



AN ORDER FOR MEETINGS  
OF THE  
ANGLICAN MEN'S SOCIETY

GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

The Lord be with you.  
And also with you.

*The leader welcomes each of those who are present, in particular, any guests, receives the apologies and expressions of concern from members, shares greetings received, and states the specific purpose of the meeting.*

Christ has reconciled us to God in one body by the cross.  
**We meet in his name and share his peace.**

The peace of the Lord be always with you.  
And also with you.

*A sign of peace may be exchanged with others nearby.*

[Let us pray]

We welcome your presence with us, O God,  
and we lift up our hearts to you:

**to God the Father, to whom we pray;  
to God the Son, through whom we pray;  
to God the Holy Spirit, in whom we pray.**

Glory to God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.  
**as in the beginning, so now, and for ever. Amen.**

THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD

*A reading from the scriptures.*

*A period of reflection or discussion may follow the reading.*

May your word live in us  
**and bear much fruit to your glory.**

*A hymn or canticle may be sung or said.*

THE PRAYERS

Lord, have mercy.  
**Christ have mercy.**  
Lord have mercy.

**Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done  
on earth as in heaven.**

**Give us today our daily bread.**

**Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.  
Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours  
now and for ever. Amen.**

*Intercessions and thanksgivings may be made according to need,  
and each ended with an appropriate response, for example:*

Lord, in your mercy,                      God of grace,  
**hear our prayer.                              hear our prayer.**

Everliving God,  
by whose Spirit the Church is governed and sanctified:  
hear the prayers we offer for all your faithful people,  
that in the ministry to which you have called them,  
each may serve you in holiness and truth;  
through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

**Teach us, good Lord, to serve you as you deserve,  
to give and not to count the cost,  
to fight and not to heed the wounds,  
to toil and not to seek for rest,  
to labour and not to ask for any reward  
save that of knowing that we do your will. Amen.**

THE BUSINESS OF THE MEETING

*The business of the meeting then proceeds. It may include a guest speaker,  
conversation and fellowship, and some form of light refreshment.*

THE SENDING OUT IN SERVICE

Let us pray. [Pray that we conduct ourselves in this life  
like Oswald, our Patron Saint, king and martyr.]

**Almighty God, you have called us to service  
in the fellowship of your holy Church:  
bless we pray the Anglican Men's Society  
and all its branches both here and throughout the world,  
so that our comradeship will bring honour to your name  
and extend your kingdom in the hearts of men.  
We ask this in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.**

Let us praise the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

May the God of peace equip us with everything good so that we may  
do his will; and may he work in us that which is pleasing in his sight;  
through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory for ever. **Amen.**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord:  
**In the name of Christ. Amen.**



AN ORDER FOR ADMISSION  
TO THE ANGLICAN MEN'S SOCIETY IN AUSTRALIA

*Admission will normally take place within the context of the regular worship of the congregation and be led by the Vicar/Rector of the Parish or by an officer of AMS at the invitation of the incumbent.*

*The presider addresses the congregation*

My friends in Christ,  
today we welcome members of the Anglican Men's Society  
as they bring candidates for admission into their fellowship  
which seeks to forward the work of the Church amongst men.

I invite them to present these candidates.

*The baptised candidates are presented by the members who sponsor them.*

We gladly present [Names]  
who are baptised members of the Body of Christ  
for admission to membership of the Anglican Men's Society.

*The minister asks the candidates*

Do you desire to become a Member of the Anglican Men's Society?

**I do.**

Will you strive to keep the Rule of Life of Members:

— in the power of the Holy Spirit,  
to pray to God every day,  
to be a faithful communicant,  
and by active witness, fellowship and service,  
to help forward the kingdom of Christ?

**I will, with God's help.**

*The minister asks the sponsoring members and congregation*

You have heard our brothers respond to God.

Will you support them in their undertaking?

**We will.**

*The minister, taking each candidate by the right hand, says:*

[Name] we welcome and admit you as a Member of the Anglican Men's Society.

*The unbaptised candidates are presented by the members who sponsor them*

We gladly present [Names]  
for admission as Associates of the Anglican Men's Society.

*The minister asks the candidates*

Do you desire to become an Associate of the Anglican Men's Society?

**I do.**

Will you strive to keep the Rule of Life of Associates:

— in the power of the Holy Spirit,  
to pray to God every day,  
and by active witness, fellowship and service,  
to help forward the kingdom of Christ?

**I will, with God's help.**

*The minister asks the sponsoring members and congregation*

You have heard our brothers respond to God.

Will you support them in their undertaking?

**We will.**

*The minister, taking each candidate by the right hand, says:*

[Name] we welcome and admit you  
as an Associate of the Anglican Men's Society.

*Badges are presented to each of those who have been admitted.*

[Name], receive this badge which bears the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
and wear it as a sign that you live as a disciple of Christ.

*When all those admitted have received their badges the minister says:*

Live as disciples of Christ: fight the good fight, finish the race, keep the faith.

*and the congregation responds saying:*

**Confess Christ crucified,  
proclaim his resurrection,  
look for his coming in glory.**

Let us pray.

We pray, heavenly Father, for *this Branch* of the Anglican Men's Society  
and for [Names] who have now been admitted into its fellowship.

May your Spirit so encourage those who pledge themselves to you  
that this Society may grow in health and strength and bear much fruit  
to the honour of your Son, the true Vine, our Saviour, Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

*The minister pronounces this benediction:*

May God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit  
bless you and sanctify your lives and ministry for him,  
and grant you the grace of perseverance to the end. **Amen.**

*The members and congregation to welcome those newly admitted with applause.*