

WHAT DID EMILY LEARN?

Like many of you, I am quite unfamiliar with the Anglican Church. These summaries are simply me sharing what I learned from reading these books. They're not written by someone who can vouch for the ACNA or the C4SO, but simply someone who's learning, so my hope is that they can help you in this discernment process to choose what reading will be most helpful to you!

Our Anglican Heritage describes the history of the Anglican church. The authors start with the church of England and the ugliness that came from the church and state running together, how that predicament came to be, and how God chose to use something dark and terrible to birth a church that has been growing for hundreds of years. The authors also share the different facets of the Anglican church; how it is Biblical, Evangelical, Worshipful, Sacramental, etc. and why each of these facets are important to the entirety of the Anglican church. They break down the denominational splits and don't shy away from some of the mistakes and dark days in their history because the authors know that the church learned from the mistakes and from the darkness that they overcame. So, they share what they learned and they share the fullness of the history because it was all formational to the Anglican church today.

One thing that I found helpful about this book in particular was that it was very resourceful. First, chapter 10 describes the roles in the clergy; who can fill them and what each role

is responsible for. Second is the appendices at the end. They explain things like the clothing that the clergy wear and break down the timeline of the history in an easy-to-understand fashion.

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