

Liturgy We Live *by Dr. Gil Haas*

The “ordinary” is that part of the Church’s service that is unchanging. Variable parts of the service are called “propers”. Propers include the collects, lessons and psalms (which together are called the “lectionary”), and prefaces which are said during the Prayer of Consecration. To increase the variety of Biblical readings, the lectionary is divided into years A, B, and C - we are currently in Year A. The collects and prefaces are offered in both traditional and contemporary language and “collect” the combined prayers of the congregation. The propers for any date are used for the preceding day’s evensong. A Sunday’s propers are also used during the following weekdays unless that Sunday was a saint’s feast or Trinity Sunday. In these cases, the propers for the following week revert to that assigned by the church’s calendar. The propers for the Sundays of Pentecost depend on what date Pentecost is celebrated fifty days after Easter. The Daily Office Lectionary provides readings for daily Morning and Evening Prayer alternating between Years 1 and 2. Year 1 readings, which are currently being used, are employed from the first Sunday in Advent which precedes an odd numbered year such as 2017.

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.