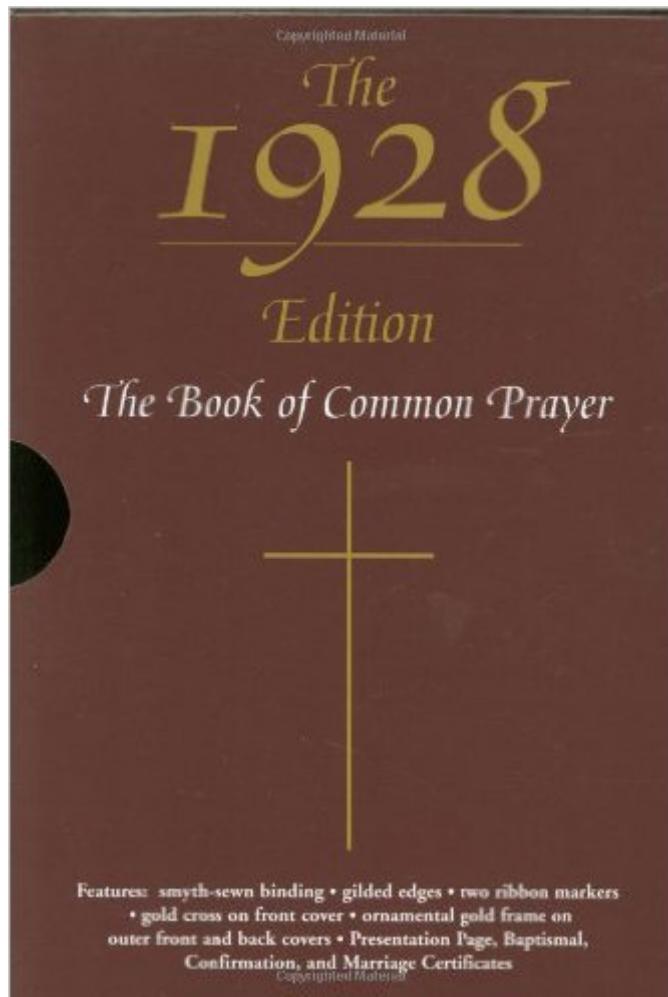


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The 1928 Book Of Common Prayer



Synopsis

The 1928 Book of Common Prayer is a treasured resource for traditional Anglicans and others who appreciate the majesty of King James-style language. This classic edition features a Presentation section containing certificates for the rites of Baptism, Confirmation, and Marriage. The elegant burgundy bonded leather binding is embossed with a simple gold cross, making it an ideal choice for both personal study and gift-giving. The 1928 Book of Common Prayer combines Oxford's reputation for quality construction and scholarship with a modest price - a beautiful prayer book and an excellent value.

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Customer Reviews

I spent a while on an waiting list trying to get an Oxford Press 1928 Book of Common Prayer. Since that didn't work out, I spent some time looking on eBay for a used copy - and saw all of the legitimate 1928 BCP's getting snapped up by others at \$30 or more for particularly fine versions. After observing this demand for months, I was dismayed to find out that with the millions of volumes of offerings, this particularly valuable book was relatively difficult to obtain. Thus, I was very pleased on a visit to for another purchase to see this edition with the notation IN STOCK (when I wrote this review in 2007, the message said "one left - more on the way" but now [2010] appears to be keeping the book regularly available, praise God). I think non-continuing Anglicans don't realize this is the official Prayer Book for a number of churches and denominations; to them, this may be yet another edition of a book for which a "newer, better" edition exists (newer not

always being better). Also, that our numbers are growing as more individuals and parishes confront the issues concerning current politics and controversies. Frankly, amidst the plethora of misinformation concerning translations and allegedly "evolving" editions, I have now learned how faithful this 1928 BCP is - the Nicene Creed, as well as other prayers, are faithful to the words spoken by centuries of Anglicans. For those searching for faithfulness in worship despite politics and agendas, for Americans and many other English-speakers, this is the version to get. As for the book itself... The picture here is that of the box. The actual book is hard-cover, and well-bound - with two ribbon markers (which we Anglicans need!). The typeface is similar to actual older editions.

For many Episcopalians (the American version of official Anglicans), the 1928 version of the Book of Common Prayer is still the most prized worship and liturgical form around. When the 'new' Book of Common Prayer was adopted in 1979 (merely the latest in a lengthening line of Prayer Book revision done by the church in America in the past three hundred years), whole parishes balked (and walked) because of the changes; faithful within the church looked for various means of preserving their beloved version of the BCP - my own church had a '1928 Service' every Wednesday afternoon. The book is not arranged in as user-friendly a manner as the more recent revision (which itself leaves something to be desired in various ways), but it isn't the ordering that causes such devotion to this text. Despite the fact that much of the 'Shakespearean' language of this liturgy is retained in the Rite I form in the newer BCP, there are key differences that make this book the standard bearer to many conservative and traditional Episcopalians. Like any BCP version, it has the principle services of the church - Communion, Morning Prayer, Evening Prayer, Marriage rite, Funeral rite, the Psalter, the Calendar. It also has rites not included in updates - the churching of women, for example; neither will one find inclusive language in the orders of ordination here, for women were not admitted to the three-fold ordained ranks of bishop, priest and deacon while this book was primary. It also contains the collects, epistles and gospel readings for Sundays and major feast days, omitted as well from the later BCP. The catechism is vastly changed from this to the 1979 revision - it is worth comparing the two to see how changes have taken place.

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