

Bill No 7

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A Bill to Amend 'The Liturgies of the Eucharist', 2026

Whereas:

- (a) The General Synod/te Hīnota Whānui by Statute 457 in 1988 confirmed the adoption of The Liturgies of the Eucharist as a Formulary, and
- (b) This included the Rubrics contained in 'Additional Directions for the Liturgies of the Eucharist' on pages 515 to 517 of A New Zealand Prayer Book/He Karakia Mihinare o Aotearoa, and
- (c) The House of Bishops has discussed emerging practices and current health advice, and wishes to clarify some of these directions and to empower local guidance, and
- (d) The Common Life Liturgical Commission has been consulted and supports debate on these proposals.

The General Synod/te Hīnota Whānui enacts as follows:

1. **Title:** The title of this Statute shall be *The Liturgies of the Eucharist Amendment Statute, 2026*.
2. **Purpose:** To clarify and update the 'Additional Directions for the Liturgies of the Eucharist'.
3. **The Liturgies of the Eucharist** are amended as follows:

at the appropriate place on pages 515 to 517, to replace the words:

“The bread for the Eucharist should be good quality bread (either loaf or wafer) and the wine for the Eucharist should be a good quality wine. At **The Preparation of the Gifts** water may be added to the wine.”

with the words:

“The bread for the Eucharist should be good quality bread (either loaf or wafer) and may include gluten free bread or wafer. The wine for the Eucharist should be a good quality wine. At the discretion of the presiding priest, grape juice may also be offered. Every celebration of the Eucharist should have at least one common cup on the holy table, in which wine is placed, symbolising the unity of the body of Christ, and which should be available to all. If grape juice is available, it should not be in a common cup. At **The Preparation of the Gifts** water may be added to the wine.

From time to time, guidelines may be issued by appropriate diocesan authority in respect of the use of vestments, the use of small cups or glasses for the distribution of wine (and grape juice), the recommended percentage of alcohol for the wine, the material common cups should be made of, the practice of intinction and any other such matters, with reference to good practice in respect of hygiene and care of communicants.”

and delete the words:

“Communion may be received by intinction.”

- 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 Pīhopatanga o Aotearoa, the Synod of the Diocese of Polynesia, and the several Diocesan Synods in New Zealand.