

The Declaration of Assent and the Oaths

Before the ordinations those to be ordained will be required to make the following Declaration and Oaths in the presence of the bishop:

The Declaration of Assent

Bishop

The Church of England is part of the One, Holy, Catholic and Apostolic Church, worshipping the one true God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit. It professes the faith uniquely revealed in the Holy Scriptures and set forth in the catholic creeds, which faith the Church is called upon to proclaim afresh in each generation. Led by the Holy Spirit, it has borne witness to Christian truth in its historic formularies, the Thirty-nine Articles of Religion, *The Book of Common Prayer* and the Ordering of Bishops, Priests and Deacons. In the declaration you are about to make, will you affirm your loyalty to this inheritance of faith as your inspiration and guidance under God in bringing the grace and truth of Christ to this generation and making Him known to those in your care?

Candidates

I, A B, do so affirm, and accordingly declare my belief in the faith which is revealed in the Holy Scriptures and set forth in the catholic creeds and to which the historic formularies of the Church of England bear witness; and in public prayer and administration of the sacraments, I will use only the forms of service which are authorized or allowed by Canon.

The candidates take the Oaths, holding the Bible in their right hands.

The Oath of Allegiance

Candidates

I A B, do swear that I will be faithful and bear true allegiance to Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II, her heirs and successors, according to law: So help me God.

The Oath of Canonical Obedience

Candidates

I A B, do swear by almighty God that I will pay true and canonical obedience to the Lord Bishop of Coventry and his successors in all things lawful and honest: So help me God.