Customer Reviews

For Episcopalians who don't want to struggle with two separate books, this is for you. I grew up in the Lutheran tradition, and our service book and hymnal were combined. My first foray into the Episcopal church left me confused and frustrated. I don't know why this is not a standard combination in the Episcopal church. This is a replacement for one I had carried for nearly 20 years. The leather cover feels better, more robust than the one I had.

I came to the Episcopal church from the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) which always published its hymnal and liturgies in one volume. And, our church made it even easier by printing the entire service, except for the hymns, in the bulletin. That way, you only needed the bulletin and the book of worship. In the Episcopal church, there is an understanding that you must juggle books in order to keep up. You need the latest version of the hoary old "The Book of Common Prayer" plus the hymnal plus the bulletin. And if a special communion service is used,

that's a fourth source you need to follow. It makes one inclined to throw up your hands and simply mouth everything, except those you already know by heart. This volume puts you on a parity with the Lutherans and other denominations who put everything in one book. There are a few bonuses. The paper is onionskin, and the book is still thick; however the printing is a very good size. No need for those with old eyes to bring a magnifying glass. The book has six sewn-in bookmark ribbons, which should be enough for almost all services. Our old Lutheran worship book had four, and that was often not enough. Best of all, the pagination for the Book of Common Prayer is identical to the pagination found in the latest edition of the separate volume. So, when page numbers are announced or read in the bulletin, they will match the page number in this volume.

My church uses a printed bulletin for the service I attend. The bulletin has all the parts of the BCP applicable to the service, including text of the lessons and Gospel. When we did the Great Litany, our Verger came by my pew when my husband and I were lost, and whispered the page numbers so we could follow along. After the service, we talked about the value of using the actual prayer book rather than a bulletin. For the next couple of services, I used the pew BCP and felt so much more connected to the service. I bought this book for myself as an early Confirmation gift, and used it for the first time yesterday. I had a deeper experience of the liturgy and felt God's presence so much more with this book than if I had used the bulletin. And I loved not having to use two books. I highly recommend this to anyone who wants to deepen their experience of the Episcopal liturgy. The book is high quality, and seems that it will last many years. The pages are a bit thin, but once the book has been used for a while and the pages stop sticking together due to the gold on the page edges, I don't think it will be a problem at all (and it didn't bother me much to begin with). Highly recommended.

This is the standard 1979 BCP/hymnal combination, which is very handy for Sunday mornings and nearly indispensable for anyone who leads worship in an Episcopal or Anglican church. However, I am a priest in a diocese that has not adopted the Revised Common Lectionary, which Church Publishing is now printing instead of the original 1979 lectionary in all of its BCP's. I know several dioceses across the country, conservative and liberal alike have decided not to adopt the RCL. So buyer beware; if your diocese uses the RCL, this will work great for you. If not, you'll have to look elsewhere for your Sunday lectionary readings.

Just as you would expect. You will have to be careful to remove the ribbons from the pages as they

seem to be glues. Seal the ribbon ends will clean finger nail polist to keep them from unraveling.

Saves shuffling about under the pews looking for a BCP or a hymnal. Highest quality binding. Much more reasonable price than Church Publishing's. Just hope General Convention doesn't make any changes any time soon. Heartily recommend to all Episcopalians.

The BCP/Hymnal combination is a wonderful tool not only for worship leaders, but for anyone who wants to worship in the Episcopal tradition without the traditional juggling of books. has by far the best price anywhere for the book. This would be an excellent gift for confirmations, baptisms (of older children or adults) choir members, or just about any Episcopalian.

this is a very convenient book for an episcopal choir member; i'm glad i bought it. the extremely thin paper can be difficult to turn, however, so i mark each hymn (before the service) with a stick-on tag :)

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