

Lay Ministry Pathways | *Worship Leading*



Course Objectives:

This course will help you...

- Theologically reflect on the incarnational nature of leading public worship.
- Develop confidence in leading worship and praying publicly.
- Deepen familiarity with the Prayer Book.
- Have hands-on experience planning and leading liturgies.
- Enable you to lead worship not only in the context of your own congregation, but in congregations across the diocese.

Expectations:

This course requires use of Google Classroom, where all of our course materials and assignments will be kept, and where we will meet most often for our course instruction and discussion. Each participant is expected to attend the online and in-person cohort meetings, as well as to engage in discussion on Google Classroom in between sessions. Instructions on how to use Google Classroom can be found at tinyurl.com/2waznxrd.

Participants in this course are expected to attend all of the synchronous (online or in-person) gatherings, though exceptions will be granted on a case-by-case basis in consultation with the Canon for Vocations.

Participants also must demonstrate adequate proficiency in engaging with the material and assignments in order to be licensed by the Bishop. Please remember that sole discretion for licensure rests with the Bishop, and that participation in this ministry cohort does not guarantee automatic licensure.

Topics Covered:

- The Basics of Liturgical Theology
- The History of the Prayer Book
- Lay Reading: Incarnating the Word
- Coordinating Liturgical Personnel
- Composing Collects and Prayers: Public Intercession
- Navigating the 1979 BCP
- Liturgical Structure (Namely of Morning and Evening Prayer)
- The Mechanics of Liturgical Ceremony
- Practicum: Assembling Liturgies

Texts:

Required:

Mitchell, Leonel L. *Praying Shapes Believing: A Theological Commentary on the Book of Common Prayer, (Revised Edition)*. Seabury Books, 2016.

Olsen, Derek. *Inwardly Digest: The Prayer Book as Guide to a Spiritual Life*. Forward Movement, 2016.

The Book of Common Prayer 1979

Wells, Samuel. *Incarnational Ministry: Being With the Church*. Wm. B. Eerdmans, 2017.

Recommended:

Bryan, Christopher (and David Landon). *Listening to the Bible: The Art of Faithful Biblical Interpretation*. Oxford University Press, 2014.

Lewis, Karoline M. *A Lay Preacher's Guide: How to Craft a Faithful Sermon*. Fortress Press, 2020.

Wells, Samuel. *Crafting Prayers for Public Worship: The Art of Intercession*. Canterbury Press, 2013.

Weil, Louis. *Liturgical Sense: The Logic of Rite*. Seabury Books, 2013.

In addition, other articles, videos, and resources will be posted to Google Classroom throughout the course.