Gifts of God for the People of God: Exploring Worship in the Episcopal Church
A 6-Week Small Group Book Study Suggested Outline

**A Collect to begin each week**  
(Book of Common Prayer, p. 252)  
God our Father, whose Son our Lord Jesus Christ in a wonderful Sacrament has left us a memorial of his passion: Grant us so to venerate the sacred mysteries of his Body and Blood, that we may ever perceive within ourselves the fruit of his redemption; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

| Introduction       | Week 1 | Preface  
|                   |       | Chapter 1 A Perfect Picture of God’s Love  
|                   |       | Chapter 2 The First as well as the Last Supper  
|                   |       | Approx. 17 Pages |

| The Word of the Lord | Week 2 | Ch. 3 Blessed be God & God’s Kingdom  
|                     |       | Ch. 4 Gloria in excelsis  
|                     |       | Ch. 5 The Lessons  
|                     |       | Ch. 6 The Sermon  
|                     |       | Approx. 40 pages  
|                     | Week 3 | Ch. 7 The Nicene Creed  
|                     |       | Ch. 8 The Prayers of the People  
|                     |       | Ch. 9 Confession & Absolution  
|                     |       | Ch. 10 Exchanging the Peace  
|                     |       | Approx. 40 pages |

| The Holy Communion | Week 4 | Ch. 11 The Offertory  
|                   |       | Ch. 12 The Great Thanksgiving  
|                   |       | Ch. 13 The Eucharistic Prayer  
|                   |       | Approx. 40 pages  
|                   | Week 5 | Ch. 14 The Lord’s Prayer  
|                   |       | Ch. 15 Christ, our Passover Is Sacrificed for Us  
|                   |       | Approx. 20 pages  
|                   | Week 6 | Ch. 16 The Body of Christ, The Bread of Heaven  
|                   |       | Ch. 17 Post-Communion Thanksgiving  
|                   |       | Ch. 18 The Dismissal  
|                   |       | Afterword  
|                   |       | Approx. 30 pages |

The questions and activities at the end of each chapter can serve as a catalyst for weekly small group discussion and subsequent individual follow up activities, as desired.

**A Collect to conclude each week**  
(Book of Common Prayer, p. 221)  
Almighty Father, whose dear Son, on the night before he suffered, instituted the Sacrament of his Body and Blood: Mercifully grant that we may receive it thankfully in remembrance of Jesus Christ our Lord, who in these holy mysteries gives us a pledge of eternal life; and who now lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.