



Vestment Guidelines

Liturgical Vesture and Colours



A five-page liturgical document for clergy, catechists, altar servers, missions, and lay study, prepared in a Gothic-style Prayer Book format for the Ecumenical Protestant Church in America.

Pastoral Authorization

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Theology of Vesture

Vestments are not ornaments of pride but signs of ordered ministry, reverence, and the beauty of holiness. They clothe the minister for service rather than display the person.

Rubric. Vesture shall be clean, fitting, modest, and appropriate to the rite.





Basic Vestments

Alb: baptismal garment and common vesture. Cincture: discipline and service. Stole: ordained ministry. Chasuble: Eucharistic presidency. Dalmatic: diaconal service. Cope: processions and solemn offices. Cassock and surplice: offices and non-Eucharistic rites.





Colours

White or gold: feasts, Easter, Christmas, weddings. Red: Pentecost, martyrs, ordinations. Violet or blue: Advent; violet for Lent. Green: ordinary growth. Black or violet: funerals where customary.





Care and Storage

Use and Care

This booklet is designed for practical use. The officiant shall prepare the readings, persons, vessels, vestments, music, and pastoral notes before the service begins.

Rubric. The text may be shortened only when necessity requireth; the essential prayer, Scripture, and sacramental form shall be preserved.

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