

Gifts of God for the People of God: Exploring Worship in the Episcopal Church *A 6-Week Small Group Book Study Suggested Outline*

A Collect to begin each week

(Book of Common Prayer, p. 252)

God our Father, whose Son our Lord Jesus Christ in a wonderful Sacrament has left us a memorial of his passion: Grant us so to venerate the sacred mysteries of his Body and Blood, that we may ever perceive within ourselves the fruit of his redemption; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Introduction	Week 1	Preface Chapter 1 A Perfect Picture of God's Love Chapter 2 The First as well as the Last Supper	Approx. 17 Pages
The Word of the Lord	Week 2	Ch. 3 Blessed be God & God's Kingdom Ch. 4 Gloria in excelsis Ch. 5 The Lessons Ch. 6 The Sermon	Approx. 40 pages
	Week 3	Ch. 7 The Nicene Creed Ch. 8 The Prayers of the People Ch. 9 Confession & Absolution Ch. 10 Exchanging the Peace	Approx. 40 pages
The Holy Communion	Week 4	Ch. 11 The Offertory Ch. 12 The Great Thanksgiving Ch. 13 The Eucharistic Prayer	Approx. 40 pages
	Week 5	Ch. 14 The Lord's Prayer Ch. 15 Christ, our Passover Is Sacrificed for Us	Approx. 20 pages
	Week 6	Ch. 16 The Body of Christ, The Bread of Heaven Ch. 17 Post-Communion Thanksgiving Ch. 18 The Dismissal Afterword	Approx. 30 pages

The questions and activities at the end of each chapter can serve as a catalyst for weekly small group discussion and subsequent individual follow up activities, as desired.

A Collect to conclude each week

(Book of Common Prayer, p. 221)

Almighty Father, whose dear Son, on the night before he suffered, instituted the Sacrament of his Body and Blood: Mercifully grant that we may receive it thankfully in remembrance of Jesus Christ our Lord, who in these holy mysteries gives us a pledge of eternal life; and who now lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*