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## *Confirmation through Advent Anglican* Confirmation Course Kick-off

### **Opening Question**

Why are you here? Why are you interested in Confirmation?

### **What is Confirmation?**

Bp. Ken Ross: Confirmation is like “lay ordination.”

Fr. Aaron: Confirmation is like “membership in the Anglican Communion.”

Fr. Thomas McKenzie in *The Anglican Way*:

“Confirmation is a rite performed by a bishop in which a person reaffirms the baptismal commitment to Christ, is blessed by the Holy Spirit, and is noted as an official member of the Anglican Church.”

### **Course Goals**

Our goal in this course is not to teach you everything about everything Anglican. Our goal in this course is to make sure you’ve heard a little *something* about *nearly everything* Anglican. You should walk away feeling there is yet much more to learn but nothing that will shock or surprise you. If we do our job well, you will feel sufficiently prepared to become a member of the Anglican Communion through Confirmation.

### **Text Book**

Our text book for this course will be Thomas McKenzie’s *The Anglican Way* (Nashville: Colony Catherine, 2014). This book covers a tremendous breadth of Anglican topics while being admirably brief. A copy is provided for you at the parish’s expense. You will read the whole book over the course of four weeks. (The book is divided into four main parts.) It is 280 pages and reads at a pace of approximately 1.5 minutes per page. This is a sum of 7 hours of reading.

### **Podcasts**

You will listen to three in-house podcasts that highlight a few elements from the first three sections of the text book. These podcasts serve to personalize and expand on some of the topics, tailoring your learning to fit the experience of Anglicanism that is found specifically in our parish, Advent Anglican.

### **Composition**

You will compose a set of questions, comments, quotations, and key concepts over the length of this course. After reading each part of the text book, you will type up at least one of each. After each podcast, you will type up one question or comment and one quotation or key concept. At the end of completing the book and all podcasts, you will compile these writings into a single document and email it to Fr. Aaron. These will be used to form the content of our group discussion at the Confirmation Capstone Class.

### **Personal Practice of Prayer**

To further acquaint you with Anglican practices of prayer, worship, and liturgy *beyond* Sunday, we are requiring that you engage in a four-times-daily practice of prayer for the four weeks of this course. You will be provided with a choice from among three “tools” for carrying this out: the *Daily Prayer App* (from Wellspring Church and RethinkMe), the small book *Pray Daily* (from Christ Church Plano), or a printout of the section of the BCP called *Daily Devotions for Families or Individuals* (pages 136-140 in the 1979 BCP). Whichever tool you select, it will guide you through four “hours” of prayer. Each “hour” takes only a couple minutes, but they will soon become anchor points of spiritual connection for your days.



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## *Confirmation through Advent Anglican* Confirmation Course Schedule

### **Week 1, beginning on Sunday, March 10 (3 hours total)**

Confirmation Kick-Off! (30 minutes after worship)

Personal Practice of Prayer

Read from *The Anglican Way*: About the Author, Preface, Chapters 1 & 2, and Part I (100 pages / 2.5 hours)

Compose at least one of each: comment, question, quotation, key concept

Listen to Podcast 1 (25 minutes)

Compose one comment or question and one quotation or key concept

### **Week 2, beginning on Sunday, March 17 (3 hours total)**

Personal Practice of Prayer

Read *An Outline of the Faith* (the catechism from the 1979 BCP) (10 minutes)

Compose an answer to “What question(s) or answer(s) surprised you in the catechism?”

Read from *The Anglican Way*: Part II (roughly 45 pages / 1 hour, 10 minutes)

Compose at least one of each: comment, question, quotation, key concept

Listen to Podcast 2 (35 minutes)

Compose one comment or question and one quotation or key concept

Read essay *The Reformation in England* and accompanying timeline (45 minutes)

Read *AnglicanPastor.com* post “The Book of Common Prayer (BCP): A Rookie Anglican Guide” (15 minutes)

### **Week 3, beginning on Sunday, March 24 (3 hours total)**

Personal Practice of Prayer

Read *The Anglican Way*: Part III (roughly 80 pages / 2 hours)

Compose at least one of each: comment, question, quotation, key concept

Listen to Podcast 3 (25 minutes)

Compose one comment or question and one quotation or key concept

Read the *Chicago-Lambeth Quadrilateral of 1886 and 1888* (BCP pp 876-878) (5 minutes)

Read *The 39 Articles of Religion* (BCP pp 867-876) (20 minutes)

### **Week 4, beginning on Sunday, April 7 (3 hours total)**

Personal Practice of Prayer

Read *The Anglican Way*: Part IV (roughly 55 pages / 1 hour 20 minutes)

Compose one comment or question and one quotation or key concept

Compile all comments, questions, quotations, concepts into one document; email to Fr. Aaron by Friday

Read Bp. Ken Ross’ bio and *The Liturgy for Confirmation* (10 minutes)

Attend Confirmation Capstone (1.5 hours, Saturday April 13, location TBD)

### **Sunday, April 14: Meeting with Bp Ken and Confirmation**

Early Sunday meeting with Bp. Ken Ross (9.10-9.50 at church)

The Rite of Confirmation during Sunday worship!