Statute 790

'The Liturgies of the Word' Amendment Confirmation Statute, 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

We certify that this Statute was passed by the General Synod / te Hīnota Whānui on 20 August 2026. As witnessed by my hand 1 October 2026.

D Tamihere
Primate and Archbishop

J Duckworth
Primate and Archbishop

S Ulu'ilakepa
Primate and Archbishop