

Rev. Judy's class delved into the background and history of the Books of Common Prayer (both British and American); the Daily Offices; Baptism and Holy Eucharist; and Collects (what they are, where they are found in the BCP, and how to write one). Our assignment for March is to finish reading the textbook, *Opening the Prayer Book*, by Jeffrey Lee, and bring questions and comments for discussion; write a Collect; make a diagram of St. Luke's worship space and reflect on how its physical layout and structural elements affect worship; prepare a Morning Prayer service; and answer a questionnaire called "Where Is It?," which asks us to identify the location of 21 "items" in the BCP, *e.g.*, where is the Collect for Peace?; what are the four parts of the Great Vigil of Easter?; in what public service may the Apostles' Creed be said?—and 18 others!

Deacon Chuck's class was more "nuts and bolts" than academic, although there is an assigned text: *Deacons in the Liturgy*, by Ormonde Plater. Deacon Chuck "talked us through" the Deacon's role in the part of the Holy Eucharist that is called "preparation of the table and gifts." It has its own unique ritual and rubrics (directions). As you may have noticed, I have started to "do" this part of the service on Sundays, under the guidance of Deacon Chris Christy. It is both awesome and humbling, as well as a reminder to me that I truly am on the way to becoming a deacon! For next month's class, Deacon Chuck will bring with him all the items used in the preparation of the table, and we'll have the opportunity for a simulated Eucharist in the Cathedral's upstairs chapel.

Archdeacon Sarah Getts made arrangements for all deacons in formation to be included in the Service of Consecration for Bishop-Elect Jennifer Reddall on March 9th, so I am delighted to inform you that I, as well as Deacon Chris Christy, will be among the 20 Chalice Ministers at that liturgy.

Deacon formation continues to be a grace-filled journey of growth and transformation that is drawing me ever deeper into the mystery that is God. Thank you for your prayerful support along the way; it lifts me up in the not-so-rare times when I find myself in "deep waters!" —Keehna Sture