

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.

[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.

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, 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 stand and renew our pledge of membership

We promise 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.

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.*