


Topics

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- Introduction to Church History 1600-1800
 - The British Church: The Anglicans
 - Grace Abounding: The Puritans
 - For Christ's Crown & Covenant: The Scottish Presbyterians
 - God's Free Mercy: The Church in the Netherlands
 - The Westminster Assembly
 - Calvinism in the New World
 - Protestant Orthodoxy
 - The Path of Life: Brother Lawrence and Blaise Pascal
 - The Great Divide: Enlightenment and Romanticism
 - A Warmth From the Fire of God in the Heart of Germany: Pietism and Bach
 - The Inextinguishable Blaze: The Evangelical Revival in Great Britain
 - The Great Awakening in America
 - From the Awakening to the Revolution: Davies to Witherspoon
 - Summary

James 3:1 - Not many of you should become teachers, my brothers, for you know that we who teach will be judged with greater strictness. (ESV)

Outline

- Historical Background
- Anglican Doctrine, Liturgy, Thought
- Famous Early Anglicans

Historical Background

- Under Elizabeth England turns thoroughly Protestant and emerges as a leader among Protestant states
- Via Media (the middle way) – Why?
 - Between Puritans and Catholics
 - *“A pastorally minded balancing of the claims of traditional faith and practice against the need to change for edifications”* – J.I. Packer
- The Puritans (within the Anglican Church)
 - John Knox, Thomas Cartwright
 - Desire to push the church toward Geneva, John Calvin, & Presbyterianism



Elizabeth I
r. 1558 - 1603

“... a perfect Reformed church to the furtherance of God’s glory”
- Queen Elizabeth I

Anglican Doctrine, Liturgy, Thought

Topic	Anglicans
Theology	Reformed – 39 Articles of Religion Flexible – over time more emphasis on how to live as a Christian vs. how to become one Periodic de-emphasis and/or hostility toward pre-destination
Liturgy / Worship	Very concerned with liturgical consensus Centered on The Book of Common Prayer Stress beauty in worship Church Building Architecture
Church Government	Episcopal Tight tie with state monarchy
Mindset	Broad, Inclusive Spirituality, Piety (e.g., the devotions and poetry of John Donne and George Herbert) Learned, Cultured, Moderate

*“...the **Articles of the Church of England**... do contain the true doctrine of the Church of England agreeable to God's Word... no man hereafter shall either print, or preach, to draw the Article aside any way, but shall submit to it in the plain and full meaning thereof: and shall not put his own sense or comment to the meaning of the Article, but shall take it in the literal and grammatical sense.”*

- King Charles I

*“Long before the age of fish and chips the **Book of Common Prayer** was the great British invention, nurturing all sorts and conditions of Englishmen and holding the church together with remarkable effectiveness.”*

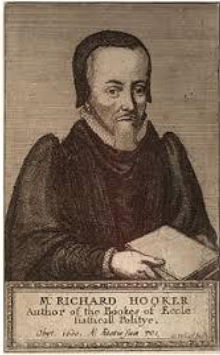
- J.I. Packer

***Psalm 29:2** - Give unto the LORD the glory due unto his name; worship the LORD in the **beauty** of holiness.*

“I am a Presbyterian, as you will find out in the next lesson [Puritans] and when I talk about Scotland. [But] In some ways this [Anglican] emphasis on liturgy, beauty, and worship is something from which we can learn.”

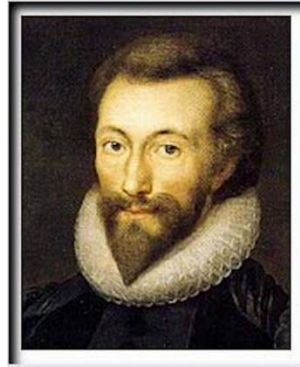
- Professor David Calhoun

Notable Early Anglicans



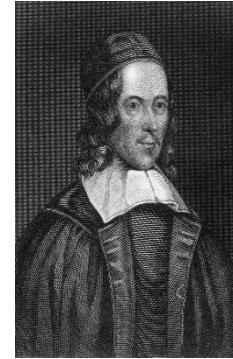
Richard Hooker
1554 - 1600

- Priest, Early Influencer of Church Polity
 - *Laws of Ecclesiastical Polity*
 - Authority over Church Polity
 - Scripture
 - Tradition
 - Reason
- “The gift of natural understanding, wit, and reason is also from God”*
– Richard Hooker



John Donne
1572 - 1631

- Dean of St. Paul’s Cathedral in London
 - Poet
 - Preacher
 - *Devotions*
- “O most mighty and merciful God, who, though thou hast taken me off my feet, hast not taken me off my foundation, which is Thyself.”*
– John Donne
- “Therefore never send to know for whom the bell tolls, it tolls for thee.”*
– John Donne



George Herbert
1593 - 1633

- Minister in a small country parish church
 - *The Country Parson* – everything the parson does is his ministry
 - Poet – He loved words and he loved God
 - *The Temple*
- “In a sedate Anglican manner [Herbert] renounced the world for God.”*
– Charles Williams,
The Descent of the Dove



Izaak Walton
1593 - 1683

- Ironmonger, Writer
- Parishioner of John Donne
- Biographer of Hooker, Donne, and Herbert
- *The Compleat Angler*

John 21:3a - Simon Peter saith unto them, I go a fishing. They say unto him, We also go with thee.