

the Ordination & Installation of
R. J. March
as Minister of Word & Sacrament



All Souls

Aaron *

Holiness on the head,
Light and perfections on the breast,
Harmonious bells below, raising the dead
to lead them unto life and rest:
Thus are true Aarons drest.

Profaneness in my head,
Defects and darkness in my breast,
A noise of passions ringing me for dead
unto a place where is no rest:
Poor priest, thus am I drest.

Only another head
I have, another heart and breast,
Another music, making live, not dead,
Without whom I could have no rest:
In him I am well drest.

Christ is my only head,
My alone-only heart and breast,
My only music, striking me ev'n dead,
That to the old man I may rest,
And be in him new-drest.

So, holy in my head,
Perfect and light in my dear breast,
My doctrine tun'd by Christ (who is not dead,
but lives in me while I do rest),
Come people; Aaron's drest.

George Herbert, 1633

*Moses' and Miriam's brother, first priest of yahweh.

Order of Worship

THE ORDINATION SERVICE OF R.J. MARCH | 11 FEBRUARY
2018



*Please silence all devices for
the duration of worship*

*Text in **bold** is read aloud
by the entire congregation.
Plain text is read by the
worship leader only.*

standing

prelude

welcome + call to worship

Our help is in the name of the Lord,
who made heaven and earth.

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.

And also with you.

hymn

How Firm a Foundation

How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord,
Is laid for your faith in His excellent Word!
What more can He say than to you He hath said,
You, who unto Jesus for refuge have fled?

In every condition, in sickness, in health;
In poverty's vale, or abounding in wealth;
At home and abroad, on the land, on the sea,
As thy days may demand, shall thy strength ever be.

Fear not, I am with you, O be not dismayed,
For I am thy God and will still give thee aid;
I'll strengthen and help you, and cause you to stand
Upheld by My righteous, omnipotent hand.

When through the deep waters I call thee to go,
The rivers of woe shall not you overflow;
For I will be with you, thy troubles to bless,
And sanctify to you thy deepest distress.

When through fiery trials thy pathways shall lie,
My grace, all sufficient, shall be thy supply;
The flame shall not hurt you; I only design
Thy dross to consume, and thy gold to refine.

*words and music:
Charles Wesley*

*In the Bible, God calls us to
worship, because it is not our
natural impulse to come to
Him. But He calls, reminding
us of His pursuing love, and
we respond in gratitude.*

seated

prayer of adoration

concluded by the following, in unison:

Father, Son, and Holy Spirit

You alone are worthy to be praised!

You have been generous and kind.

**You shower your people with mercy,
surprising us over and over again.**

You give us the gift of faith,

so even in our weakness, you prove strong.

Give us such wonder, love, and gratitude

that we may live and always sing praises to you. Amen.

singing the psalms

Psalm 23

God is my shepherd; I won't be wanting.

He makes me rest in fields of green, by quiet streams.

Even though I walk through the valley of death and dying,

I will not fear, for you are with me;

Your Shepherd's staff,

it comforts me.

You prepare a feast,

in the presence of enemies;

Surely goodness will follow me

in the house of God forever.

musical adaptation by:

Jon Foreman

Hymns comprise most of the worship songs at All Souls, because of their richness, doctrinal depth, and focus on God's character and redemptive work.

Many hymns are patterned after the Psalms with their varied expressions of praise and thanksgiving, and, too, a wrestling with what it is to trust in a love as audacious as the Lord's. Our hope is that these hymns and prayers set to music would lead us into a dynamic encounter with our Savior, in worship.

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

prayer of petition

Rev. Dan Thompson & Margaret Thompson

Christ Community Church, Titusville, FL

homily

Jeremiah 1:4-12

Rev. Kurt Lutjens

Grace & Peace Fellowship, St Louis, MO

4 Now the word of the Lord came to me, saying,

5 “Before I formed you in the womb I knew you,
and before you were born I consecrated you;
I appointed you a prophet to the nations.”

6 Then I said, “Ah, Lord God! Behold, I do not know how to speak, for I am only a youth.”

7 But the Lord said to me,

“Do not say, ‘I am only a youth’;
for to all to whom I send you, you shall go,
and whatever I command you, you shall speak.

8 Do not be afraid of them,
for I am with you to deliver you,
declares the Lord.”

9 Then the Lord put out his hand and touched my mouth. And the Lord said to me,

“Behold, I have put my words in your mouth.

10 See, I have set you this day over nations and over kingdoms,
to pluck up and to break down,
to destroy and to overthrow,
to build and to plant.”

11 And the word of the Lord came to me, saying, “Jeremiah, what do you see?” And I
said, “I see an almond branch.” 12 Then the Lord said to me, “You have seen well, for I
am watching over my word to perform it.”

Christians, what do you believe?

We believe in one God,

the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ,

the only Son of God,

begotten from the Father before all ages,

God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,

begotten, not made; of the same essence as the Father.

Through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation

he came down from heaven;

he became incarnate by the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary,

and was made human.

He was crucified for us under Pontius Pilate; he suffered and was buried.

The third day he rose again, according to the Scriptures.

He ascended to heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again with glory to judge the living and the dead.

His kingdom will never end.

And we believe in the Holy Spirit,

the Lord, the giver of life.

He proceeds from the Father and the Son,

and with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified.

He spoke through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic* and apostolic church.

We affirm one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look forward to the resurrection of the dead,

and to life in the world to come. Amen.

For centuries the church have used creeds, catechisms, and prayers to articulate and better understand their shared faith.

