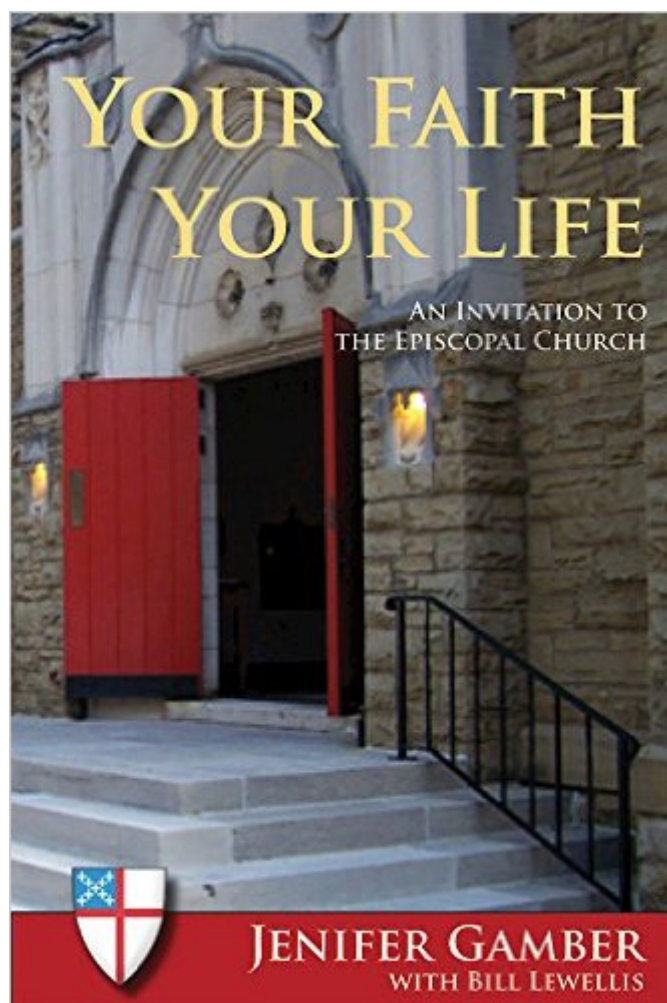


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# Your Faith, Your Life: An Invitation To The Episcopal Church



## Synopsis

An everything-you-need-to-know guide for newcomers to engage deeply in the Christian life in the tradition of the Episcopal Church, written in an accessible, conversational style. This book will carefully present the Episcopal Church's language of worship theology church structure and sacraments so newcomers will have the vocabulary to share their beliefs and practices, explore the Bible, understand prayer and discern their own ministry within the church. Similar in format to the earlier book for teens, this new book will draw on the success of the teen book by retaining its broad content areas as well as its clear and simple language, while inviting readers to consider their relationship with God and the church community as an ongoing process of transformation and providing a way to engage in that process.

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## Customer Reviews

As a new member of the Episcopal church I found this book to be very helpful. I learned so much about the faith and it answered many questions I had. It is easy to read and understand. I highly recommend it.

Ms. Gamber's book is an excellent introduction to Western Christian spirituality, let alone a comprehensive introduction to the "middle way" of the Episcopal Church. I would say that most of the book is actually given over to spiritual life and practice. This says a lot about Ms. Gamber's and the Church's orientation. She lays out and incorporates into her discussion the spiritual analysis of the Jesuit Father Bernard Lonergan --- that is, the ways of examining events, experience, and so

forth; making productive spiritual conclusions about them; and moving on with the hope of spiritual transformation. Ms. Gamber discusses briefly, but really nicely, the search for personal calling and a variety of methods of starting out on prayer and continuing in the routine of prayer. She discusses worship and ministry in the context of the Church's Baptismal Covenant. She has a nice discussion on the Eucharist and the Prayer Book ritual(s) for it. Ms. Gamber's emphasis is upon thought and growth, not just on doctrine and ritual. Nonetheless, in the midst of all this, she also finds the time to tell us what a "paten" is and makes us familiar with "chasubles", "cottas" and incense (!). She also talks about the Church's institutional structure. A really nice book for the cradle Episcopalian, the new Episcopalian, or for anyone wanting to learn about this beautiful Church.

As New to the Episcopal Church this was a big help for me from the history and the essence of the Denomination it really enriched my appreciation for this Church.

I was a Roman Catholic who started to become increasingly disenchanted with the Church's intolerance and strict adherence to its dogma. It's fine, even a source of comfort for some, but not for me. I felt called to find a different expression of faith, and this book was instrumental in describing the basics of the Episcopal Church within the context of building up your faith and spirituality. I think the the "middle way" of the Anglican communion, and the Episcopal parish that I attend now, is just what I was looking for. I highly recommend this book to anyone interested in learning more about the Episcopal church.

Very interesting read. would encourage newbies and oldies of the Episcopal faith to keep this book on their used frequently shelf.

This book I read for the second time. It pertains to everyday life very well. It talks about always being attentive, intelligent, reasonable, responsible, and loving towards God in everything one does in life. I am going to tell the world there is an afterlife when everybody passes from this earth. I often wondered if there was an afterlife until almost the age of thirty, when I was brought into a hospital in Aug. of 1982 after being in a car accident. The doctor told my parents he did not think I would live very long. I was unconscious and was in the hospital for five months. While I was unconscious, my spirit took a trip to heaven, where I saw billions of angels, and all they were telling me is it wasn't my time to be there yet. Since that occurred in my life I have done everything possible to help out less fortunate people on earth. There are 151 world, national and local charities in my will, and I try to

attend church every sunday, bible class, and sometimes weekly prayer meetings. Whoever reads this just remember to always keep a positive attitude in your life, and no matter what happens to you in life that is bad, just say to yourself it could have been worse. Sincerely, David Diamond

Jennifer Gamber has assembled an excellent introduction to the Episcopal Church in a fashion that is readily understood by most age groups. I've used this for my confirmation class and will use it in the future.

As the title reads, this book is an amazingly comprehensive, yet very readable, introduction to the Episcopal faith. If anyone wants to know more about the church without being overburdened by a traditional, theological tome, this is the book for you to read.

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