

Deacon School for Ministry

The Book of Common Prayer

1. What is the primary Gospel read in Year A? Year B? Year C?
2. What is the earliest possible date for Easter? The latest?
3. If you are doing Morning Prayer tomorrow morning, what Psalms might you choose? What reading might you choose?
4. What year was the first *Book of Common Prayer* published?
5. Name four different ways of singing or saying the Psalms.
6. Who can hear confession?
7. Where and when may a confession be heard?
8. What are the principle feast observed in the Episcopal Church?
9. What is the feast day of St. Stephen, Deacon and Martyr?
10. What is a rubric?
11. On what pages are the collect for the First Sunday in Lent?
12. What item is given during the rite to all those ordained as Bishop? Priest? Deacon?
13. What three creeds are printed in the *Book of Common Prayer*?
14. What do the Historical Documents have to say about Purgatory?
15. What are the two fast days according to our BCP?

Answers to BCP Questions

1. Year A Matthew
 Year B Mark
 Year C Luke
2. Easter cannot occur before March 22 or after April 25
3. The Lectionary for the for the Daily Office, Year (?) , for (example) Monday after 4 Lent, as follows:
 Psalm 89:1-18, Gen 48:1-28, 1Cor. 10: 14-11:1, and Mark 7: 24-37
4. The first BCP was published in 1549.
5. Direct recitation, antiphonal recitation, responsorial recitation, responsive recitation.
6. Anyone may hear a confession. Only a priest or bishop, however, may pronounce Absolution. If the person hearing the confession is not a priest or bishop, they may provide a declaration of forgiveness.
7. Confession may be heard anytime and anywhere.
8. Easter Day, Ascension Day, the Day of Pentecost, Trinity Sunday, All Saints' Day, Christmas Day, and The Epiphany.
9. Dec. 26
10. Rubrics are directions for the conduct of the liturgy. The directions may be optional and mandatory.
11. Page 166 (traditional) and page 218 (contemporary).
12. Bishops, priests, and deacons are all given a bible during the ordination rite.
13. Apostles Creed, Nicene Creed, and the Creed of St. Athanasius (p.864 BCP)
14. "The Romish Doctrine concerning Purgatory ... is a fond thing, vainly

invented, and grounded upon no warranty of Scripture, but rather repugnant to the Word of God.”

15. Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.