

Seven Chapters in Church History

I. Christian Formation: Struggle for Survival

33	Pentecost
40s–60s	Paul's missionary trips to the Gentiles around the Roman Empire
50s	Persecution of Christians in Rome under Nero (persecutions continue at varying intensities through 313)
120–200	Gospels and epistles come to be seen as canonical; the “New Testament” forms

II. Defining a State Religion

312	Constantine's vision at the Milvian Bridge
325	Council of Niccea begins to deal with Arian heresy/understanding of Trinity
c. 296–373	Athanasius a vigorous foe of Arianism
4 th century	desert monks arise
354–430	Augustine of Hippo
450	Fall of Rome
451	Council of Chalcedon arrives at understanding of Christ

III. The Loss of Empire and a New Relationship with the State

461	Patrick of Ireland evangelizes
c. 480–c. 540	Benedict of Nursia
590	Gregory the Great made pope, restoring order to Italy and promoting monasticism
597	Augustine sent as missionary to England
735	Bede's <i>Historia Ecclesiastica</i> written
800	Charlemagne crowned Holy Roman Emperor by pope on Christmas Day
800–1100	Viking Invasions of Britain
c. 909–988	Dunstan , Archbishop of Canterbury, champion on monasticism
c. 1046–1093	Margaret of Scotland

IV. The High Medieval Period: the Glory Days?

1095–1270	Crusades
c. 1033–1109	Anselm of Canterbury
1170	Martyrdom of Thomas a Becket
c. 1172–1221	Dominic
1181–1226	Francis of Assisi
1198–1216	Innocent II pope; papacy at height of power
c. 1225–1274	Thomas Aquinas

V. Calls for Reform

1309–1377	“Babylonian Captivity”
c. 1330–1384	John Wycliffe
c. 1342–c. 1416	Julian of Norwich and mysticism
1452	fall of Constantinople
1517	Luther’s 95 Theses
1527	Henry VIII begins attempts to divorce Catherine of Aragon

VI. The Birth and Expansion of Anglicanism

1534	Henry splits from Rome
1549	First <i>Book of Common Prayer</i> (BCP)
1558-1603	Elizabeth I
1607	Jamestown
1701	43,000 Anglicans in the colonies; 50 clergy (20 in Virginia, 20 in Maryland)
1784	Samuel Seabury consecrated in Scotland
1789	First General Convention and first American BCP
1817, 1823	First Episcopal Seminarians in U.S. (General, New York City; VTS)

VII. The Modern Era

1833	The Oxford Movement with Edward Pusey , Newman and Keble
1855	Founding of Grace Church
1870	Religious Orders in the Episcopal Church
1886, 1888	Chicago House of Bishops and Lambeth Conference Agreements
1892, 1928, 1979	2 nd , 3 rd , 4 th editions of BCP in U.S.
1912	Bethlehem Chapel at the National Cathedral opens
1948	Present Grace Church built
1976	Approval of the ordination of women to Priesthood