

Bill No 4

Mover: The Ven Ruihana Paenga / Seconder: ...

A Bill to Confirm 'The Liturgies of the Word Amendment Statute, 2024', 2026

Whereas:

- (a) The General Synod/te Hīnota Whānui 2024 enacted as Statute number 778 '*The Liturgies of the Word Amendment Statute, 2024*' 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 to authorise amendments to the Formularies, and
- (b) Te Rūnanganui o Te Pīhopatanga o Aotearoa, the Synod of the Diocese of Polynesia, and a majority of the Diocesan Synods in New Zealand have assented to the proposal pursuant to Part B, Clause 6(b) of the Constitution/te Pouhere, and Section 4(b) of the Church of England Empowering Act 1928, and
- (c) Since the adoption of this proposal, there has been a fresh election of members of the General Synod/te Hīnota Whānui, in fulfilment of Part B, Clause 6(c) of the Constitution/te Pouhere.

The General Synod/te Hīnota Whānui enacts as follows:

1. **Title:** The title of this Statute shall be '*The Liturgies of the Word Amendment Confirmation Statute, 2026*'
2. The proposal contained in Statute 778 to Amend '*The Liturgies of the Word*', is agreed to 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**

3. This Statute shall come into force at the conclusion of this 67th Session of the General Synod/te Hīnota Whānui.

Notes:

Statute 778 gave this explanation:

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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.

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