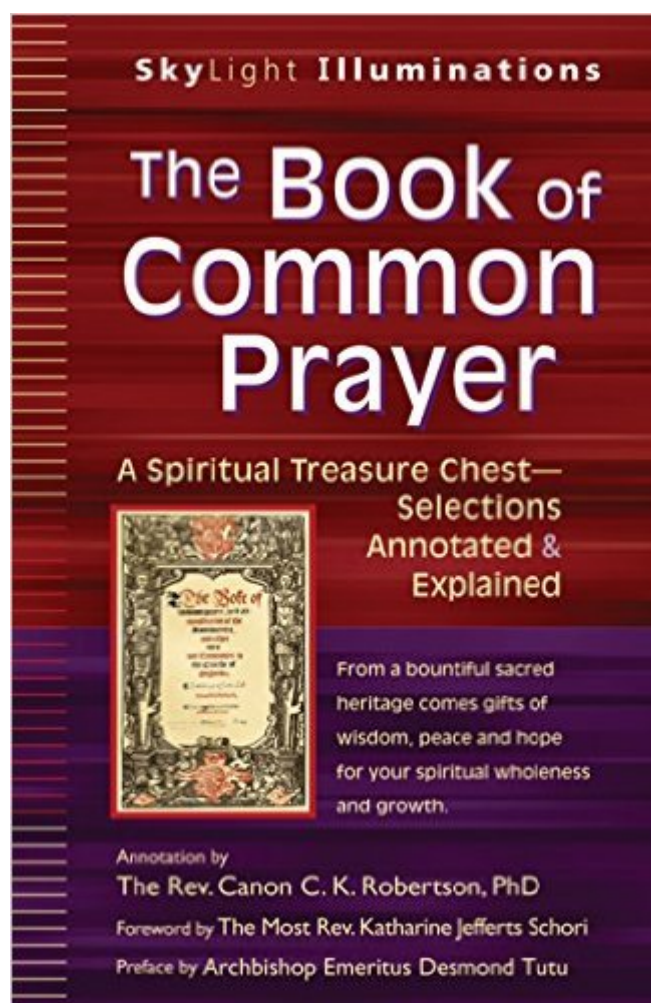


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The Book Of Common Prayer: A Spiritual Treasure Chest_ Selections Annotated & Explained (SkyLight Illuminations)



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This source of strength and solace for millions of Christian clergy and laypeople throughout the world can be a companion for your own spiritual journey. For centuries, Christians of different traditions and seekers from various backgrounds have found strength for their spiritual journey in the Book of Common Prayer (BCP). First composed in 1549 by Thomas Cranmer, Henry VIII's Archbishop of Canterbury, the BCP, alongside Shakespeare's works and the King James Bible, helped shape the English language. Today almost eighty million Anglican Christians throughout the world use the BCP in public worship, and countless people—Anglican and otherwise—use it in their private devotional life. In this unique presentation of selections—organized by themes such as "Blessings in Times of Joy and Pain," "Called to Serve" and "Praise and Petition"—with facing-page commentary, C. K. Robertson offers fascinating insights into the history and heritage of the BCP. He also makes available the riches of this spiritual treasure chest for all who are interested in deepening their life of prayer, building stronger relationships and making a difference in the world.

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Customer Reviews

I often wondered about the sources for parts of the BCP. This book was the answer book for me. I recommend it for a deeper appreciation. We are not all sufficiently versed in the Bible to know or understand why a verse was significant 500 years ago (and still today). I got this book at the same time as I got *The Book of Common Prayer, a Biography* by Alan Jacobs. They serve different

purposes, but together they have enriched my understanding of, and appreciation of, the BCP.

Excellent book. Bought nine more to share. Would highly recommend it. Using it for Lenten study guide. Everyone loves it.

As a relatively new Episcopalian, I have a great fondness for the prayer book. This edition is beautiful but not bulky. The ribbon markers are handy and the binding is very high quality. It would make a great gift.

Interesting historical background and helpful information - but centered around BAD theology. Robertson bizarrely asserts that the BCP is designed to provide a common framework for prayer while allowing massive disagreement on dogma. It's one thing to argue over the issue of "Election" but quite another to go off the rails like some in the Episcopal Church have done (i.e. with Wiccan ceremonies). I seriously doubt the original author of the BCP would have been OK with Bishop Spong denying the divinity of Christ. This book includes a preface by Presiding Bishop Katharine who similarly claims that the original BCP was "a way to seek healing among a divided people." What? No way. They needed a prayer book because the Church of England left Rome - not because King Henry VIII was trying some modern feel good "diversity" approach. (And this is rich considering the Presiding Bishop's atrocious behavior in punishing parishes who have chosen to leave The Episcopal Church over its fluffy approach to Christ - she has actually sold church property to Muslims instead of the leaving Episcopalians, even when offered good money for the properties.) I hate to ding the author for his professed association with the Presiding Bishop but his mushy theology is clearly on par with the new direction of The Episcopal Church. Well, count this as yet another reason why I'm glad I've also left The Episcopal Church for a more grounded and sensible traditional Anglican congregation.

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