

Liturgy We Live *by Dr. Gil Haas*

The Anglican version of the Catholic rosary was developed in the Episcopal Diocese of Texas as an aid to daily prayer. An Anglican prayer bead set consists of thirty-three beads divided into four groups of seven beads called Weeks with four large Cruciform beads separating the four groups. Attached to one Cruciform bead is a cross and a single Invitatory bead. Each type of bead is associated with a different prayer by the user. The user begins at the cross (saying: In the Name of God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen.) followed by the Invitatory Bead (saying: O God make speed to save me, O Lord make haste to help me, Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.), and subsequently, to the first Cruciform bead (saying: Holy God, Holy and Mighty, Holy Immortal One, Have mercy upon me), moving to the right, through the first set of seven beads (saying: Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God, have mercy on me, a sinner.) to the next Cruciform bead, and so on continuing around the circle.

If you have a liturgical question or an inquiry about anything that transpires during or around our worship service, please forward the question you would like researched to: gghaas@aol.com, or drop the question in the offering basin. Please note whether we can credit you as the source of the question.