

## PRAYER BOOK FOR AUSTRALIA CANON 1995

### Canon 13, 1995

**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 authorized 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 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.
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  - (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.
- 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.

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