
*General Synod — Australian Prayer Book Canon 1977
Adopting Ordinance 1977*

No. 36, 1977

AN ORDINANCE to adopt a certain General Synod canon.

WHEREAS

A. A certain canon entitled "Australian Prayer Book Canon 1977" was passed by the General Synod of the Church of England in Australia during the session of the said Synod held in 1977.

B. A copy of the said canon is contained in the Schedule hereto.

C. It is expedient that the said canon be adopted by the Synod of the Diocese.

NOW the Synod of the Diocese of Sydney HEREBY ORDAINS DECLARES DIRECTS AND RULES as follows:—

1. The said canon is hereby adopted and shall so far as the same is applicable be applied to the order and good government of the Church in this Diocese.
2. This Ordinance may be cited as "General Synod — Australian Prayer Book Canon 1977 Adopting Ordinance 1977".

SCHEDULE

A Canon to Authorise the Use of "An Australian Prayer Book" and for Related Purposes.

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 under the name "An Australian Prayer Book" and recommended 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.

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(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.

I certify that the Ordinance as printed is in accordance with the Ordinance as reported.

E. D. CAMERON,
Chairman of Committees.

We certify that this Ordinance was passed by the Synod of the Diocese of Sydney this sixth day of October, 1977.

W. G. S. GOTLEY,
R. J. BOMFORD,
Secretaries of Synod.

I assent to this Ordinance.

M. L. LOANE,
Archbishop of Sydney.

6/10/77.