



# *Episcopal Worship*

## SEGMENT 1: THE ROOTS OF MINISTRY

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### PARTICIPANTS' GUIDE

The Episcopal Church is part of the worldwide Anglican Communion. Lay ministers and ordained ministers are two kinds of ministers in the Church. Governance in the Episcopal Church closely mirrors that of the United States government.

#### OPENING PRAYER

Almighty and everlasting God, by whose Spirit the whole body of your faithful people is governed and sanctified: Receive our supplications and prayers, which we offer before you for all members of your holy Church, that in their vocation and ministry they may truly serve you; through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen. (BCP 256)

#### QUESTIONS TO THINK ABOUT

What do we mean by liturgy?

What is a minister?

Who are ministers?

How is the church governed?

## VIDEO PRESENTATION



The Anglican Communion

Liturgy

Ministry of the Baptized

Ministry of the Laity

Ministry of the Ordained

Bishops

Priests

Deacons

Church Governance

## USING THE BAPTISMAL COVENANT

Facilitator reads the questions and participants respond.

Pages 299-305, Holy Baptism, ending with five promises on page 305

## SMALL GROUP DISCUSSION

1. What do the following scriptures say to us about ministry?

1 Corinthians 12:4-11 (varieties of gifts, but same Spirit)

Ephesians 4:1-16 (unity in the Body of Christ)

Romans 12:1-21 (traits of the true Christian)

Luke 22:27 (one who serves)

2. Which of the five baptismal promises that were read in the Baptismal Covenant are applicable to this segment? (First through fifth promise)



## W R A P - U P

We all have a ministry. Some of us have a ministry that is connected specifically to the church, i.e. priest, deacon, bishop. Most of us have a ministry that has secular connections in addition to our ministries we may have at church. We may teach in the public school and sing in the church choir. We may work in industry during the week and serve as a lay reader at church. Or we might work construction during the week and serve in a soup kitchen as our ministry. This is the ministry of the baptized.

## C L O S I N G P R A Y E R / H Y M N

The following selections can help us reflect on our discussions today. You may either read and pray or sing and pray your selection(s).

### *The 1982 Hymnal*

#554 - 'Tis the gift to be simple

#606 - Where true charity and love dwell

#610 - Lord, whose love through humble service

### *Wonder, Love and Praise*

#764 - Taste and see

#778 - We all are one in mission

#831 - Ubi caritas

### *Lift Every Voice and Sing*

#160 - This little light of mine

#216 - In my life, Lord, be glorified



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