

Episcopalian 101: July 23 (notes)

Anglican Identity & the Christian Life: The Sacraments of Baptism & Eucharist

1. Opening Prayer – BCP 254 (*at Confirmation*)
2. Review: What does *Episcopal* mean? Biblical – *Episcopos* – overseer – Timothy 3:1 (“Who ever aspires to the office of bishop (overseer) desires a noble task.”)
3. Last Week: Scripture, Tradition, and Reason from Westerhoff...a bit more now
 - a. **Traditional/Creedal:**
 - i. Father, Son, and Holy Spirit
 - ii. One, Holy, Catholic, Apostolic
 - b. **Reason-able**/Intellectual: God gave us minds, and we use them
 - c. **Liturgical:** Common Worship over Common Belief
 - i. Liturgy: *the work of the people*
 - ii. Praying shapes believing – if you want to know about us, pray with us—our beliefs are in our prayers
 1. with us, it’s about doing the same thing in worship, over believing the same thing, person to person.
 2. Practice not theory – *Baptismal Covenant*
 - iii. Book of Common Prayer—Common (*not ordinary, but in common*)
4. Incarnation: body, earth, pleasure are fundamentally good; The Word became flesh and dwelled among us, Bread and Wine and oblations...(more in a minute)
5. Sacraments: outward and visible signs...given by Christ as sure and certain means by which we receive that grace.” BCP 857
 - a. Grace=undeserved and unearned, given before we respond
 - b. Today, more on Baptism and Eucharist
 - i. recently preached on baptism and vows—a recap
 - ii. Baptism—common thread across denominations
6. Baptism:
 - a. See Catechism, BCP 858
 - b. Defined a bit, BCP 298 —
 - i. Full initiation by Water and the Holy Spirit
 - ii. bond indissoluble
 - iii. Renunciations (302)
 - iv. Baptismal Covenant/Vows (304)
 - v. Thanksgiving over Water
 - vi. confirmation is adult proclamation of Baptism
7. Eucharist:
 - a. Defined a Bit--BCP 859
 - b. Real Presence over Transubstantiation
 - c. Biblical prerogative
 - i. 1 Corinthians
 - ii. Gospels and Last Supper
 - iii. Resurrection appearances
 - iv. John 6 (upcoming in big chunks)