

HOLTON ROAD BAPTIST CHURCH, Barry

THE INDUCTION

of the

Rev. W. ARTHEN EDWARDS

into the Pastorate

Wednesday, 9th July, 1952, at 7 p.m.

Presiding Minister :

Rev. H. Ingli James, B.A., B.D., B.Litt.

General Superintendent

South Wales Area

Organist and Choirmaster : Mr. R. J. ROSSER.

ORDER OF SERVICE

The Order of Service will be followed without announcement.
The Congregation is requested to rise with the Choir,
except for the Anthem

VOLUNTARY Prelude and Fugue in E Minor *Bach*
INTROIT (all standing) *Blair*

Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be
acceptable in Thy sight, O Lord, my strength and my redeemer

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

HYMN

Salzburg
(B.C.H. 55)

O God of Bethel, by whose hand
Thy people still are fed;
Who through this earthly pilgrimage
Hast all our fathers led;
Our vows, our prayers, we now present
Before Thy throne of grace;
God of our fathers, be the God
Of their succeeding race.
Through each perplexing path of life
Our wandering footsteps guide:
Give us each day our daily bread,
And raiment fit provide.
O spread Thy covering wings around,
Till all our wanderings cease,
And at our Father's loved abode
Our souls arrive in peace.
Such blessings from Thy gracious hand
Our humble prayers implore;
And Thou shalt be our chosen God
And portion evermore.

Philip Doddridge,
Scottish revision

GENERAL THANKSGIVING AND LORD'S PRAYER

(to be said by all)

Almighty God, Father of all mercies, we Thine unworthy servants do give Thee most humble and hearty thanks for all Thy goodness and loving kindness to us, and to all men. We bless Thee for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life; but above all for Thine inestimable love in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ; for the means of grace and the hope of glory. And, we beseech Thee, give us that due sense of all Thy mercies, that our hearts may be unfeignedly thankful, and that we shew forth Thy praise, not only with our lips, but in our lives; by giving up ourselves to Thy service, and by walking before Thee in holiness and righteousness all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom with Thee and the Holy Ghost be all honour and glory, world without end. Amen.

Our Father, which art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive them that trespass against us. Lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil: For Thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

HYMN

Hast du denn, Jesu
(B.C.H. 30)

First and Fourth verses in Unison

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the
King of creation;
O my soul, praise Him, for He is thy
health and salvation:
All ye who hear,
Brothers and sisters, draw near,
Praise Him in glad adoration.

Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things
so wondrously reigneth,
Shelters thee under His wings, yea, so
gently sustaineth:
Hath thou not seen
How thy entreaties have been
Granted in what He ordaineth?

Praise to the Lord, who doth prosper
thy work, and defend thee;
Surely His goodness and mercy here
daily attend thee:
Ponder anew
What the Almighty can do,
If with His love He befriend thee.

Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in
me adore Him!
All that hath life and breath come now
with praises before Him!
Let the Amen
Sound from His people again:
Gladly for aye we adore Him.

*Joachim Neander,
tr. Catherine Winkworth and others*

LESSON

Ephesians iv, 1-16

Rev. G. Sorton Davies, B.A.

OFFERTORY on behalf of the work and witness of the church

VOLUNTARY

'Elegy'

(*Thalben-Ball*)

DEDICATION OF THE OFFERTORY Rev. R. G. Ashman, M.A., Ph.D.

ANTHEM

Veni Creator Spiritus

Attwood

Come, Holy Ghost, our souls inspire,
And lighten with celestial fire;
Thou the anointing Spirit art,
Who dost Thy sevenfold gifts impart.
Thy blessed unction from above
Is comfort, life, and fire of love.

Enable with perpetual light
The dulness of our blinded sight;
Anoint and cheer our soiled face
With the abundance of Thy grace;
Keep far our foes; give peace at home:
Where Thou art Guide, no ill can come.

Teach us to know the Father, Son,
And Thee, of both, to be but One,
That, through the ages all along,
This may be our endless song:
Praise to Thy eternal merit,
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

tr. J. Cosin

STATEMENT BY THE CHURCH SECRETARY Mr. B. Ivor Newton

CHARGE TO THE CHURCH

The Presiding Minister

HYMN

Maidstone

(B.C.H. 458)

Lord from Whom all blessings flow,
Perfecting the Church below,
Steadfast may we cleave to Thee,
Love, the mystic union be:
Join our faithful spirits, join
Each to each, and all to Thine;
Lead us through the paths of peace
On to perfect holiness.

