

Lee Mount Baptist Church

Halifax

THE INDUCTION

of

THE REV. MICHAEL V. JACKSON, B.A.

AS MINISTER

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 2nd 1972

3.30 p.m.

ORDER OF SERVICE

CONDUCTED BY THE REV. N. S. MOON, B.A., M.Th.
(SENIOR TUTOR of BRISTOL BAPTIST COLLEGE)

CALL TO WORSHIP

HYMN 1 B.H.B. 426

1. And can it be that I should gain
 An interest in the Saviour's blood?
Died He for me, who caused His pain?
 For me, who Him to death pursued?
Amazing love! How can it be
That Thou, my God, shouldst die for me!
2. 'Tis mystery all! The Immortal dies:
 Who can explore His strange design?
In vain the first-born seraph tries
 To sound the depths of love divine.
'Tis mercy all! let earth adore,
Let angel minds inquire no more.
3. He left His Father's throne above -
 So free, so infinite His grace -
Emptied himself of all but love,
 And bled for Adam's helpless race.
'Tis mercy all, immense and free;
For, O my God, it found out me!
4. Long my imprisoned spirit lay
 Fast bound in sin and nature's night:
Thine eye diffused a quickening ray -
 I woke, the dungeon flamed with light;
My chains fell off, my heart was free,
I rose, went forth, and followed Thee.
5. No condemnation now I dread;
 Jesus, and all in Him, is mine!
Alive in Him, my living Head,
 And clothed in righteousness divine,
Bold I approach the eternal throne,
And claim the crown, through Christ, my own.

THE ACT OF INDUCTION

(The Congregation being seated, the Secretary and a Deacon representing the Church fellowship will present the Minister elect to the Area Secretary, The Rev. J.G. Hobbs)

- Church Secretary: Sir, we present to you on behalf of the members of Lee Mount Baptist Church, the Rev. Michael Victor Jackson. We believe that guided by the Spirit of God we have called him to be the Minister of this Church, in accordance with the will of Christ for His people here, and therefore we ask you to induct him to the pastorate of this church.
- Area Secretary: Michael Victor Jackson, seeing that we are about to commit you to this charge and that you have been called by the Grace of God to this ministry and that this congregation has called you to be its Minister, I ask you:
Do you confess anew your belief in one God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit and do you confess anew Jesus Christ as Lord and Saviour?
- Minister Elect: I do.
- Area Secretary: Are you ready to serve and lead the church diligently?
- Minister Elect: I am ready.
- Area Secretary: Are you ready to listen to the Word of God and proclaim it faithfully?
- Minister Elect: I am ready.
- Area Secretary: Are you ready to serve the community in all its needs?
- Minister Elect: I am ready.

Area Secretary: Are you ready to serve God in entire obedience to His will?

Minister Elect: I am ready.

Area Secretary: Do you believe that you have been called of God to the pastoral care of this church and congregation?

Minister Elect: I do.

(The Area Secretary will now address the members of the fellowship of Lee Mount Baptist Church. They will stand.)

Area Secretary: Will you listen to God speaking to you through the Bible?

Members: We will listen.

Area Secretary: Will you listen to God speaking to you through your Minister?

Members: We will listen.

Area Secretary: Will you listen to God speaking to you through one another?

Members: We will listen.

Area Secretary: Will you listen to God speaking in grace and judgement through the affairs of our own day?

Members: We will listen.

Area Secretary: Will you accept and receive Michael Victor Jackson as your Minister? Will you pledge yourselves to value him for his work's sake? To encourage him and support him in all the work of the ministry and service for the extension of God's Kingdom? Will you maintain and comfort him according to his needs?

Members: We will.

(The whole congregation will now stand)

Area Secretary: In the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, in the name of this church and in the name of the churches of the Baptist Faith and Order we declare you to be duly inducted and appointed Minister of this Church and in token thereof we now offer you the right hand of fellowship.

INDUCTION PRAYER

HYMN 3 (B.H.B. 371)

God is working His purpose out as year succeeds
to year.

God is working His purpose out, and the time is
drawing near;

Nearer and nearer draws the time, the time that
shall surely be,

When the earth shall be filled with the glory of
God as the waters cover the sea.

From utmost east to utmost west where'er man's
foot hath trod,

By the mouth of many messengers goes forth the
voice of God:

"Give ear to Me, ye continents, ye isles, give ear
to Me,

That the earth may be filled with the glory of
God as the waters cover the sea."

What can we do to work God's work, to prosper
and increase

The brotherhood of all mankind, the reign of the
Prince of Peace?

What can we do to hasten the time, the time that
surely be,

When the earth shall be filled with the glory of
God as the waters cover the sea?

Through many a day of darkness,
Through many a scene of strife,
The faithful few fought bravely
To guard the nation's life.
Their gospel of redemption,
Sin pardoned, man restored,
Was all in this enfolded,
One Church, one Faith, one Lord.

Thy mercy will not fail us,
Nor leave Thy work undone;
With Thy right hand to help us,
The victory shall be won;
And then, by men and angels,
Thy name shall be adored,
And this shall be their anthem,
One Church, one Faith, one Lord.

BENEDICTION

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