

General Rules for Regulating Authorized Forms of Service

- 1 Any reference in authorized provision to the use of hymns shall be construed as including the use of texts described as songs, chants, canticles.
- 2 If occasion requires, hymns may be sung at points other than those indicated in particular forms of service. Silence may be kept at points other than those indicated in particular forms of service.
- 3 Where rubrics indicate that a text is to be ‘said’ this must be understood to include ‘or sung’ and vice versa.
- 4 Where parts of a service make use of well-known and traditional texts, other translations or versions, particularly when used in musical compositions, may be used.
- 5 Local custom may be established and followed in respect of posture but regard should be had to indications in Notes attached to authorized forms of service that a particular posture is appropriate for some parts of that form of service.
- 6 On any occasion when the text of an alternative service authorized under the provisions of Canon B 2 provides for the Lord’s Prayer to be said or sung, it may be used in the form included in *The Book of Common Prayer* or in either of the two other forms included in services in *Common Worship*. The further text included in Prayers for Various Occasions (page 106 in *Common Worship: Services and Prayers for the Church of England*) may be used on suitable occasions.
- 7 Normally on any occasion only one Collect is used.
- 8 At Baptisms, Confirmations, Ordinations and Marriages which take place on Principal Feasts, other Principal Holy Days and on Sundays of Advent, Lent and Easter, within the Celebration of the Holy Communion, the Readings of the day are used and the Collect of the Day is said, unless the bishop directs otherwise.
- 9 The Collects and Lectionary in *Common Worship* may, optionally, be used in conjunction with the days included in the Calendar of *The Book of Common Prayer*, notwithstanding any difference in the title or name of a Sunday, Holy Day or other observance included in both Calendars.

Authorization Details

- ¶ The following services and other material in *Common Worship: Christian Initiation* are authorized pursuant to Canon B 2 of the Canons of the Church of England until further resolution of the General Synod:
- ¶ Thanksgiving for the Gift of a Child
 - ¶ The Lord’s Prayer
 - ¶ The Apostles’ Creed
 - ¶ Holy Baptism
 - ¶ Emergency Baptism
 - ¶ Holy Baptism and Confirmation
 - ¶ Seasonal Introductions, Collects, Bible Readings and Psalms, Prayers over the Water, Prayers of Intercession, Introductions to the Peace, Eucharistic Prefaces, Post Communions and Blessings
 - ¶ Thanksgiving Prayer for a Child, Bible Readings and Psalms, An Alternative Form of the Decision, A Litany of the Resurrection, Responsive Form of the Prayer over the Water, An Alternative Profession of Faith and Alternative Prayers of Intercession
 - ¶ Affirmation of Baptismal Faith
 - ¶ Reception into the Communion of the Church of England
 - ¶ A Form of Confession suitable for Use by Individuals
 - ¶ An Act of Contrition suitable for Use by Individuals
 - ¶ Authorized Absolutions 2–6
 - ¶ A Celebration of Wholeness and Healing
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- ¶ The following material has been commended by the House of Bishops of the General Synod for use by the minister in exercise of his or her discretion under Canon B 5 of the Canons of the Church of England:
- ¶ Rites Supporting Disciples on the Way of Christ
 - ¶ An Outline Order for Celebration of Baptism and Confirmation within a Vigil Service
 - ¶ Other Seasonal Provisions for Baptism and Confirmation
 - ¶ Canticles in Procession to the Font
 - ¶ Thanksgiving for the Holy Ones of God
 - ¶ Celebration after an Initiation Service outside the Parish
 - ¶ Thanksgiving for Holy Baptism
 - ¶ Admission of the Baptized to Communion
 - ¶ A Corporate Service of Penitence
 - ¶ Resources for Reconciliation and Restoration
 - ¶ The Reconciliation of a Penitent
- ¶ Authorized Absolution I is taken from *The Book of Common Prayer* with minor variations. Use of it in this form falls within the discretion canonically allowed to the minister under Canon B 5.