



The Ridley Institute

Introduction to Anglicanism The Rev'd Dr. Sam Pascoe

Session One: Introductions & Tensions

- Welcome

- Overview & Introduction

- *Omne Trium Perfectum* (Bears, Musketeers, & Billy Goats)

- Of Austin Healeys and Platypi

- Attention on Tensions
 - Martyrdom

 - Centripetal vs/& Centrifugal Evangelism

 - The nature and role of authority

- o Church vs/ & State

- o Communion vs Denomination

- o High, Low, Broad

- o Is schism worse than heresy?

- o Uniformity vs Diversity

- o Tradition vs Innovation

- o Normative vs Regulative Principles

- o Local vs/ & Global

Session Two: Three Events

- “Geography is destiny” . . . or providence
 - Prehistoric & Roman Britain
 - Early “Anglican” Saints & Pioneers
- Whitby
 - “If we can join, we can unjoin.”
 - “Do all roads really lead to Rome?”
- The Long Reformation
 - “If you don’t have time to do it right, when will you have time to do it over?”
- America: Empire, Enterprise, Entropy, and Enthusiasm
 - Three lost opportunities

- Frontier & Individualism

- Great Awakenings

- Antidisestablishmentarianism

Session Three: Three Monarchs

- Henry VIII
 - Henry II & Becket

 - Henry VII & Shaky Supremacy

 - Success is Succession

- Edward VI
 - The calm before the storm

 - Cranmer & *carpe diem*

 - Moment, Man, Movement, Method, Monument, Museum

- Elizabeth I
 - The Settlement after the storm
 - “There’s nothing new here.”
 - Acts of Uniformity & Supremacy

Session Four: Three Pillars of Cranmer's Reform

- The Book of Homilies
 - *ordo salutis*
 - The Word Heard
- Book(s) of Common Prayer
 - Cutting-edge technology
 - Liturgy: Real Life meets Real Presence and *Realpolitik*
- Articles of Religion
 - A Congenial Confession
 - A Creedal vs a Cradle Anglican

Session Five: Three Sacred Acts

- The Word of The Lord
 - Hebrew Roots

- Baptism
 - A lesson from *The Abyss*

 - Pickles and Tulips

- Holy Communion
 - A lesson from *Saving Private Ryan*

 - The Real Presence illuminated or obfuscated

Session Six: Three Instruments of Doctrine

- Scripture
 - *Dos Equis*

- Reason
 - When being rational can be unreasonable

- Tradition
 - Relay races, Big T's and little t's

Session Seven: Three Orders (plus one)

- Laity
 - Ministry's main muscle made manifest

- Deacons
 - “Daddy, why is that man dressed like a Klingon Warrior?”

- Elders (Priests)
 - A priest by any other name . . .

- Overseers (Bishops)
 - “A noble task” (I Timothy 3:1) but also fraught, frenzied, frightening, and often friendless

Session Eight: Three Anglican Heroes

- Men who stood firm but who did not stand still

- Using the inherent genius of the Anglican Way & Cutting-Edge technology to bring people to Christ

- Thomas Cranmer
 - Flawed, forceful, fruitful, and finally faithful

- George Whitefield
 - Facing the twin dangers of changing the Message and not changing the method

- C.S. Lewis
 - Placing the Gospel over career, facing doubt, and loving God with your mind

Session Nine: Three Streams, One River

The Nicene Creed offers four adjectives to describe The Church: One, Holy, Catholic, and Apostolic. Too often the holiness faction, the catholic faction, and the apostolic/evangelical factions snipe at each other and chip away at the “Oneness” of The Church. How can we bring about the oneness and unity for which our Lord prayed (John 17:21)?