

Lord's Day
July 18, 2021
6:00 p.m. Worship Services
A Service of Ordination and Installation of Elders



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Upon entering the sanctuary please maintain silence for the sake of the congregation's preparation for worship, and please make sure electronic devices are off or using silent mode.

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

***Congregational Prayer**

Almighty God, the giver of all good gifts, in your divine providence you have appointed various orders in your Church: Give your grace, we humbly pray, to those being ordained and installed tonight and to all who are called to any office and ministry for your people. So fill them with the truth of your doctrine and clothe them with holiness of life, that thy 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, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

***Hymn**

“For All the Saints”

For All the Saints

William Walsham How, 1864, 1875

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Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1906

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1. For all the saints who from their la - bors rest,
 2. Thou wast their rock, their for - tress, and their might;
 3. O may Thy sol - - diers faith - ful, true, and bold,
 4. O blest com - mu - - nion, fel - low - ship di - vine!
 5. And when the strife is fierce, the war - fare long,
 6. The gol - den eve - - ning brigh - tens in the west;
 7. But lo! there breaks a yet more glo - rious day;
 8. From earth's wide bounds, from o - cean's farth - est coast,

who thee _____ by faith be - fore the world con - fessed,
 thou, Lord, their Cap - tain in the well - fought fight;
 — fight as the saints who no - bly fought of old,
 — We fee - bly strug - gle, they in glo - ry shine;
 — steals on the ear the the dis - tant tri - umph song,
 — soon, soon to faith - ful war - riors com - eth rest,
 the saints _____ tri - um - phant rise in bright ar - ray;
 through gates _____ of pearl streams in the count - less host,

thy name, O Je - - sus, be for - ev - er _____ blest.
 thou, in the dark - - ness drear, their one true _____ Light.
 and win, with _____ them, the vic - tor's crown of _____ gold.
 yet all are _____ one in Thee, for all are _____ Thine.
 — and hearts are _____ brave a - gain, and arms are _____ strong.
 — Sweet is the calm of Pa - ra - dise _____ the _____ blest.
 the King of _____ glo - - - ry pass - es on _____ his _____ way.
 Sing - ing to _____ Fa - - ther, Son, and Ho - ly _____ Ghost.

Hal - le - lu - jah! Hal - le - lu - jah!

Catechism: From Question #45 of the Westminster Larger Catechism

Minister: How does Christ execute the office of a king?

Congregation: Christ executes the office of a king, in calling out of the world a people to himself, and giving them officers, laws, and censures, by which he visibly governs them; in bestowing saving grace upon his elect, rewarding their obedience, and correcting them for their sins, preserving and supporting them under all their temptations and sufferings, restraining and overcoming all their enemies, and powerfully ordering all things for his own glory, and their good; and also in taking vengeance on the rest, who know not God, and obey not the gospel.

*Hymn

“The Church’s One Foundation”

No. 347

The Church's One Foundation

1. The church - 's one foun - da - tion is Je - sus Christ, her Lord;
 2. E - lect from ev - 'ry na - tion, yet one o'er all the earth,
 3. Though with a scorn - ful won - der men see her sore op - pressed,
 4. The church shall nev - er per - ish! Her dear Lord to de - fend,

she is his new cre - a - tion by wa - ter and the Word:
 her char - ter of sal - va - tion one Lord, one faith, one birth;
 by schis - ms rent a - sun - der, by her - e - sies dis - tressed,
 to guide, sus - tain, and cher - ish, is with her to the end;

from heav'n he came and sought her to be his ho - ly bride;
 one ho - ly name she bless - es, par - takes one ho - ly food,
 yet saints their watch are keep - ing, their cry goes up, "How long?"
 though there be those that hate her, and false sons in her pale,

with his own blood he bought her, and for her life he died.
 and to one hope she press - es, with ev - 'ry grace en - dued.
 And soon the night of weep - ing shall be the morn of song.
 a - gainst or foe or trai - tor she ev - er shall pre - vail.

5. 'Mid toil and tribulation,
 and tumult of her war,
 she waits the consummation
 of peace forevermore;
 till with the vision glorious
 her longing eyes are blest,
 and the great church victorious
 shall be the church at rest.

6. Yet she on earth hath union
 with God the Three in One,
 and mystic sweet communion
 with those whose rest is won:
 O happy ones and holy!
 Lord, give us grace that we,
 like them, the meek and lowly,
 on high may dwell with thee.

