

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!

The Anglican Way by Thomas McKenzie acts as a guidebook for those who are curious about Anglicanism, have questions, or are new to Anglicanism. He breaks down the history of the Anglican Church, he shares why the denomination was formed and what they believe. He shares about the breakdown between provinces and dioceses (both of which were previously unfamiliar to me), their theology and how they've landed where they've landed, and what traditions have influenced the Anglican Church. He writes about the resources of the Anglican Church and where they come from. Resources such as the Book of Common Prayer...how it came to be, and how to use it. McKenzie's "guidebook" has been helpful in understanding many of the practical questions about the Anglican Church as a whole.

But he mostly shares about how the "Anglican Way" is marked and led by a love for Jesus, a desire to know Christ, and the work to be like Christ. He breaks down how every liturgy, prayer, and practice is a desire to lead us back to Jesus. This guidebook is a perfect starting point to answer

your questions about Anglicanism. It answered questions that I felt like I *should* already know the answer to (i.e. What's the difference between a bishop and a priest?) McKenzie breaks these questions down very clearly for those of us who are new to Anglicanism!

- Emily

