

# 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!*

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*Liturgy of the Ordinary* by Tish Harrison Warren contains 10 chapters that run through everyday occurrences and how each of those occurrences make up a liturgy of our lives. Beginning with simply waking up each morning, Warren helps the reader to think about how the first thing that they do in the morning sets the trajectory for their day and how we can begin to see the first thing that we do in the morning as a spiritual practice.

As I read, I was unsure of why Brad would recommend reading this as we are discerning a move towards becoming Anglican. But as I kept reading, Warren continued to write about the liturgical practices of the Anglican church and how intentional they are. They *pass the peace* right before taking the Eucharist because it's important theologically to be at peace with your neighbor before coming to the Table. She speaks of multiple times that she and her husband would step out to make peace over a dispute that happened in the car on the way to church, simply to approach the Table without a hovering anger or frustration with one another. She makes the argument that the ordinary practices of our everyday life build out the liturgy of our

lives and how the Anglican church has challenged her to see how each of these normal, ordinary things can lead us back to Jesus if we allow them to.

Ultimately, this book leads to a greater understanding of the Anglican church's perspective on liturgy and the intention behind each point in their service and the beauty that it can lead us to pursue in our own liturgies of our lives.

- Emily