Prayer

Scripture Lesson

Acts 20:17-38 (ESV)

¹⁷ Now from Miletus he sent to Ephesus and called the elders of the church to come to him. ¹⁸ And when they came to him, he said to them:

“You yourselves know how I lived among you the whole time from the first day that I set foot in Asia, ¹⁹ serving the Lord with all humility and with tears and with trials that happened to me through the plots of the Jews; ²⁰ how I did not shrink from declaring to you anything that was profitable, and teaching you in public and from house to house, ²¹ testifying both to Jews and to Greeks of repentance toward God and of faith in our Lord Jesus Christ. ²² And now, behold, I am going to Jerusalem, constrained by the Spirit, not knowing what will happen to me there, ²³ except that the Holy Spirit testifies to me in every city that imprisonment and afflictions await me. ²⁴ But I do not account my life of any value nor as precious to myself, if only I may finish my course and the ministry that I received from the Lord Jesus, to testify to the gospel of the grace of God. ²⁵ And now, behold, I know that none of you among whom I have gone about proclaiming the kingdom will see my face again. ²⁶ Therefore I testify to you this day that I am innocent of the blood of all, ²⁷ for I did not shrink from declaring to you the whole counsel of God. ²⁸ Pay careful attention to yourselves and to all the flock, in which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to care for the church of God, which he obtained with his own blood. ²⁹ I know that after my departure fierce wolves will come in among you, not sparing the flock; ³⁰ and from among your own selves will arise men speaking twisted things, to draw away the disciples after them. ³¹ Therefore be alert, remembering that for three years I did not cease night or day to admonish every one with tears. ³² And now I commend you to God and to the word of his grace, which is able to build you up and to give you the inheritance among all those who are sanctified. ³³ I coveted no one’s silver or gold or apparel. ³⁴ You yourselves know that these hands ministered to my necessities and to those who were with me. ³⁵ In all things I have shown you that by working hard in this way we must help the weak and remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how he himself said, ‘It is more blessed to give than to receive.’”

³⁶ And when he had said these things, he knelt down and prayed with them all. ³⁷ And there was much weeping on the part of all; they embraced Paul and kissed him, ³⁸ being sorrowful most of all because of the word he had spoken, that they would not see his face again. And they accompanied him to the ship.

Sermon

“Shepherd-Hearted Christian Leaders”

The Ordination and Installation of Elders in the Presbyterian Church in America

Jeff David, Adam Skrivan, Micah Tamminga

The Vows of the Elders-Elect and of the Congregation

Ordination Prayer

The Welcome and Charge

Declaration

* Hymn

“St. Patrick’s Breastplate”

I bind unto myself today
The strong Name of the Trinity,
By invocation of the same
The Three in One and One in Three.

I bind this day to me forever
By power of faith, Christ’s incarnation;
His baptism in the Jordan river,
His death on Cross for my salvation;
His bursting from the spiced tomb,
His riding up the heavenly way,
His coming at the day of doom
I bind unto myself today.

I bind unto myself the power
Of the great love of cherubim;
The sweet ‘Well done’ in judgment hour,
The service of the seraphim,
Confessors’ faith, Apostles’ word,
The Patriarchs’ prayers, the prophets’ scrolls,
All good deeds done unto the Lord
And purity of ransomed souls.

I bind unto myself today
The beauty of the star lit heaven,
The glorious sun’s life giving ray,
The brightness of the moon at even,
The flashing of the lightning free,
The whirling wind’s tempestuous shocks,
The stable earth, the deep salt sea
Around the old undying rocks.

I bind unto myself today
The power of God to hold and lead,
His eye to watch, His might to stay,
His ear to hearken to my need.
The wisdom of my God to teach,

His hand to guide, His shield to ward;
The word of God to give me speech,
His heavenly host to be my guard.

Christ be with me, Christ within me,
Christ behind me, Christ before me,
Christ beside me, Christ to win me,
Christ to comfort and restore me,
Christ beneath me, Christ above me,
Christ in quiet, Christ in danger,
Christ in hearts of all that love me,
Christ in mouth of friend and stranger.

I bind unto myself the Name,
The strong Name of the Trinity,
By invocation of the same,
The Three in One and One in Three.
By Whom all nature hath creation,
Eternal Father, Spirit, Word:
Praise to the Lord of my salvation,
Salvation is of Christ the Lord.
Ascribed to St. Patrick (d. A.D. 466) (alt.)
Traditional Irish Hymn Melody

***Benediction**

+Silent Prayer

Postlude

***Congregation standing**

+The congregation is invited to kneel

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Explanation of the Cover Symbol

In the Greek language of the early Christian era abbreviations were typically the first and last letters of words, often with a superscription to indicate the missing letters. IC is a standard abbreviation of IHCOYC, the Greek “Jesus,” XC the abbreviation of XPICTOC, “Christ;” NIKA means “He conquers.” The symbol then reads “Jesus Christ Conquers by the Cross” or “Jesus Christ Victor.”