

Well beloved, who have come hither desiring to be admitted to the Office of Lay Reader in the Church of God, consider well the duties which that Office involves, that Almighty God may bestow upon you His Grace and Everlasting Benediction.

It becomes the Reader to be sound in the Faith and well instructed in the Holy Scriptures and in the Book of Common Prayer.

It behooves him, if directed by the Priest in charge, publicly to read the Prayer and Lessons to instruct and admonish the people.

BISHOP.—I ask therefore, do you unfeignedly believe all the Canonical Scriptures of the Old and New Testament?

ANS.—I do believe them.

BISHOP.—Will you diligently and reverently read the same unto the people where you shall be appointed to serve?

ANS.—I will.

BISHOP.—Will you willingly and constantly submit yourself to the Priest under whom you may be appointed to serve, doing nothing of your own mind, but seeking in all things his guidance and direction; and ceasing from all active service in his parish, when desired by him, or by the Bishop, so to cease?

ANS.—I will.

BISHOP.—Will you give diligence to be yourself instructed in the Holy Scriptures and in Christian Doctrine, pursuing such studies as may be prescribed by the Priest in charge, that you may be able to instruct and guide others?

ANS.—I will.

BISHOP.—Will you be constant in Prayer to God that by His Grace you may be an example, both in life and conversation, to other Christian people?

ANS.—I will.