

Statute 778

The Liturgies of the Word Amendment Statute, 2024

Whereas:

- (a) The General Synod / Te Hīnota Whānui by Statute 453 in 1988 confirmed the adoption of The Liturgies of the Word as a Formulary, and
- (b) This included words for a prayer For the Queen in Prayers for Various Occasions, on page 138 of A New Zealand Prayer Book / He Karakia Mihinare o Aotearoa, and
- (c) The Common Life Liturgical Commission wishes to acknowledge the passing of Queen Elizabeth II, and consequently replace this prayer with a general prayer For the Sovereign.

The General Synod / Te Hīnota Whānui enacts as follows:

1. **Title.** The title of this Statute shall be *The Liturgies of the Word Amendment Statute, 2024*.
2. **Purpose.** To replace the prayer For the Queen with a prayer For the Sovereign in The Liturgies of the Word.
3. **The Liturgies of the Word** is amended as follows:

at the appropriate place on page 138, the prayer For the Queen is replaced with the following words:

God who creates us in community,
and weaves us together in relationship, bless
our sovereign(s) (N).
Fill her/him/them with your grace,
that she/he/they may provide
all communities under her/his/their rule with
what is needed to thrive.
Guide her/him/them to lead
in ways that reflect your reign
of justice, compassion and peace.
We pray in the name of Christ,
the Prince of peace.
Amen

4. Clause 3 of this Statute is the adoption of a specific proposal in terms of Part B, Clause 6(a) of the Constitution/te Pouhere, and Section 4(a) of the Church of England Empowering Act 1928, and shall be made known to Te Rūnanganui o Te Pihopatanga o Aotearoa, the Synod of the Diocese of Polynesia, and the several Diocesan Synods in New Zealand.

*I certify that this Statute was passed by the General Synod / te Hīnota Whānui on 21 May 2024.
As witnessed by my hand 5 July 2024.*

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'D. Tamihere', written in a cursive style.

D Tamihere

Primate and Archbishop