Anglicanism 101: part 4
Anglican Calendar
The Church Year
Advent

- Begins the church year
- Theme: Preparation for Christ’s return
- Colors: Purple/Rose
Christmas

- Theme: Incarnation
- Color: White
Epiphany

• January 6th
• Theme: Coming of the Magi
• Color: White
Epiphany Season/Ordinary Time

• Lasts until Ash Wednesday
• Theme: Manifestation of Christ in the world
• Color: Green
Lent

- Lasts from Ash Wednesday until Holy Saturday
- Theme: Repentance, Fasting, Preparation
- Color: Purple
Holy Week

- Last week of Lent
Holy Week

• Palm Sunday

• Theme: Christ’s triumphal entry into Jerusalem

• Color: Red
Holy Week

- Maundy Thursday
- Theme: “New Commandment,” Last Supper
- Color: Red or White
Holy Week

- Good Friday
- Theme: Jesus’ crucifixion
- Color: Black
Holy Week

- Easter Vigil
- First part of the Easter service
- Lighting of paschal candle
- Recounting story of salvation
- Baptism/Confirmation
Easter
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- Lasts 50 days (Easter Day until Pentecost)
- Theme: Resurrection
- Color: White
Pentecost

- 50 Days after Easter
- Theme: Coming of the Holy Spirit
- Color: Red
Trinity Sunday

- 1st Sunday after Pentecost
- Theme: God is Father, Son, and Holy Spirit
- Color: White
Season after Pentecost
(or Trinity Season)

- Remainder of the church year
- Theme: Life and work of Christ
- Color: Green
The Lectionary
Daily Office Lectionary

- 1928: 1 year cycle
- 1979: 2 year cycle
- 2019: 1 year cycle
Communion Lectionary

- 1928: 1 year cycle
- 1979: 3 year cycle
- 2019: 3 year cycle
The Collects
Structure of a Collect

- Names attribute(s) of God
- Makes a request
- Includes desired outcome of request
- Typically closes with by invoking the Trinity