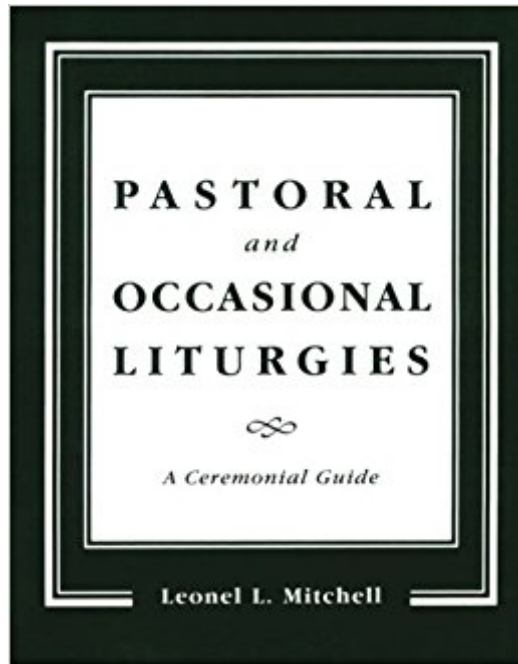




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Pastoral And Occasional Liturgies: A Ceremonial Guide



Synopsis

In this third and final volume in a series of ceremonial guides to worship in the Episcopal Church according to The Book of Common Prayer, Leonel L. Mitchell focuses on the pastoral and occasional liturgies. Beginning with the celebration of the Daily Office, he goes on to discuss the seasonal liturgies beyond the Lent-Easter cycle, including Advent Lessons and Carols, Candlemas, and Rogation processions. The pastoral offices include baptism, marriage, the blessing of homes, reconciliation, ministry to the sick, and burial. Finally, Mitchell concludes with the services involving bishops, including celebrations of new ministries, consecrations of churches, and ordination rites. Like its two companion volumes, Howard E. Galley's *The Ceremonies of the Eucharist* and Mitchell's *Lent, Holy Week, Easter, and the Great Fifty Days*, this new guide offers clear descriptions of ways of celebrating the rites as well as the theological and historical reasons behind them. The book is designed to be useful in churches of all sizes, small and large.

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This is a useful reference book. More descriptive than prescriptive, it combines sound liturgical principles with encouragement for readers to take account of their particular situation in all liturgical planning. (Ruth A. Meyers Seabury-Western Theological Seminary) In this ceremonial guide Mitchell helps the reader to construct occasional and pastoral offices, expands the rubrics of the Book of Common Prayer, and describes the use of material from the Book of Occasional Services. Apart

from the more obviously pastoral liturgies, he covers the celebration of the Daily Office, the sanctification of the year, and Episcopal services. The model assumed for these prescriptions is a mid-sized and middle-church Episcopal parish. . . . A member of the Episcopal clergy or a lay liturgical minister will thus find a reliable and sensible guide to the planning of worship. . . (Mauricio Wilson General Theological Seminary) As a priest-scholar with a lifetime of deep involvement in liturgical matters, Mitchell brings a breadth of historic, theological, and practical wisdom to all he writes. . . . "This brief, comprehensive, and well-written guide should be read and carefully applied by all who plan and lead worship, especially members of worship committees, seminarians, and clergy. Through study and attentive use of the guide, a worshipping community can gain an added measure of spiritual depth and richness in its liturgical life. (Raymond F. Glover, Professor of Music Virginia Theological Seminary)

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Very helpful for liturgy planning for particularly pastorally-sensitive occasions.

Leonel "Lee", as he was known by students at Seabury-Western seminary, was an expert liturgist. He had also taught at the University of Notre Dame. His book provides simple, clear guidelines for liturgical practices in both Episcopal and Roman Catholic denominations.

Leonel L. Mitchell took on a monumental task, that of finishing the three volume set of ceremonial manuals planned by Howard Galley to accompany the 1979 Book of Common Prayer. While Mitchell is no Galley, he provides wonderful ceremonial and liturgical tips for those who are charged with conducting or assisting at the conduct of Divine Worship. In this volume, Mitchell covers the services not regularly used in the life of a congregation (i.e., not used every week). Confirmation, Ordination, Confession, Reception of Converts, even the Daily Office are given the treatment in this book, and the material provided will give liturgists, clergy, and laity alike much food for thought. Though I am not an Episcopalian, this volume, together with Galley's "The Ceremonies of the Eucharist" and Mitchell's "Lent, Holy Week, Easter, & the Great Fifty Days" are indispensable parts of my liturgical library. I recommend them to you without reservation.

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