

Anglican Diocese of the Living Word
DECLARATION AND OATHS

The Officiant says: The Anglican Diocese of the Living Word, a diocese of the Anglican Church in North America, is part of the One, Holy, Catholic and Apostolic Church Worshipping the One, True God, Father, Son and Holy Spirits professing 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, this diocese bears witness to Christian truth in her historic formularies, the thirty-nine articles of religion, the Book of Common Prayer 1662 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 make Him known to those in your care?

Each candidate responds: **I Will.**

The Bishop prays: Almighty God, giver of all good gifts, in your divine providence you have appointed various orders of ministers to your Church: Give your grace, we humbly pray, to all who are called to any office and ministry in your one, holy, catholic, and apostolic church; and so fill them with the truth of your doctrine, and clothe them with holiness of life, that they may faithfully serve before you, to the glory of your great Name and for the benefit of your holy Church; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever. Amen

The Bishop says: Will you be loyal to the doctrine, discipline and worship of Christ as this diocese has received them? And will you, in accordance with the canons of this church, be obedient to your bishops and other ministers who may have authority over you and your work?

I NN, am willing and ready to do so; and I solemnly declare that I do believe the Holy Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments to be the inerrant Word of God and to contain all things necessary to salvation, and I consequently hold myself bound to conform my life and ministry thereto, and I do solemnly engage to conform and subscribe to the Fundamental Declarations of the Diocese, and the Doctrine, Discipline, and Worship of Christ as this diocese has received them.

The Declaration of Submission to Synod

I NN, declare that I consent to be bound by the regulations of the Diocese and Canons which have been or which may thereafter be made by the Diocesan Synod or may otherwise have lawful effect on the Diocese.

The Oath of Canonical Obedience

(The candidates holding the Bible in their right hands will say:)

I NN, do swear by Almighty God that I will pay true and canonical obedience to the Bishop of the Anglican Diocese of the Living Word and his successors in all things lawful and honest.

The Oaths of Submission

I NN, hereby undertake to accept and immediately submit to any sentence depriving me of any or all the rights and emoluments appertaining to the office to which I am about to be admitted, which may at any time be passed upon me after due examination by the Bishop acting under the Constitution and Canons of the Anglican Diocese of the Living Word.

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The Oaths of Allegiance to God

I NN, confess before God and His Church that I have never been a member of any secret cult, or I have renounced my membership in any secret cults. I also vow that I will never join any secret cult; and I owe allegiance to no other but to the Lord Jesus Christ; and that my loyalty to Him will always be absolute, total and undivided. In the Name of God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit. Amen.

The Oaths of Sexual Purity

I NN, declare before God and His Church that I have never been involved in any sexual activity outside of marriage, as this church defines marriage, or I have renounced and repented of any such behavior. I vow that I will not indulge in any sexual activity outside of marriage as this church defines marriage. If I am found to have violated this profession against the teachings of the Holy Scriptures, I subject myself to and willingly accept canonical discipline as set forth in the Constitution and Canons of the Anglican Diocese of the Living Word.

I agree to exercise the said office to which I am about to be admitted so long as may be required of me by the Bishop of the Anglican Diocese of the Living Word and his successors. So help me God. Amen.

In testimony whereof, I have caused my signature to be hereunto affixed:

_____ Signature of minister	_____ Name of minister
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_____ Signature of witness	_____ Name of witness
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Date

The Rt. Rev. Julian M. Dobbs
Bishop | Anglican Diocese of the Living Word