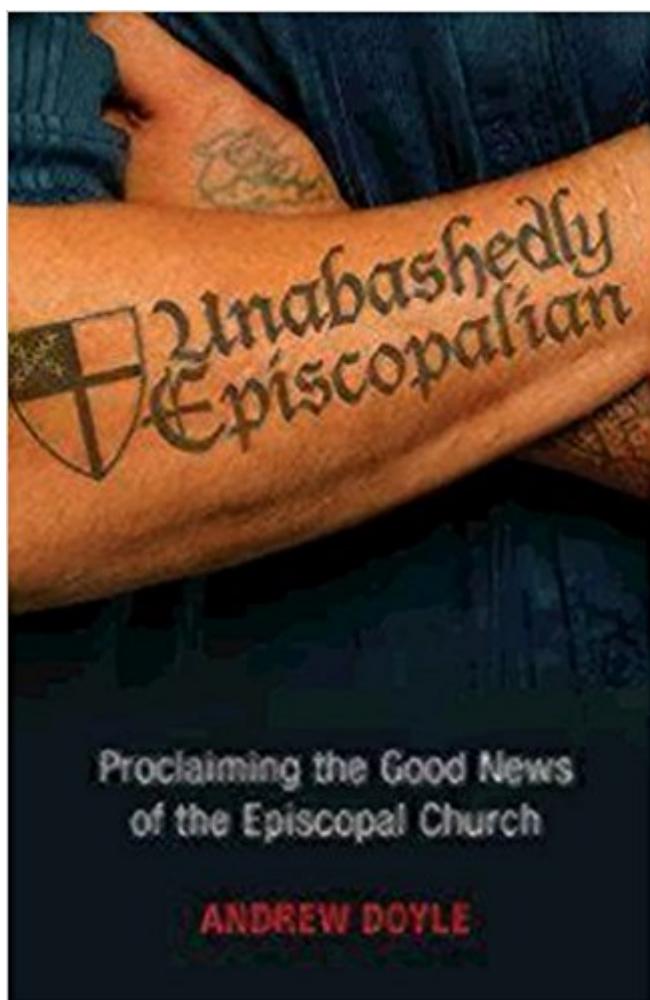


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# Unabashedly Episcopalian: Proclaiming The Good News Of The Episcopal Church



## **Synopsis**

Whether you're new to The Episcopal Church or just want to remember why you love it, open *Unabashedly Episcopalian* and prepare to be inspired, taught and motivated.Â  Andy Doyle has mined the Baptismal Covenant and his own experiences as bishop of the Diocese of Texas to offer a heartfelt, smart and practical book that calls Episcopilians to wake up to the church's unique gifts and story, and equips them to share that witness in their neighborhoods and out in the world.

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## **Customer Reviews**

"Andy Doyle reminds us what this corner of God's Church has to offer a suffering world.Â  He has written a love letter to a church that could use one right this minute!"-Ray Suarez, senior correspondent, PBSNewsHour"Fresh, genuine, reasoned and passionate, Andy Doyle's warm invitation to the faith of The Episcopal Church is a gift for those renewing or discovering their faith.Â  The book itself is a work of creative evangelism."-Cynthia Briggs Kittredge, professor and academic dean,Episcopal Seminary of the Southwest."Bishop Andy Doyle speaks in a voice so reassuring and confident that one is ready to follow him as he follows Jesus. Unabashedly Episcopalian is simultaneously an introduction to The Episcopal Church and a model for those who feel called to share its story with boldness, heart, and humor." -Jim Naughton, editor of Episcopal Cafe

This book is envisioned to help some who pick it up to hear our unique witness of God through the

tradition of the Episcopal Church. For still others this book is an opportunity to see our church again for the first time. I love Jesus and I love our tradition. I am unabashedly Episcopalian and want others to experience the love of God and our church as I have experienced them over these many years.- Andrew Doyle

I like the short pithy chapters. Each chapter begins with part of the Apostles' Creed, chronologically. It summarizes what Episcopilians believe, and why. We share much of our theology with other branches of Christianity, but our form of worship differs in many respects. It alludes to the 3 authorities in the Episcopal Church: scripture (first and foremost), tradition, and reason. All in all, a good read, even for a 4 decades Episcopalian like myself, who picked this faith from the others, because the authority of "reason" allowed me to question, to think, and even to doubt at times, and to still know that God loves me.