Move, and actuate, and guide;
Divers gifts to each divide:
Placed according to Thy will,
Let us all our work fulfil;
Never from our office move;
Needful to each other prove;
Use the grace on each bestowed
Tempered by the art of God.

Sweetly may we all agree,
Touched with softest sympathy:
There is neither bond nor free,
Great nor servile, Lord, in Thee:
Love, like death, hath all destroyed,
Rendered all distinctions void:
Names, and sects, and parties fall,
Thou, O Christ, art All in all.

Charles Wesley

CHARGE TO THE MINISTER

Rev. Griffith J. Harris

INDUCTION PRAYER

Rev. G. Sorton Davies, B.A.

SILENT PRAYER

THE ACT OF INSTALLATION

The Presiding Minister

The Congregation being seated, the Presiding

Minister shall say:—

To the Congregation

We are met in the Name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, at the request of this Church and as representatives of the fellowship of the Churches of the Baptist Order, that we may commit to our brother in Christ, the Reverend William Arthen Edwards, the charge and care of this Church and Congregation.

To the Minister-Elect

And now, that this church of Christ may fully understand your mind and purpose in the Holy Ministry, and that you may be confirmed therein, will you answer the questions we ask you in the name of God and His Church:

(1) Jesus said: "Go ye therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptising them in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit; teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I commanded you; and lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world."

Do you take this as your commission, with solemn purpose to unfold to men the teaching of Jesus Christ?

Response: That I most solemnly do.

(2) I exhort first of all that supplications, prayers, intercessions and thanksgivings be made for all men, that we may lead a quiet life in all godliness and gravity.

Will you be constant in public and private prayers, devout and reverent in the conduct of the services of the House of God?

Response: I will do so, the Lord being my helper.

(3) Every scripture inspired of God is profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, perfectly equipped for every good work.

Will you diligently read and study God's Holy Word as contained in the Scriptures?

Response: I will do so in all sincerity.

(4) Tend the flock of God, exercising the oversight thereof, not of constraint, but willingly; not yet for base gain, but with a cheerful mind, not as lording it over the charge allotted to you, but making yourself an example to the flock.

Will you seek to fulfil this high calling with wisdom, diligence and love?

Response: It is my purpose so to do.

(5) Jesus saith to Simon Peter: "Simon, son of Jonas, lovest thou me more than these?" He saith unto Him: "Yea, Lord; Thou knowest that I love Thee." He saith unto him: "Feed My lambs."

Will you care for the lambs of the flock, tending and leading them in the spirit of the Good Shepherd?

Response: Such, as I have opportunity, shall be my delight.

(6) I charge thee, in the sight of God and of Jesus Christ, Who shall judge the quick and the dead, at His appearing and His Kingdom preach the word, be instant in season, out of season, reprove, rebuke, exhort, with all long suffering and teaching.

Will you thus do the work of an evangelist and prepare the way of the Lord?

Response: God helping me, I will.

Then shall the Presiding Minister say:

In the Name of the Lord Jesus Christ, the only Head of the Church, I declare you, William Arthen Edwards, to be the appointed Minister of this Church, and I commend you to God and to the Word of His Grace, which is able to make you perfect unto all good works. In token of which Induction I now give you the right hand of fellowship.

ACCEPTANCE OF THE CHARGE

Rev. W. Arthen Edwards

HYMN

Antwerp
(B.C.H. 506)

Spirit of Christ, Thy grace be given
To those who lead Thine host, that they
With might may wield the sword of
heaven,
And feel Thee on their weary way.

Oft as at morn or soothing eve
Over the holy fount they lean,
Their fading garland freshly weave,
Or fan them with Thine airs serene.

Spirit of light and truth! to Thee
We trust them in that musing hour,
Till they, with open heart and free,
Teach all Thy word in all its power.

When foemen watch their tents by night,
And mists hang wide o'er moor and fell,
Spirit of counsel and of might,
Their pastoral warfare guide Thou well.

And oh, when worn and tired they sigh
With that more fearful war within,
When passion's storms are loud and high,
And, brooding o'er remembered sin,

The heart dies down,—O Mightiest then,
Come ever true, come ever near,
And wake their slumbering love again,
Spirit of God's most holy fear!

John Keble (altd)

BLESSING

VOLUNTARY

Gloria in excelsis (Twelfth Mass)

Mozart