

Episcopal Church Deletes the Words ‘Husband’ and ‘Wife’ From Marriage Liturgy

The Episcopal Church in the United States has decided to scrap the terms “husband” and “wife” from its marital liturgy in its latest move to find favor with the LGBT community. Phrases related to “procreation” will also be deleted, as they may offend those who do not identify as heterosexual.

According to LifeSite News, the change aims to make the church’s marriage ceremonies more “gay-friendly.” Indeed, Gay and lesbian Episcopalians have been increasingly vocal in their complaints that the language of the current liturgy is both offensive and exclusionary. Being a member of the worldwide Anglican Communion, the U.S. Episcopal Church comes under the loose governance of the Church of England, and consequently the Archbishop of Canterbury.

According to the *Telegraph*, the Church of England’s Secretary General William Nye has been heavily critical of the change to such a sacred text and even threatened to cut ties with the U.S. church if it decides to introduce the new service as standard, and toss out the current wording in its Book of Common Prayer. {eo}

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