



THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND

PRESBYTERY OF EAST BELFAST



Ordination of Elders

IN

McQuiston Memorial Church

Moderator — The Rev. W. K. WEIR, B.A.
Clerk — The Rev. H. COURTNEY, B.A.
Minister — The Rev. R. D. DRYSDALE, B.A., B.D.

SUNDAY, 16th APRIL, 1978

at 7 p.m.



Order of

Introit (*unannounced*)

Invocation

MODERATOR OF PRESBYTERY

Praise: *Psalm 121*

I to the hills will lift mine eyes,
From whence doth come mine aid
My safety cometh from the Lord,
Who heaven and earth hath made.
Thy foot he'll not let slide, nor will
He slumber that thee keeps.
Behold, he that keeps Israel,
He slumbers not, nor sleeps.

The Lord thee keeps, the Lord thy shade
On thy right hand doth stay:
The moon by night thee shall not smite,
Nor yet the sun by day.
The Lord shall keep thy soul; he shall
Preserve thee from all ill.
Henceforth thy going out and in
God keep forever will.

Prayer

THE MINISTER

Anthem

O Saviour, Friend, O Loving Guide.

HANDEL

Announcements and Offering

Offering in aid of the Students' Bursary Fund

All offerings other than the F.W.O. will be given to this Fund. Please give generously. You will be helping young men preparing for the Ministry.

Dedication of Offering

The Call of God in the Bible

THE MINISTER

Praise *Hymn 362*

From all that dwell below the skies
Let the Creator's praise arise:
Hallelujah!
Let the Redeemer's Name be sung
Through every land, in every tongue.
Hallelujah!

Eternal are Thy mercies, Lord:
Eternal truth attends Thy word:
Hallelujah!
Thy praise shall sound from shore to shore
Till suns shall rise and set no more.
Hallelujah!

Declaration

THE MODERATOR

Rule of Faith

CLERK OF PRESBYTERY

Questions to Elders Elect

THE MODERATOR

Subscription to Confession of Faith

The Congregation is requested to stand for the Act of Ordination and to remain standing until the Ordination Hymn has been sung

Service

Act of Ordination

Aaronic Blessing

The Lord bless thee, and keep thee:
the Lord make His face to shine upon
thee, and be gracious unto thee: the
Lord lift up His countenance upon
thee, and give thee peace. Amen.

Right Hand of Fellowship

THE MODERATOR

Praise: Hymn 462

Take my life, and let it be
Consecrated, Lord, to thee.
Take my moments and my days;
Let them flow in ceaseless praise.

Take my hands, and let them move
At the impulse of thy love.
Take my feet, and let them be
Swift and beautiful for thee.

Take my voice, and let me sing
Always, only, for my King.
Take my intellect, and use
Every power as thou shalt choose.

Take my will, and make it thine;
It shall be no longer mine.
Take my heart—it is thine own;
It shall be thy royal throne.

Take my love; my Lord, I pour
At thy feet its treasure-store.
Take myself, and I will be
Ever, only, all for thee.

Charge to Elders and Congregation

Rev. JOSEPH THOMPSON, B.A., B.D.,
M.Th.

Praise: Hymn 460 — Tune: Londonderry Air

O brother man, fold to thy heart thy
brother!

Where pity dwells, the peace of God
is there;

To worship rightly is to love each
other.

Each smile a hymn, each kindly
deed a prayer.

For he whom Jesus loved hath truly
spoken:

The holier worship which He deigns
to bless

Restores the lost, and binds the spirit
broken,

And feeds the widow and the
fatherless.

Follow with reverent steps the great
example

Of Him whose holy work was doing
good;

So shall the wide earth seem our Father's
temple,

Each loving life a psalm of gratitude.

Then shall all shackles fall; the stormy
clangour

Of wild war-music o'er the earth shall
cease;

Love shall tread out the baleful fire of
anger,

And in its ashes plant the tree of
peace.

Benediction

THE MODERATOR

Choral Amen



To be Ordained:

Mrs EILEEN BELL

WILLIAM JOHN GORDON

Mrs JESSIE DOREEN HARVEY

THOMAS HENRY KANE

Mrs GLADYS MARGARET ELIZABETH MATTHEWS

CHARLES EDWARD RIORDAN

Formula of Subscription

"I believe the Westminster Confession of Faith as described in the Code (Chapter II, Paragraphs 18 to 20) to be founded on, and agreeable to, the Word of God, and as such I subscribe it as the Confession of my Faith."

