



BISHOP OF THE ANGLICAN DIOCESE OF OTTAWA

November 30, 2023

Clergy of the Anglican Diocese of Ottawa

Dear Friends in Christ,

Grace and peace to you on this Feast of Saint Andrew the Apostle—and warm congratulations to those who are marking ordination anniversaries!

It is my pleasure to provide you with a long-awaited document concerning liturgical texts authorized for use in the Anglican Diocese of Ottawa.

The enclosed directive, titled *On Liturgical Texts*, comes into effect immediately, and is intended to assist clergy by clarifying information and addressing common questions regarding liturgical texts.

While it is my responsibility to authorize *On Liturgical Texts*, the credit for producing it must go to the members of my Liturgical Advisory Panel: Archdeacon Linda Hill; Canon Kevin Flynn; Canon John Gibaut; the Reverend Nicholas Forte; and the Reverend Victoria Scott. The panel also invited a number of colleagues to review drafts of the document: Archdeacons Patrick Stephens, Monique Stone, and Rhonda Waters; Canons Catherine Ascah, Stephen Silverthorne, and Gary van der Meer; and the Reverend Gillian Hoyer. Leigh Anne Williams, our staff writer, edited the penultimate draft before my final revisions were incorporated.

Please take time to read *On Liturgical Texts* as a whole. I pray it will help each of us to live out the solemn promise we made at ordination: “to conform to the doctrine, discipline, and worship of the Anglican Church of Canada.”

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to speak with me or Archdeacon Hill.

With kindest blessings,

Yours in Christ,

The Right Reverend Shane A.D. Parker
Bishop of Ottawa

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