

## **A Form for Ordering A Service of the Word**

*Forms used at the discretion of the minister conducting the service on any occasion shall be neither contrary to, nor indicative of any departure from the doctrine and authority of the Anglican Church in Aotearoa, New Zealand and Polynesia in any essential matter.*

### **GATHER**

#### **The Preparation**

Liturgical Greeting  
Prayers of Penitence (here or in The Prayers)  
Hymn, Song of Praise, or a set of responses  
Opening Prayer (Collect) (here or in The Prayers)

### **STORY**

#### **The Ministry of the Word**

Reading(s) from Holy Scripture  
Psalm(s), Scriptural Song(s)  
Sermon  
Creed or Affirmation of Faith

#### **The Prayers**

Intercessions and Thanksgivings  
The Lord's Prayer

### **GO**

#### **The Conclusion**

Liturgical ending

## **Some Notes Relating to A Form for Ordering a Service of the Word**

### **INTRODUCTORY NOTES**

#### **Prayer of Penitence**

Sections from *Liturgies of the Word* or from *Liturgies of the Eucharist* in ANZPB-HKMOA are useful resources. The minister may introduce the confession with suitable words.

#### **Hymns, Canticles, Acclamations, Songs of Praise and The Peace**

Possible points are indicated for some of these, but they may occur elsewhere as occasion requires.

#### **Silence**

Periods of silence may be kept at different points of the service. It may be particularly appropriate in the Liturgical Greeting, Prayer of Penitence, Reading(s) from Holy Scripture, and Intercessions and Thanksgivings.

### **GATHER**

#### **Liturgical Greeting**

It is important for each service to have a *clear beginning*. It may be appropriate to have some introductory singing, or a hymn, or a sentence of scripture before the Liturgical Greeting that might be followed by a brief introduction or an opening prayer.

## **STORY**

### **Readings**

There may be readings from Holy Scripture and other Christian devotional material. Normally there would be at least one scriptural reading. These might be dramatised, sung or read responsively. The Lectionary published each year provides an ordered cycle of readings. This would be especially useful in the Christmas and Easter seasons, and when the service is combined with a Eucharist. Various other art forms might be considered such a liturgical dance.

### **Psalms**

A service might include a Psalm or Psalms using either the ANZPB-HKMOA or a metrical, responsive version, or perhaps a paraphrase.

### **Sermon**

The term *sermon* may include less formal exposition, the use of drama, interviews, discussions, and audiovisuals. Hymns or other sections of the service may be inserted between parts of the sermon. The sermon may come after the readings, or before or after the prayers.

### **Sermon & Creed**

These might be omitted on a weekday but included on a Sunday or Holy Day.

## **GO**

### **Conclusion**

It is helpful to have a *clear ending*. This might include one or more of the following forms: The Peace, the Grace, or a suitable ascription or blessing. A responsive conclusion might complete this section.