I was recently confirmed as a member of the Episcopal Church. The book we studied to prepare for that event was Your Faith, Your Life: An Invitation to the Episcopal Church. I feel that "Unabashedly Episcopalian" is a great followup to that volume, though not a replacement. There was a lot of useful information in both tomes. What I especially liked about this book was the way in which Bishop Andy challenged readers to "do" and not just be content with a cerebral Christianity. This is important to me, as I am not always inclined towards service as a way of life, and encouragement of this type reminds me that serving is at the core of true Christianity.

I liked "Unabashedly Episcopalian: Proclaiming the Good News..." so much that I shared it with my Rector. Well, she still has the softback but I finished reading it in Kindle. I am so impressed that I reserved Andrew Doyle's new book, "The Jesus Heist". I got that from too. I think I will finish reading "The Jesus Heist" before sharing with my Rector this time, lol.

To me, the good news is that I have found a home in the Episcopal Church. I picked up Bishop Andrew Doyle's book in an attempt to learn more about my new church home. Little did I know that it would make for such contagiously compelling and faith-full reading. Another reviewer called it a "love letter to the Episcopal church" - it is that and more. Bishop Doyle himself says it best for me when he states " I love Jesus and I love our tradition. I am unabashedly Episcopalian and want others to experience the love of God and our church as I have experienced them..." He has definitely succeeded in that aim and his love and joy shines through in his writing. Through chapters

that begin with the baptismal promises, the author teaches us as well as reminds and instructs us in just what we are promising, with church history interspersed along the way. It is a guide in the most readable way and ultimately, it is a rousing call to service, as we are reminded that we are a missionary people, whose lives have been transformed by our love for Jesus Christ. It is our responsibility and privilege to share that Good News with those we meet and to welcome them into a church where they can be nurtured by the Word of God and joyfully experience His love through one another. I enjoyed and was inspired by this well written little book and I recommend it not only to those interested in the Episcopal Church or to those life long church members looking for refreshment but to all who would be interested in a closer relationship with Jesus. It is, as I have found the Episcopal Church to be, joyful with the Good News that we are loved by God.

Great starter book for those who are seriously interested in the spirit of the Episcopal church past the news headlines.

I chose this rating (5 stars) for "Unabashedly Episcopalian" because it is an easy read, and is written by an Episcopal Bishop who knows this church inside and out. I am a "cradle Episcopalian," which simply means my parents and grandparents were all Episcopalian, and I was baptized into God's kingdom in an Episcopal church. I was born Episcopalian and will die an Episcopalian, and am proud of my church and its' ties to the Anglican Communion, its traditions, and its inclusiveness. Bishop Doyle speaks of all these things in his book. I recommend it to be read by anyone who is Episcopalian or who desires to know more about the Episcopal Church. .

This is an easy read that helped me learn more about what the Episcopal Church is about. This is something I will read again and again.

My name is Mary...I live in Austin...and I am Unabashedly Episcopalian! Bishop Andy Doyle's new book resonated with me from the get go. Engaging, accessible, inspiring, and challenging, his book affirmed my own spiritual journey, which landed me in the Episcopal Church in 1996. Bishop Doyle speaks from a place of vulnerability, and in so doing, he models the courage for us to do likewise. People need a language with which to talk about their faith, and Bishop Doyle gives us, as Episcopalian, that language as he shares his personal story. Saying Yes to God, bearing witness to the transformative reality of Jesus Christ and the healing work of the Holy Spirit in our lives, allowing ourselves to be vessels of grace in the world... To those of you who are Episcopalian, I

encourage you to read this book. To those of you who might be searching and/or curious about what Episcopalians believe, I commend this book to you. Mary Parmer, Director - Gathering of Leaders & Congregational Consultant

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