



Canon 17

Authorized Service Books and Scriptural Translations

PRAYER BOOKS

1. The only authorized prayer books for use in the Diocese are those that have been approved by resolutions of the General Synod of the Anglican Church of Canada from time to time. They are currently The Book of Common Prayer (1962) and The Book of Alternative Services (1985) as well as the Supplementary Eucharistic Prayers, Services of the Word, Night Prayer (2001), and the Rites for Morning and Evening Prayer and the Holy Eucharist as listed in the Evangelical Lutheran Worship (2006).
2. Supplementary resources, prayers, materials and rites beyond those listed above may be used only with prior approval of the Bishop. At informal worship in small groups, other forms may be used but the authorized prayer books shall be used at regular services.
3. At the regular services of a Parish other forms of worship supplementary prayers or materials, rites, etc., may only be used with prior approval of the Bishop.

HYMN BOOKS

4. The only authorized Hymn books for use in the Diocese are those that have been approved by resolutions of the General Synod of the Anglican Church of Canada or by resolution of Synod from time to time. Currently, these are The Book of Common Praise (1938), The Hymn Book (1971) and Common Praise (1998).
5. Occasional use of other hymns and music is permitted and encouraged with the understanding that all provisions of copyright licensing, fees and copyright reporting for materials used occasionally shall be maintained and comply with all pertinent copyright laws in Canada.
6. The Hymnody and Service Music, as listed in the Evangelical Lutheran Worship (2006), are authorized for occasional use in the Diocese.
7. Local situations and/or fresh expressions of ministry that require different forms of music to be used on a regular basis may do so after receiving the approval of the Bishop and provided that:
 - (a) The Parish involved uses the great hymns of the Church sufficiently that its members would feel connected at wider Anglican events such as Synod; and
 - (b) All provisions of copyright licensing, fees and copyright reporting for materials used shall be maintained and comply with all pertinent copyright



laws in Canada.

TRANSLATIONS OF SCRIPTURE

8. The public reading of Scripture in the liturgies of the Diocese shall be from those translations that accurately reflect the original Greek and Hebrew texts and have been compiled by groups of scholars. “Dynamic Equivalence” or “Paraphrase” versions of the Holy Scripture, including versions which reflect the opinion of one person rather than of a consensus of scholars, are not permitted for use in public worship in this Diocese.