



COVID-19 ADVISORY 2020-2021: All Covid-19 protocols of Iona School, EDOT, and Camp Allen apply until further notice. Because the return to normal practices may be gradual, we present only the usual customary here but refer you to Camp Allen's General Worship Guidelines during Covid and have added asterisks where Covid protocols will change our practice. If you have questions concerning Covid provisions, please contact one of the Deans.

GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS

Morning Prayer (MP) is at 7:30 AM; Evening Prayer (EP) is at 5 PM.

- ◆ Before the service:
 - Have the bell rung 5–10 minutes ahead of time.
 - Vest in a cassock and surplice.
 - Light the candles on either side of the ambo (= pulpit-lectern) but not the candles on the altar. During the Season of Easter light the Paschal candle as well.
 - Make sure the “Daily Office Readings” book is on the ambo.
- ◆ You may use Rite One or Rite Two. Follow the rubrics. They are instructions, not suggestions. Some, usually containing the word “may,” are permissive; some are not. Notice the Additional Directions on pp. 141ff.
- ◆ Have your service planned and ribbons set ahead of time so you will not be fumbling around for the right page. Give clear directions to the congregation and wait for them to find the page number.
- ◆ The Daily Office is in three parts, all ultimately descending from the ancient Jewish synagogue service.

PART ONE – The Invitatory and Psalter

- ◆ Begin with an appropriate opening sentence (BCP pp. 37, 61, 75, 115). If you use the Confession (always use it in Lent), in place of the absolution you say a prayer for absolution by substituting “us” for “you” and “our” for “your.”
- ◆ Use an invitatory canticle.
- ◆ We sit to read the psalms. The psalms appointed are found in the Daily Office Lectionary BCP pp. 936–1001. The psalms for MP are listed first, then after the four dots, the psalms for EP. Use all the psalms appointed; e.g. if three are appointed, use all three. Verses in parentheses may be omitted. Of the four forms of recitation noted on BCP p. 582, we do not use Responsorial recitation.

PART TWO – Reading and responding to Scripture

- ◆ Scripture: Always use the Daily Office Lectionary (DOL) (BCP pp. 936ff), never the Eucharistic Lectionary (pp. 889–931). There are Daily Office lections appointed for the major Holy Days (pp. 996–1000) but not for the Lesser Feasts.

The DOL is on a two-year cycle. The year number is at the bottom of the page. All the odd-numbered years are Year One but the year begins with Advent of the preceding calendar year, e.g. 2021 is an odd number; so 2021 is Year One but it begins on 11/29/20, which is the First Sunday in Advent.

Use the Old Testament Lesson and the Epistle for MP. Use the Gospel reading for EP. But if your service falls on a major Holy Day, use both readings appointed. End each reading with “The Word of the Lord.”

- ◆ Appoint other students to lead the psalms and read the lessons.

Response: We respond to God’s speaking to us in Scripture by speaking to him in a canticle. Suggested canticles are found on BCP pp. 144f. After the Old Testament Lesson use a canticle drawn from the Old Testament or the Apocrypha (viz. 1–2, 8–14). After the New Testament Lesson use a canticle drawn from the New Testament or the early Church (viz. 3–7, 15–21).

Homily: A homily is a short sermon; yours should be about ten minutes long. Give it after the Scripture and canticle and before the Creed. Its purpose is to make contemporary, credible, and compelling the gospel preached so long ago.

Write out your homily. Give one copy each to Mark, Mary Lenn, and Carol before the service. Keep another copy in your portfolio for possible review later by the Examining Chaplains or bishops. Familiarize yourself with the text so that you can preach from it rather than read it. The preached sermon need not be identical to the printed text.

PART THREE – The Prayers

- ◆ Use either version of the Lord’s Prayer and either set of Suffrages.
- ◆ Use at least three collects:
 - (1) The Collect of the Day. This is the Collect of the previous Sunday (BCP pp. 159–236) unless it is a major holy day, in which case you should use the collect for that day.
 - (2) The Collect for the Day of the Week – Friday or Saturday (BCP pp. 56, 69, 99, 123).
 - (3) A Collect for Mission (57f, 70f, 100f, 124f).
- ◆ Include a hymn.*

- ◆ Intercessions:
 - Pray for the sick and give people time to name names. Prayers for the sick are found on pp. 208, 260, 458, 814.
 - Prayers for the departed are found on pp. 202, 253, 470, 493.
 - Intercessions may be of your own devising.
 - Other prayers are found on pp. 199–210, 251–261, 814–835.
 - Prayers of Thanksgiving are found within the Office and also on pp. 836–841.
 - Use a closing sentence (not a full collect).
- ◆ Put out the candles.
- ◆ Stick around for feedback on your homily from the debriefing team.
- ◆ Record the service in the register. You will need to know the number who were present at the service (you may ask someone else to count for you). Please enter the service carefully; it is part of Camp Allen's official records.

* There will be no congregational singing while Covid protocols are in place, but please include a hymn choice on your bulletin, as part of your planning and as a mental cue to the participants.