

Traveling Home

Basic Episcopal Christian Formation Course, 2021

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*This course will help you engage questions of faith from a Christian perspective in the Anglican tradition. It also will provide you with opportunities to form relationships with fellow explorers on the same journey. Because we form a community of fellow spiritual travelers during this course, we ask you to commit to being part of all the sessions. Of course, we also understand life happens and it may be the case that you miss a session.*

**Required written resources:**

1. A Bible – Any version is fine, but some versions are more difficult to read and understand than others. For example, while the King James translation is one of the most beautiful pieces of English literature, it may be difficult for us to understand. Two translation choices are recommended – the *New Revised Standard Version* (NRSV), the translation we use in the readings at mass, and the primary translation used in the Episcopal Church, or the *Common English Bible* (CEB), a recent translation aimed at conveying a clearer meaning in everyday language.
2. *Traveling Home: Tracking Your Way Through the Spiritual Wilderness, (TH)* by Fr. Mark Kowalewski. This book from Church Publishing, Emerged from the basic Formation class. It is available for purchase on line from the publisher, or from wherever you purchase books.

**Class Sessions and Other Events:**

Attend class sessions Saturday mornings via Zoom at 10:00 a.m.

Participate digitally in the 11:00 a.m. mass. We are looking for ways to have participants be part of the liturgies of Lent as we traditionally do, but in a different format.

Participate digitally in the liturgies of Holy Week

Due to the ongoing COVID-19 crisis, the liturgical culmination of this class will not be celebrated at the Easter Vigil as is tradititional. A later date will be selected as we know more about health and safety precautions.

**Weekly Class Format:**

Check in and ask any questions about the Episcopal Church (10-15 min.) Discussion of weekly topic and readings (1 hour)

**2021 Schedule:**

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| DATE | TOPIC | READINGS |
| January 16 | Introduction – The existence of God in a secular age | ----- |
| January 23 | A Creator who has a dream | TH, ch. 1-2  Genesis 1-2 |
| January 30 | Wandering – the reality of human sin | TH, ch. 3  Genesis ch. 3-4:16 |
| February 6 | God’s search – The people of Israel | TH ch. 4  Genesis 15, Exodus 20:1-21 |
| February 13 | Jesus’ journey | TH ch. 5  Mark ch. 1-8 |
| February 20 | Belief in the Risen Lord | TH ch. 6  Mark ch.9-16 |
| February 27 | Making a covenant to be a Jesus follower  *Special guest, Bishop Frank Brookhart* | Baptismal Questions and Covenant, Book of Common Prayer, pp.302-305 |
| March 6 | Following Jesus | TH ch. 7  John 3:1-22; John 4:1-42 |
| March 13 | The Anglican way of being a Jesus follower Part 1 | TH ch. 8 |
| March 20 | The Anglican way of being a Jesus follower Part 2 | TH ch. 9-10 |
| March 27 | The Anglican way of being a Jesus follower Part 3 | Liturgies of Holy Week |