Common Prayer:
Worship in the Episcopal Church

The Subcommittee for Liturgical Revision and Creation

Resolution A068 calls us to ‘memorialize’ the 1979 BCP, create new liturgies, and use emerging technologies. Thus, we propose the following:

1. That the 1979 BCP is the foundation and model for common prayer and liturgical development in the Episcopal Church.

2. That the 1979 BCP is maintained as an authorized text within a growing set of authorized liturgical materials for common prayer.

3. That the primary platform for our authorized liturgies be digital and online - organized according to the shape of the 1979 BCP - thus allowing for the authorization of more material than is possible within the limits of a printed book (with printed books remaining as an option).

4. That this new set of authorized liturgies be titled Common Prayer: Worship in the Episcopal Church, or something similar that sets it within the BCP tradition.

5. That authorized liturgies will be consistent with the Trinitarian, Baptismal and Eucharistic theology of the 1979 BCP; and will be consonant with the directives of the General Convention with respect to liturgical language, inclusive and expansive language, and creation care; and will honor the Church’s increasing diversity.

6. That we continue the requirement of approval by two consecutive General Conventions for authorized rites included in Common Prayer: Worship in the Episcopal Church, and that we encourage the further development of alternative rites for use.