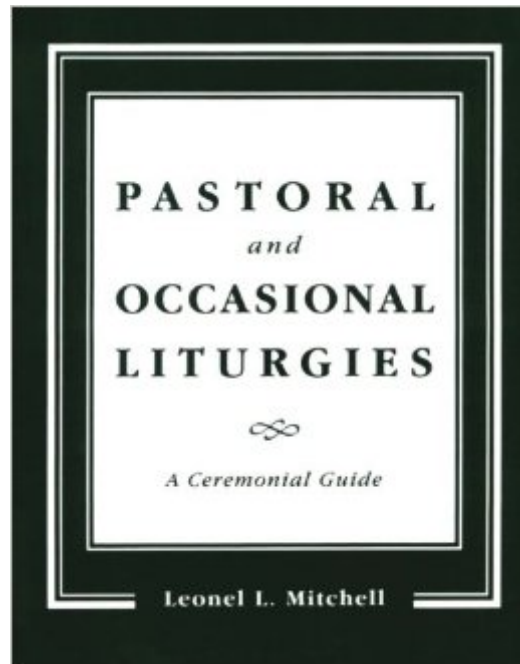


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Synopsis

In this third and final volume in a series of ceremonial guides to worship in the Episcopal Church according to The Book of Common Prayer, Leonel L. Mitchell focuses on the pastoral and occasional liturgies. Beginning with the celebration of the Daily Office, he goes on to discuss the seasonal liturgies beyond the Lent-Easter cycle, including Advent Lessons and Carols, Candlemas, and Rogation processions. The pastoral offices include baptism, marriage, the blessing of homes, reconciliation, ministry to the sick, and burial. Finally, Mitchell concludes with the services involving bishops, including celebrations of new ministries, consecrations of churches, and ordination rites. Like its two companion volumes, Howard E. Galley's *The Ceremonies of the Eucharist* and Mitchell's *Lent, Holy Week, Easter, and the Great Fifty Days*, this new guide offers clear descriptions of ways of celebrating the rites as well as the theological and historical reasons behind them. The book is designed to be useful in churches of all sizes, small and large.

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Leonel L. Mitchell took on a monumental task, that of finishing the three volume set of ceremonial manuals planned by Howard Galley to accompany the 1979 Book of Common Prayer. While Mitchell is no Galley, he provides wonderful ceremonial and liturgical tips for those who are charged with conducting or assisting at the conduct of Divine Worship. In this volume, Mitchell covers the services not regularly used in the life of a congregation (i.e., not used every week). Confirmation,

Ordination, Confession, Reception of Converts, even the Daily Office are given the treatment in this book, and the material provided will give liturgists, clergy, and laity alike much food for thought. Though I am not an Episcopalian, this volume, together with Galley's "The Ceremonies of the Eucharist" and Mitchell's "Lent, Holy Week, Easter, & the Great Fifty Days" are indispensable parts of my liturgical library. I recommend them to you without reservation.

Leonel "Lee", as he was known by students at Seabury-Western seminary, was an expert liturgist. He had also taught at the University of Notre Dame. His book provides simple, clear guidelines for liturgical practices in both Episcopal and Roman Catholic denominations.

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