

ANGLICAN CHURCH OF AUSTRALIA - DIOCESE OF TASMANIA

A PRAYER BOOK FOR AUSTRALIA ORDINANCE 1995

An Ordinance to adopt the Prayer Book for Australia Canon 1995 and make provision for the use of A Prayer Book for Australia 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 A Prayer Book for Australia Ordinance 1995.
2. In this Ordinance, unless the contrary intention appears:-
 - "A Prayer Book for Australia" has the same meaning as it has in the Prayer Book for Australia Canon 1995;
 - "Prayer Book for Australia Canon 1995" 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;
 - "parish council" means the Council referred to in Part 3 of the Parish Administration Ordinance 1986.
 - "this Church" means the Anglican Church of Australia.
3. The Prayer Book for Australia Canon 1995 is hereby adopted.
4.
 - (1) A Prayer Book for Australia may be used at services conducted in a parish church as parish services if, and only if, the rector of the parish, and the Parish Council duly convened for the purpose, have approved the use of A Prayer Book for Australia by the parish.
 - (2) For the purpose of sub-section (1), a meeting of the Parish Council shall be convened and conducted in accordance with the provisions of the Parish Administration Ordinance 1986.
5. A Prayer Book for Australia 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 A Prayer Book for Australia at the services.
6. Except as provided in sections 4 and 5, the use of A Prayer Book for Australia in the Diocese is not subject to any restrictions.

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SCHEDULE

A Canon to authorise use of A Prayer Book for Australia and for related purposes

The General Synod prescribes as follows:

1. This canon may be cited as the "Prayer Book for Australia Canon 1995".
2. In this canon, unless the contrary intention appears - "A Prayer Book for Australia" means the prayer book prepared by the Liturgical Commission under the name "A Prayer Book for Australia" and amended and approved by Synod on the sixth day of July 1995, subtitled "For use together with the Book of Common Prayer 1662 and An Australian Prayer Book 1978, liturgical resources authorised by the General Synod"; "Book of Common Prayer" has the same meaning as in the Constitution; "Constitution" means the Constitution of The Anglican Church of Australia; "this Church" means The Anglican Church of Australia.
3.
 - (1) The use of A Prayer Book for Australia 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 A Prayer Book for Australia is hereby authorised.
 - (3) Nothing in this Canon 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;
 - or
 - (c) the use of An Australian Prayer Book in accordance with the Australian Prayer Book Canon 1977;
 - or
 - (d) the use of deviations from An Australian Prayer Book in accordance with the Australian Prayer Book Canon 1977.
 - (4) Nothing in this Canon, or in the Australian Prayer Book Canon 1977 affects the continued operation of the second and third provisos to section 4 of the Constitution with regard to the use of deviations from the Book of Common Prayer.
4. The authorisation of A Prayer Book for Australia in no way diminishes the authority of the Book of Common Prayer and the Thirty-nine Articles as the authorised standard of worship and doctrine of the Church as declared in the Constitution.
5. The synod of a diocese may, by ordinance, regulate the use of A Prayer Book for Australia at services held in the diocese.
6.
 - (1) Subject to this section, the bishop of a diocese may, upon request being submitted to him, authorise deviations from A Prayer Book for Australia.
 - (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.

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7. A person made deacon, ordained priest or consecrated bishop in The Anglican Church of Australia in accordance with a form in the Ordinal contained in A Prayer Book for Australia 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.
- 8 The provisions of this Canon affect the order and good government of this church within a diocese and shall not come into force in a diocese unless and until the diocese, by ordinance, adopts it.