



The Anglican Diocese of South Carolina Episcopal Visitation Customary 2026

DEADLINE: Complete and return this Customary 4 weeks before the Bishop's scheduled visit. This allows the Bishop time to learn about your church, and how things are developing.

OVERNIGHT ACCOMMODATIONS: If the visit requires overnight accommodations, the parish is asked to make those arrangements on the Bishop's behalf.

PROTOCOL: The Liturgical Color appropriate to the Season may be used for the Bishop's Visit. If there are Confirmations, the color is traditionally Red, although the color of the season is also appropriate. The decision is left to the Rector.

The Bishop normally wears his Rochet and Chimere, but is happy to wear his Cope and Miter if the church prefers.

The Bishop's Chaplain normally travels with him. If the Chaplain is not present, a Deacon will assume those responsibilities. If there is no Deacon, a priest or a lay person may serve as Chaplain. The Bishop can easily explain the Chaplain's duties.

Due to the challenges of weekly travel, the Bishop requests that multiple services be combined into one unless the combined ASA exceeds the capacity of the Nave. If you'd like an exception to be made, please contact the Bishop and discuss it with him.

BISHOP'S DISCRETIONARY FUND: The open plate offering (or some alternative amount previously determined by the vestry) is customarily designated for the Bishop's Discretionary Fund. Those funds should be conveyed after the visitation at the convenience of the parish treasurer.

BAPTISM: Normally baptisms are not a part of an Episcopal Visit. If there is a reason that you'd like for the Bishop to baptize (*ie.* the children of clergy) please call to discuss that with him.

OTHER QUESTIONS: Any questions regarding the Bishop's schedule and the Customary for his Episcopal Visit should be directed to Madison Kuzia at the Diocesan House (843) 722-4075 or madisonk@adosc.org.

VISITATION QUESTIONNAIRE

General Information

Church Name _____ Visitation Date _____

Priest's Name _____ Priest's Cell _____

Sunday Information

Time of Principal Service _____

Worship Address _____

Unless otherwise arranged, the Bishop requests that his visit be a single service. Please plan to combine services unless the total ASA exceeds the capacity of the Nave. If you'd like an exception to be made, please contact the Bishop to discuss.

Eucharistic Rite Anglican Standard ☐ Renewed Ancient ☐

Include the Seasonal Acclamation (p 105; 123; 145-146) before the Acclamation for Confirmation (p 175).

Propers (BCP 2019)

Old Testament _____ Epistle _____

Psalm _____ Gospel _____

Confirmations and/or Receptions

Number of Confirmations _____ Receptions _____

*Reaffirmation does not share the same sacramental character as Confirmation and Reception.
The Bishop is happy to Reaffirm, but there is no need for the count to be included.*

Bishop's Vestments Request Rochet and Chimere ☐ Cope and Mitre ☐

Liturgical Color (Red or color of the season) _____

Other Matters

I would like for the Bishop to speak to our Confirmands ☐ Time: _____

I would like for the Bishop to speak to our Adult Sunday School ☐ Time: _____

Please confer with the Bishop no less than two weeks prior to the visit to discuss a topic.

Photography

Photographer's name and email _____

A smart phone is fine. Please send pictures to Katrina Swartzentruber (katrinas@adosc.org) by the Monday after the visit for Diocesan-wide publication.

Reception Coffee Only ☐ Light Fare ☐ Lunch ☐ No Reception ☐

Additional Notes: