

Authorized Liturgies

Liturgies authorized by the bishops for use in public services in the Diocese of Toronto are the following:

1. **The *Book of Common Prayer (BCP)* (1959) remains the official Prayer Book of the Anglican Church of Canada, and its use must not be denied our people.**
2. **The *Book of Alternative Services (BAS)* is the official alternative to the *Book of Common Prayer* and its use should not be denied our people.**
3. Because the *Book of Alternative Services* comes as the fruition of a long period of liturgical experimentation in our church, liturgical rites, previously authorized for use in the diocese, are no longer authorized. These rites include the following:
 - i) The *Canadian Anglican Liturgical Series*, including the Third Canadian Eucharist, the Marriage Rite and the Burial Rite.
 - ii) The *Book of Common Prayer* of the Episcopal Church of the United States of America.
 - iii) The *Church of England Liturgical Series 1, 2 and 3*, and the *Alternative Services Book of the Church of England*.
4. Use of prayer books from other Anglican provinces in languages other than English must also be authorized by the area bishop.
5. Exceptions to the above ruling are as follows:
 - i) Because the *Book of Alternative Services* does not contain an Induction Rite, the alternative is provided in Section 2.
 - ii) The provisions for combining baptism and/or confirmation with the eucharist, according to the *Book of Common Prayer* are found in Section 2.
 - iii) The Third Collect appointed for Good Friday, p.174 of the *Book of Common Prayer* is no longer authorized and will be omitted.
6. The bishops strongly support the recommendation of General Synod 1983 that the ecumenical lectionary contained in the *Book of Alternative Services* or the *Revised Common Lectionary* (1992) authorized by General Synod 1995 be used, even where the usual Sunday liturgy is from the *Book of Common Prayer*. **The only authorized lectionaries are those contained in the *Book of Common Prayer*, the *Book of Alternative Services*, and the *Revised Common Lectionary* (1992).** Others may only be used with the approval of the bishops.
7. No other authorized rites should be used without the express permission of the area bishop.
8. The liturgies contained in the *Book of Occasional Celebrations* (Canada) have not been authorized for use in public liturgies in the Diocese of Toronto. They may be used only after consultation with the area bishop.

