

# **Ascension Catechism Class Syllabus 2025-2026**

## Introduction:

The goal of the Catechism Class is to teach the basics of the Christian faith (mere Christianity) to those who desire to be baptized and/or confirmed. The Catechism will guide our time and serve as the primary text for the sessions. It covers three key areas: the Apostles' Creed, the Lord's Prayer, and the Ten Commandments. We will also cover the sacraments, liturgy, and the Anglican way.

Students in this class will have the opportunity to be baptized, confirmed, or simply learn more about the Christian faith within the Anglican tradition. The class will meet 16 times starting in Fall 2025 and ending before Easter in 2026. Attendance is required for every session. Please email Julian+ if you are unable to attend a class session in advance.

## Catechist:

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## Time and Location:

Classes will take place on Sundays from 11:45 am to 1:00 pm. We will meet at the Church of the Ascension location (Langley Music School) in the classroom we use for Sunday school and Scriptorium.

## Texts (Please bring to Class):

- To Be a Christian: An Anglican Catechism, Crossway Publishers
- Holy Bible
- Optional: Book of Common Prayer, 2019

## A Rite For Admission of Catechumens: September 28 (10:00 am)

After the Gospel reading during the service, the catechumens will be received and prayed for. Please email [erbjulian@gmail.com](mailto:erbjulian@gmail.com) with any questions.

## CATECHISM SCHEDULE: THEMES & READING HOMEWORK

**FALL 2025**

<b>Week</b>	<b>Themes and Topics</b>	<b>Required Reading</b>
<u>Session 1</u>  September 28	<u>Beginning with Christ</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Gospel</li> <li>• Salvation</li> </ul>	To Be a Christian <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Read pages 7-27 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ Preface, Introduction, Questions 1-17</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
October 5 and 12	No Class (Julian+ is away on October 5th, and October 12th is Thanksgiving Weekend)	
<u>Session 2</u>  October 19*  *Church and class will meet at Milner Chapel	<u>Believing in Christ</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Concerning the Creeds</li> <li>• Concerning Holy Scripture</li> <li>• The Apostles Creed <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ Article 1: God the Father</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	To Be a Christian <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Read pages 29-38 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ Questions 18-47</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<u>Session 3</u>  October 26	<u>Believing in Christ</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Apostles Creed <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ Article 2: Jesus Christ</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	To Be a Christian <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Read pages 38-46 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ Questions 48-83</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<u>Session 4</u>  November 2	<u>Believing in Christ</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Apostles Creed <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ Article 3: Holy Spirit</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	To Be a Christian <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Read pages 47-55 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ Questions 84-120</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<u>Session 5</u>  November 9	<u>Believing in Christ</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Concerning Sacraments <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ Baptism, Holy Communion</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	To Be a Christian <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Read pages 55-59 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ Questions 121-136</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

<u>Session 6</u>  November 16	<u>Believing in Christ</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Concerning Sacraments <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Confirmation</li> <li>Ordination</li> <li>Marriage</li> <li>Absolution</li> <li>Anointing of the Sick</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	To Be a Christian <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Read pages 59-63 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Questions 137-153</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<u>Session 7</u>  November 23	<u>Belonging to Christ</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Concerning Prayer</li> <li>The Lord's Prayer <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Address</li> <li>The First Petition</li> <li>The Second Petition</li> <li>The Third Petition</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	To Be a Christian <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Read pages 65-73 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Questions 154-187</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<u>Session 8</u>  November 30	<u>Belonging to Christ</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Lord's Prayer <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Fourth Petition</li> <li>The Fifth Petition</li> <li>The Sixth Petition</li> <li>The Seventh Petition</li> <li>The Doxology and Amen</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	To Be a Christian <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Read pages 74-81 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Questions 188-223</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

### **Break During Advent and Christmas**

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## Spring 2026

Week	Themes and Topics	Required Reading
<u>Session 9</u> January 11	<u>Belonging to Christ</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A Rule of Prayer               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ Scripture</li> <li>◦ Prayer</li> <li>◦ Corporate Worship</li> <li>◦ Toward a Rule of Life</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	To Be a Christian <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Read pages 81-88               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ Questions 224-255</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<u>Session 10</u> January 18	<u>Becoming Like Christ</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Ten Commandments               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ Commandments 1-3</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	To Be a Christian <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Read pages 89-98               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ Questions 256-289</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<u>Session 11</u> January 25	<u>Becoming Like Christ</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Ten Commandments               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ Commandments 4-6</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	To Be a Christian <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Read pages 98-103               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ Questions 290-316</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<u>Session 12</u> February 1	<u>Becoming Like Christ</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Ten Commandments               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ Commandments 7-10</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	To Be a Christian <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Read pages 104-111               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ Questions 317-356</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<u>Session 13</u> February 8	<u>Becoming Like Christ</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Justification and Sanctification               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ Union with Christ</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	To Be a Christian <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Read pages 111-114               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ Questions 357-368</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<u>Session 14</u> February 15	<u>Surveying the Scriptures</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Old Testament</li> <li>• New Testament</li> </ul>	

February 22	No Class (Annual General Meeting)	
<u>Session 15</u>  March 1	<u>The Book of Common Prayer (BCP)</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• BCP Survey <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Daily Office</li> <li>○ Holy Eucharist</li> <li>○ Pastoral Rites</li> <li>○ Episcopal Services</li> <li>○ Special Liturgies</li> <li>○ Calendars and Lectionaries</li> <li>○ Documentary Foundations</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	BCP 2019 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Preface to 2019, 1549, and 1662 BCP <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ pgs 1-5, 794-802</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<u>Session 16</u>  March 8	<u>The Anglican Way</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 39 Articles</li> <li>• Jerusalem Declaration</li> <li>• Summary and Review</li> </ul>	BCP 2019 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 39 Articles <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Pgs 772-790</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Jerusalem Declaration <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Pgs 791-793</li> </ul> </li> </ul>