

Episcopalian 101: The Book of Common Prayer (August 6 overview)

History: Versions of the Book of Common Prayer

1. 1549
 - a. Under Edward VI
 - b. Thomas Cranmer—mastermind, but not sole author
2. 1552
 - a. again, under Edward VI
 - b. Thomas Cranmer (again) a more Protestant edition than the first
3. 1559
 - a. Under Elizabeth I
 - b. revisions of 1549 and 1552
4. 1604
 - a. Under James I (after the Hampton Court Conference)
 - b. also the time of the King James Bible
 - c. some “Presbyterian” revisions (presbyter, not priest; thanksgiving for the departed restored)
5. *[1645—The Prayer Book is outlawed by Puritans, who have taken over Parliament. Oliver Cromwell and, later, his son Richard)*
6. 1662
 - a. Under Charles II, the prayer book is restored
7. 1789 American Version(s)
 - a. After the revolutionary War and separation from England
8. 1892
9. 1928
10. 1979
11. 20??
 - A Walk through the BCP