

# ANGLICAN CHURCH OF AUSTRALIA - DIOCESE OF TASMANIA

## AN AUSTRALIAN PRAYER BOOK ORDINANCE 1977

An Ordinance to adopt the Australian Prayer Book Canon 1977 and make provision for the use of An Australian Prayer Book in the Diocese.

BE IT ENACTED by the Bishop, Clergy and Laity of the Diocese of Tasmania in Synod assembled as follows:-

1. This Ordinance may be cited as An Australian Prayer Book Ordinance 1977.
2. In this Ordinance, unless the contrary intention appears:-
  - "An Australian Prayer Book" has the same meaning as it has in the Australian Prayer Book Canon 1977;
  - "Australian Prayer Book Canon 1977" means the Canon passed by the General Synod of this Church, a copy of which is set out in the Schedule to this Ordinance;
  - "Bishop" means the Bishop of Tasmania or the person administering the Diocese during the absence of the Bishop or a vacancy in the office of Bishop of the Diocese.
  - "Diocese" means the Diocese of Tasmania;
  - "parish" includes a Parochial District and a Mission District;
  - "parish church" means a church, chapel or other building used by a parish as a principal or subsidiary place of parish worship;
  - "parishioner", in relation to a parish, means a member of this Church
    - (a) who customarily worships with a congregation worshipping in the parish; or
    - (b) who resides within the boundaries of the parish, other than such a member who declares that he does not wish to be regarded as a member of the parish;
  - "this Church" means the Anglican Church of Australia.
3. The Australian Prayer Book Canon 1977 is hereby adopted.
4.
  - (1) An Australian Prayer Book may be used at services conducted in a parish church as parish services if, and only if, the rector of the parish, and a majority of the parishioners present and voting at the general meeting of parishioners duly convened for the purpose, have approved the use of An Australian Prayer Book by the parish.
  - (2) For the purposed of sub-section (1), a general meeting of the parishioners of a parish shall be convened and conducted in accordance with the provisions of the Vestries Ordinance 1959 and as amended.
5. An Australian Prayer Book may be used at services (not being services referred to in Section 4.) conducted in the Diocese as public services of this Church if, and only if, the Bishop of the Diocese has approved the use of An Australian Prayer Book at the services.
6. Except as provided in sections 4 and 5, the use of An Australian Prayer Book in the Diocese is not subject to any restrictions.

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### SCHEDULE

#### A CANON TO AUTHORISE THE USE OF "AN AUSTRALIAN PRAYER BOOK", AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES 1977

The General Synod prescribes as follows:

1. This canon may be cited as the Australian Prayer Book Canon 1977.
2. In this canon, unless the contrary intention appears - "Australian Prayer Book" means the prayer book prepared by the Liturgical Commission and published by the authority of General Synod under the name "An Australian Prayer Book", and amended and approved by Synod; "Book of Common Prayer" has the same meaning as in the Constitution; "Constitution" means the Constitution of the Church of England in Australia, "this Church" means the Church of England in Australia.
3.
  - (1) The use of the Australian Prayer Book by this Church is hereby authorised.
  - (2) The admission of persons to an office of bishop, priest or deacon in this Church in accordance with the appropriate form in the Ordinal included in the Australian Prayer Book is hereby authorised.
  - (3) Nothing in sub-section (1) or (2) or section 4 affects:
    - (a) the use of the Book of Common Prayer in accordance with the provisions of the Constitution; or
    - (b) the admission of a person to an office of bishop, priest or deacon in this Church as if this canon had not been made.
4. The synod of a diocese may, by ordinance, regulate the use of the Australian Prayer Book at services held in the diocese.
5.
  - (1) Subject to this section, the bishop of a diocese may, upon request being submitted to him, authorise deviations from the Australian Prayer Book.
  - (2) The procedures set out in the second and third provisos to Section 4 of the Constitution apply to and in relation to the submission of requests to the bishop of a diocese under sub-section (1) in like manner as they apply to and in relation to the submission of requests for deviations from the Book of Common Prayer.
  - (3) Nothing in this section permits a deviation contravening a principle of doctrine or worship referred to in section 4 of the Constitution.
6. A person made deacon, ordained priest or consecrated bishop in the Church of England in Australia in accordance with a form in the Ordinal contained in the Australian Prayer Book is, for the purposes of the application of Article 36 of the Articles of Religion, sometimes called the 39 Articles, rightly, orderly and lawfully made, ordained or consecrated, as the case may be.