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Let Us Pray: A Little Kid's Guide To The Eucharist



Synopsis

Jennie Turrell walked into All Saintsâ™ Chapel on Good Friday, when her three-year-old son stopped her in the darkened doorway and quietly whispered, "Uh-oh." At that moment, she realized that changes in the physical space of the liturgy mattered to him. She had been whispering in his ear during liturgies since he was a baby, but it wasn't until that day that she knew he had been taking it all in—sights and sounds—all of it. In spite of squawking at inopportune times, crawling in the side aisle or narthex when sermons ran too long, drawing on the bulletin, dropping the heavy Book of Common Prayer on his toes, or standing on chairs, her son was present, aware, and sharing in the Eucharist. This is how her little book for little hands came to life. Her son was a consultant on the book from beginning to end. An engaging book for children, ages 2 to 8, to follow the liturgy and participate in ways that are appropriate for them. Beautiful images and age-appropriate language follow the liturgy. Kid-friendly, illustrated primer on the sacrament of the Eucharist.

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"Listen and look. Sing and Pray. What's the lesson of the day?" invites children to listen to the Lectionary and participate in the Eucharist. LET US PRAY, with step by step illustrations of the liturgy, incorporates the Episcopal Eucharistic service matched with child friendly verse explaining

each aspect of the service. An excellent resource for families with small children, godparents, and Welcoming Committees to offer to children to use during the services. Pictures incorporate sheep as members of the congregation and in the service, reinforcing the story of the Good Shepherd.

When the 5 year old beside me pulled down the kneeler and began reading the confession from his copy of "Let Us Pray", I could tangibly feel what it means to "help this child grow into the full stature of Christ" as parents and godparents are asked to do at their child's baptism. This gem of a little book gives a non-biased, accessible entry into the eucharist for little kid's and I believe it will be a primary tool to keeping our children in worship with the gathered community, instead of whisking them (and their "noise") away. It is a brand new tool for a very ancient tradition, and I believe it can - if we allow it - change the way our kids worship with us. Thank you, Jennie.

Excellent book for children who can read. The sheep in the book are wonderful, especially for children taught in Catechesis of the Good Shepherd. In Catechesis we learn that we are the sheep and Jesus Christ is the Good Shepherd, which makes the book very understandable for young people.

Jennie has taken the Episcopal liturgy and made it poetic and understandable for children, and perhaps for some adults. For those of us who didn't grow up in this tradition, the Book of Common Prayer can be a bit dense and confusing. Jennie has carved out the essential parts of the BCP for Sunday morning so that your child need not head off to the nursery but can share sacred time with you. The book is beautifully produced and Jennie's creative art is expressive and thoughtful. It is my "go to" gift for newborns and baptisms.

A great book that my children love to take to Eucharist at our parish. We hope for more about marriage and burial.

This wasn't what I was expecting. It's a reprinting of Holy Eucharist Rite Two in picture book format. The "age appropriate language to follow the liturgy" consists of very words, sprinkled throughout, and doesn't really offer enough in the way of explanation. For example, The text to go along with Holy Communion is one line "As we walk up to receive; think about what we believe." It's a picture book, and in that it's child-friendly and might offer a spring board for the parent to offer more explanation, but it's not a teaching tool in my opinion.

completely faithful to the Book of Common Prayer, Sweetly (not sugary) illustrated and very manageable for a wide variety of ages. Doesn't dumb down the material. I would have liked included the common breaks for hymn singing or other music, but in the procession it does include a choir. Very nice resource for children in the pew, or home instruction. Affordable and appealing.

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