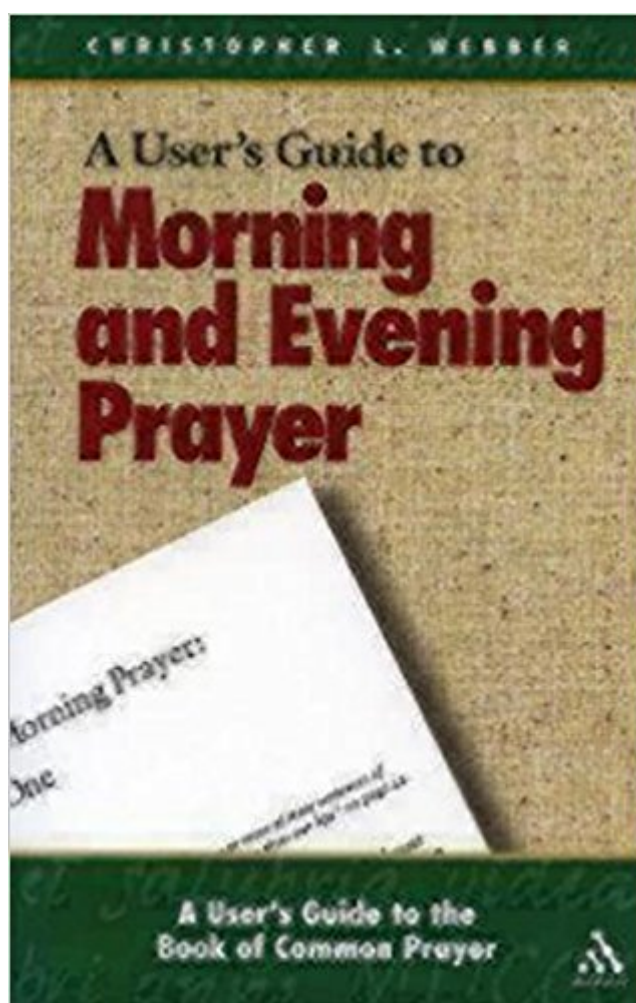


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A User's Guide To The Book Of Common Prayer: Morning And Evening Prayer



Synopsis

The only way you can really get to know God is through prayer," says author Christopher L. Webber, and the Prayer Book sets out a pattern that has been used by saints and sinners for centuries. This guide will help readers newcomers and longtime Episcopalians alike get started on the ancient way of praying found in the Daily Office of the Book of Common Prayer. A User's Guide illuminates the theology, history, and practical concerns of worshipping God in Morning and Evening Prayer. With the complete text of these prayer services, in both Rite I and Rite II, along with running commentary, this book takes Episcopalians by the hand as they explore and pray the Daily Office.

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Customer Reviews

Christopher L. Webber is an Episcopal priest who has served inner city, suburban, and overseas parishes. He is also the author of *Re-Inventing Marriage*, *The Vestry Handbook* (Revised Edition), *Welcome to the Episcopal Church*, *The User's Guide to the Book of Common Prayer: Holy Eucharist I & II*, and *The Users Guide to the Book of Common Prayer: Morning Prayer and Baptism*, all available from Morehouse Publishing.

None of the previous reviewers mentioned that this book is based upon the 1979 Book of Common Prayer. As a user of the 1928 version I found it required a significant amount of interpolation but was

still somewhat useful. I am an Anglican Lay Minister who has conducted both Morning and Evening Prayer and I bought the book in the hope it would provide some additional insight and understanding of those Offices. To a certain degree it did. Mainstream Episcopalians, being more familiar with the 1979 BCP language and references, will likely find this book helpful. American Anglo Catholics and traditional Episcopalians will find The Oxford American Prayer Book Commentary by M. H. Shepherd, Jr. (now, regrettably, out of print, but used copies are available through) to be a great deal more comprehensive and, of course, specific to the 1928 BCP.

Great help to setting up for a congregation or for a personal discipline.

The intro is the best part

Bought as part of my lay ministry training. Great help.

This is a great book to use with the Book of Common Prayer. It has highlights, page numbers and quotes to help explain different areas. I'm a newcomer to the BCP and I am pleased at how this book helped.

Simple, clear

I don't know why I thought this would be necessary, but I did. Turns out that it's of course not a necessary companion. The Book of Common Prayer spells it all out for us as is.

As a newcomer to leading Morning Prayer I found this book invaluable in developing the understanding and confidence that I needed. During Lent I purchased multiple copies of this for my parish so that others would also feel empowered to lead morning or evening prayer. Fr. Webber concisely frames Morning Prayer in its historical context and provides valuable insights through the use of running commentary in a parallel page format throughout the text of the prayer service. By explaining the purpose of each component Fr. Webber removes the uncomfortable sense of not knowing why or if participation includes recitation of all of the various components that comprise Morning Prayer. After reading this book anyone should feel at peace in leading a morning or evening prayer service.

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