

## SECTION 2: THE DAILY OFFICE

### 1. Identify the following terms:

- Alimentary offerings (p.168)
- Versicles (p. 181 & footnote 12, p. 228)
- The 4 parts of morning and evening prayer (p. 176)
- Suffrages (p.177) [e.g. BCP p.97] A series of petitions pronounced by the celebrant with the responses of the congregation. (fr. L: *assistance*)
- Invitatory (p. 182)
- Canticle (p.189): Middle English: from Latin *canticulum* 'little song', diminutive of *canticum*, from *canere* 'sing'.
- Cento (p.198).

### 2 Deepening Our Understanding

- P.154: Evelyn Underhill writes that poetry in the liturgy has three main purposes. Olsen also writes (p.155) that "like great poetry, scripture invites us into different way of seeing the world and our relationships within it." How do you experience the language of the Prayer Book?
- P. 161-165 discusses the Palestinian and Egyptian models of daily prayer. Cranmer's prayer book followed which model? Which model is featured in the 1979 BCP?
- Bonus material: Benedictine Prayer is divided into the following hours
  - *First Vespers (evening prayer for Sundays, which are said on Saturday evening)*
  - *Vigils (a lengthier time of prayer that originally were the night watches)*
  - *Lauds – morning prayer*
  - *Terce- a prayer at the third hour or midmorning*
  - *Sext – prayer at the 6<sup>th</sup> hour or noon*
  - *None – prayer at the 9<sup>th</sup> hour or midafternoon*
  - *(second) Vespers – evening prayer*
  - *Compline – night or the last prayer of the day*
- P. 168: what is the real purpose of a sacrifice? How can prayer be considered a sacrifice?
- P. 168: Has anyone ever seen incense used at MP or EP? In any event, what is the symbolism of using incense?
- P.168: the BCP gives us an option of opening MP & EP with confession or with "Open our Lips..." What theology/history supports opening with one or the other?
- P. 180: Rite II's version of the exhortation to confession is less transactional than that used in Rite I. What's the difference?
- P. 185: "Christ Our Passover" Who wrote it? What are the sources?
- P.184-5: What are the two Lectionary Cycles for the Psalms? ([Daily Office Lectionary and p, 585 of BCP])

- x. P. 186: Required and Optional elements of the Lessons (see also NOTE 14, p.228]
- xi. The Daily Office Lectionary skips certain readings. What are they? Should they have been so expunged?
- xii. P. 187-8: how much of the Epistles, Gospels and Hebrew Testament are included in the Daily Office lectionary?
- xiii. P. 195 – 6: Three choices for using/arranging the Canticles. One that Olsen calls the most complex is probably the simplest if one has a spare ribbon marker.
- xiv. P.199: Prayers for Mission: What is the mission, according to Olsen? Does one seem more evangelical than the others? Where do you sit on the Preach the Good News scale?
- xv. P. 200. *The General Thanksgiving*: is this not the greatest prayer ever?  
...or is it the Prayer of St. Chrysostom? /'krɪsəstəm/