

## Introduction

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Worship is the most powerful way to enter into the belief and spirituality world of Anglicans. It is in the context of worship that the Anglican way of understanding and being in the world is expressed in rite and symbol. It is in and through our worship that we proclaim our understanding about God and community. Therefore, the way we organize our worship has enormous consequences in terms of understanding who we are as Anglicans.

*Liturgical Standards and Resources* is designed to help clergy and worship committees design worship experiences that reflect in visible and concrete ways the beliefs and spirituality of our Anglican tradition in the Diocese of Toronto.

- Section 1 is a presentation of theological themes as they apply to the Sacraments of Baptism, Eucharist and Matrimony.
- In Section 2, models and rites for the administration of the Sacraments of Baptism, the Rite of Christian Burial, and the Rite for the Institution of New Ministry are presented.
- Section 3 provides some theological principles in the area of healing ministry with appropriate recommendations for their execution.
- Section 4 discusses liturgical and other matters that require Episcopal oversight and/or permission.
- Section 5 provides policies and guidelines concerning a number of issues of importance to clergy.