The Nicene Creed, adopted in the 3rd century, is the most universally affirmed creed among Christian churches.

** 'catholic' refers to the true Christian church at all times and in all places.*

ordination vows

Rev. Mike Kelley

seated

Green Lake Presbyterian, Seattle, WA

Do you believe the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments, as originally given, to be the inerrant Word of God, the only infallible rule of faith and practice?

Do you sincerely receive and adopt the Confession of Faith and the Catechisms of this Church, as containing the system of doctrine taught in the Holy Scriptures; and do you further promise that if at any time you find yourself out of accord with any of the fundamentals of this system of doctrine, you will on your own initiative, make known to your Presbytery the change which has taken place in your views since the assumption of this ordination vow?

Do you approve of the form of government and discipline of the Presbyterian Church in America, in conformity with the general principles of Biblical polity?

Do you promise subjection to your brethren in the Lord?

Have you been induced, as far as you know your own heart, to seek the office of the holy ministry from love to God and a sincere desire to promote His glory in the Gospel of His Son?

Do you promise to be zealous and faithful in maintaining the truths of the Gospel and the purity and peace and unity of the Church, whatever persecution or opposition may arise unto you on that account?

Do you engage to be faithful and diligent in the exercise of all your duties as a Christian and a minister of the Gospel, whether personal or relational, private or public; and to endeavor by the grace of God to adorn the profession of the Gospel in your manner of life, and to walk with exemplary piety before the flock of which God shall make you overseer?

congregational vows

Are you, members of the All Souls community, ready to receive R.J. as your pastor?

Do you promise to receive the word of truth from his mouth with meekness and love, and to submit to him in the due exercise of discipline?

Do you promise to encourage him in his labors, and to assist his endeavors for your instruction and spiritual edification?

Do you engage to continue to him while he is your pastor that competent worldly maintenance which you have promised, and to furnish him with whatever you may see needful for the honor of religion and for his comfort among you?

musical adaptation by:
Bruce Benedict

hymn

Come, Holy Ghost

The laying on of hands is a symbolic and formal way to extend the blessing of the Holy Spirit. This practice seeks to embody the way Jesus healed and blessed, often with a human touch.

Come Holy Ghost, Creator blest,
And in our hearts take up thy rest
Come with thy grace and heav'nly aid
To fill our hearts which thou hast made.

O Comforter to thee we cry,
Thou heav'nly gift of God most high;
Thou fount of life and fire of love,
And sweet anointing from above.

Chorus:
Be not afraid!
Where you go, there I am with you

prayer of ordination

Rev. Eric Irwin

Covenant Presbyterian, Issaquah, WA

pronouncement

I now pronounce and declare that R.J. March has been regularly elected, ordained, and installed pastor of this congregation, agreeable to the Word of God, and according to the Constitution of the Presbyterian Church in America; and that as such he is entitled to all support, encouragement, honor, and obedience in the Lord:

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Amen.

presentations

The other ministers, joined by the elders, take the newly ordained minister by the right hand to extend fellowship in this ministry together.

The Reverend R.J. March is now vested according to the order of presbyter and presented with a Bible with these words:

Receive this Bible as a sign of the authority given you to preach the Word of God
and to administer His holy sacraments.

Do not forget the trust committed to you as a minister in the church of God.

pastoral charge

Rev. Andy Pelander

All Souls, Seattle, WA

hymn

Be Thou My Vision

*Ancient Irish poem
Trans. by Mary Byrne
Versified by Eleanor Hull
Traditional Irish melody*

Be Thou my vision, O Lord of my heart
Naught be all else to me save that Thou art
Thou my best thought by day or by night
Waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light

Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise
Thou mine inheritance, now and always
Thou and Thou only first in my heart
High King of heaven my treasure Thou art

Be Thou my wisdom and Thou my true Word
I ever with Thee and Thou with me Lord
Thou my great Father and I Thy true son
Thou in me dwelling, and I with Thee one

High King of heaven my victory won
May I reach heaven's joys,
O bright heaven's sun
Heart of my own heart whatever befall
Still be my vision, O Ruler of all

benediction + sending

Rev. R.J. March

All Souls, Seattle, WA

May the Love of God,
the grace of the Lord Jesus,
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit
be with you all. **Amen.**

Go out into the world in peace;
have courage;
cling to what is good;
return no one evil for evil;
strengthen the fainthearted;
support the weak, and help the suffering;
honor all people;
love and serve the Lord,
rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit.

please join us for a dinner reception in the fellowship hall

Pacific Northwest Presbytery Commission to Ordain

Rev. Casey Bedell	Covenant Issaquah
Elder Tom Crane	Cross Sound Church, Bainbridge
Elder Keith Goben	Green Lake Presbyterian
Rev. Eric Irwin	Covenant Issaquah
Rev. Michael Kelly	Green Lake Presbyterian
Rev. Luke Morton	Green Lake Presbyterian
Rev. Andy Pelander	All Souls

Musicians

Jess + Annie Alldredge	Grace Seattle
Kate Plautz	All Souls
Suzanne Brewer	All Souls
Rev. Luke Morton	Green Lake Presbyterian

Unless otherwise noted,
all Scripture is taken from
The Holy Bible, English
Standard Version (ESV)
or New International
Version (NIV).



It is the smallest of all seeds,
but when it has *grown* it is
larger than all the other garden
plants and becomes a tree, so
that birds of the air come and
make nests in its branches.

Matthew 13:32