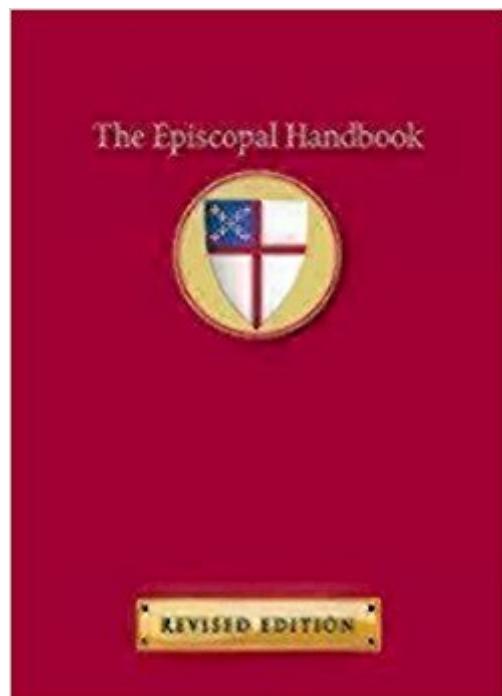


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# The Episcopal Handbook, Revised Edition



## **Synopsis**

"The original Episcopal Handbook, published in 2008, was an instant classic and has been a bestseller ever since. Still providing helpful and insightful information about the Episcopal ethos with a certain amount of whimsy and complete accessibility, this revision maintains the best features of the original work, but adds an update and an expansion on the church today. In addition to updating out-of-date references, the revision highlights Episcopal diversity— including more women and people of color in the biographical material—as well as focusing more on Episcopalians rather than Anglicans. Some new illustrations are included as well. Some material originally presented in tabular form has been adapted into a more accessible narrative format. This includes new sections on church governance, the origins of religious belief, and a capsule summary of church history. The glossary has also been expanded. The goal is to provide a book suitable for a wide range of uses and settings: for Sunday schools, confirmations, inquirer classes—and for everyone from visitors to vestries. The revision brokers an incredible compendium of information in an informal, user-friendly, and accessible format. For lifelong Episcopalians, newcomers, and those wishing to sample and explore the beliefs and organization of the denomination."

## **Book Information**

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## **Customer Reviews**

A perfect gift for a new Episcopalian. An Episcopal service is rich with liturgy, ritual and tradition, dating back to Henry VIII. Unless the newcomer has come from a Roman Catholic background, he/she will likely be confused about sitting, standing, kneeling, use of the Book of Common Prayer and the Eucharist. This is indeed a handbook! The author not only explains the Episcopalian

worship service in detail, but provides background information on the whys.

This is an excellent handbook--regardless of whether you are an inquirer into the Episcopal Church, are a new Episcopalian, or even are an Episcopalian of many years. It is written in a very easy-to-read style, with many entries written on the lighter side. A lady at our church had this book, which was used in some training she previously attended, so after thumbing through her copy, I bought one and am very pleased with it. Oftentimes, we forget some of the aspects of our heritage or forget why we do certain things. This book addresses many things Episcopalian, and most of the entries are brief enough that one or two can be read in only a few minutes--until the next opportunity to read more arises. I highly recommend it.

This book is great. It is in question format, with wonderful answers. It's written in a light and sometimes humorous way, and I am finding it fun to read while I learn about the religion I have returned to.

Awesome book that is full of information about the Episcopal Church. But the Episcopal Handbook is in common American English. Yeah! I can understand and recommend to anybody wanting to know more about the Episcopal Church.

The book gives a lot of solid information on the Episcopal way of following Christ, often with some welcome humor. It is an easy read, yet very worth reading. The book gives you a chance to experience first hand the mixture of relaxed humor and awed seriousness that often characterizes Episcopal worship. I think this is essential reading for someone thinking of becoming part of an Episcopal congregation, and it will be a good refresher of the essentials for long time members.

This is an excellent introduction to the Episcopal Church. From understanding the sacrament and ceremony of Baptism to famous Episcopalians from different walks of life. It explains how the church is organized worldwide, a short chronology of the church, how Episcopalians use the three-legged stool, how to tell the season of the year by the color of the altar hangings and vestments, and, of course, settling the question, Is Coffee Hour Really Another Sacrament?

Very thorough and light-hearted introduction to all the basics of being an Episcopalian. It is a good example of how we move from being the "frozen chosen" to "that church that just lets anybody in."

Please read it, enjoy it, and come as you are and visit us some Sunday. I hope you will find a welcoming place where questions are okay and the coffee is hot.

Am reading this book for Lent. Will start it on Wednesday, February 10th. I have a very good friend who is Episcopal, I like his church, so wanted to know more about it. I was born into the Methodist church, and besides Baptist, do not know very much about other denominations. I think this is a good starter book, but I plan to delve further. Will keep you posted!!

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