



sermon notes

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Our Family Tree – Anglicanism

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### **Luke 5:15-16 (NIV)**

*Yet the news about him spread all the more, so that crowds of people came to hear him and to be healed of their sicknesses. But Jesus often withdrew to lonely places and prayed.*

### **I Thessalonians 5:16-18 (NIV)**

*Be joyful always; pray continually; give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.*

## **The English Reformation**

### **King Henry VIII**

- In 1509, when King Henry VIII was 18 years old he married his brother's widow, Katherine of Aragon. They had two children: a daughter named Mary and a son, Henry, who lived only two months.
- Unable to produce a suitable heir to the throne with Katherine, he sought an annulment so that he may marry Anne Boleyn.
- The Pope refused to grant the annulment, but he married Anne anyway. The Pope responded by excommunicating Henry from the church. Henry and the British Parliament responded by rejecting the Pope's authority and in 1533 declared Henry to be "the only Supreme Head in Earth of the Church of England."
- The Church of England was now "English Catholic."

### **King Edward VI**

- Henry died in 1547 and his sickly, nine year old son, Edward VI, succeeded him.
- Although Edward only lived until he was 16, he changed the church from "English Catholic" to "Calvinistic Protestant" and made two significant changes in the church:
  - Clergy were allowed to marry, and
  - The Book of Common Prayer was published.

### **Act of Praise**

*We praise you, O God: we acknowledge you to be the Lord. All the earth worships you, the Father everlasting. To you all angels cry out: Holy, holy, holy, Lord. God of power and might. Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest. You are the Father of an infinite majesty. You are the King of glory. You are the everlasting Son of the Father. Great and wonderful are your deeds, O Lord God. Just and true are your ways, O King of the ages! For you alone are holy. We give thanks to you, Lord God Almighty, who was and is and is to come. Hallelujah! Amen.*

-Book of Common Prayer

### **Queen Mary I**

- In 1554, Queen Mary I succeeded Edward, and in her five year reign she wasted no time changing the Church of England back to Roman Catholicism under the authority of the Pope.
  - Clergy who had married were relieved from their duties.
  - Protestant reformers were beheaded or burned at the stake.

- She became known as “Bloody Mary.”

In twenty- five years the Church of England had gone from being Roman Catholic to English Catholic to Calvinistic Protestant back to Roman Catholic!

**Queen Elizabeth I**

- In 1558, Elizabeth I came to the throne and reigned for 45 years.
- Her greatest accomplishment was negotiating what is known as the Elizabethan Settlement. She sought a middle ground and forged a national church that drew from both the Catholic and Protestant traditions.

<u>Roman Catholic Tradition</u>	<u>Protestant Tradition</u>
Bishops, Priests, Deacons	Bishops, Priests, Deacons could marry
Seven Sacraments	Emphasis on Baptism and Communion
Importance of liturgy in Worship	Priesthood of All Believers
	Bible read and studied by the people

**King James I**

- In 1611, King James I ordered the publication of an English Bible now known as the King James Version.

If there is one thing we can learn from our Episcopal/Anglican friends, it is this:

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**Lex Orandi, Lex Credendi** = “The law of prayer is the law of belief.”

It is understood to mean that \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ are the most important things we do.

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The Episcopal Book of Common Prayer reminds us of the importance of PRAYER, WORSHIP and DISCIPLINE in our lives.

We can know all the theology in the world; but if we are not spending time in the presence of God through prayer, it will all be for nothing.

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Sources: Christianity’s Family Tree by Adam Hamilton and The Book of Common Prayer of the Episcopal Church