

CHURCH OF SCOTLAND
PRESBYTERY OF PAISLEY



Form and Order of Service

FOR THE

Dedication

OF THE

Church of St. Mark, Oldhall

THURSDAY, APRIL 15th, 1937

Officiating Ministers :

*The Right Reverend The Moderator of General Assembly,
DANIEL LAMONT, D.D.;*

*The Reverend The Moderator of Presbytery,
D. HAMILTON KENNEDY;*

The Reverend JOHN CHAMBERS, Minister of Greenlaw;

*The Reverend WILLIAM RUNCIMAN, B.D.,
Clerk of Presbytery.*

*Praise led by Greenlaw Church Choir, Paisley :
Organist, Mr. WILLIAM M. LAWRIE.*

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The Congregation being assembled, members of Presbytery and the officiating clergy will take their places in the Apse. The Moderator of Presbytery and the Clerk will proceed to the West Door of the Church.

The Moderator of General Assembly will then be outside the Door, and will knock upon it three times, whereupon the Moderator of Presbytery will open the Door and admit him.

On entering, the Moderator of General Assembly will say:—

“Peace be to this house and all that worship in it.
Peace be to those that enter, and to those that go out from it.
Peace be to those that love it, and that love the name of the
Lord Jesus Christ.”

Thereafter, without further announcement, the service will proceed. During the singing of Psalm 24, the Moderator of General Assembly, preceded by the Clerk, and the Moderator of Presbytery, will proceed to the places reserved for them.

PSALM 24, 7-10. *Tune: St. George's, Edinburgh.*

YE gates, lift up your heads on high;
ye doors that last for aye,
Be lifted up, that so the King
of glory enter may.
But who of glory is the King?
the mighty Lord is this;
Ev'n that same Lord, that great in might,
and strong in battle is.

Ye gates, lift up your heads; ye doors,
doors that do last for aye,
Be lifted up, that so the King
of glory enter may.
But who is he that is the King
of glory? who is this?
The Lord of hosts, and none but he,
the King of glory is.
Hallelujah! AMEN.

Then shall the Clerk read the following narrative:—

The following narrative of events leading to the present ceremony is read in accordance with the custom of the Church of Scotland:

In 1933, the Presbytery of Paisley, with the concurrence of the Home Mission and Church Extension Committee of General Assembly, resolved to proceed with the planting of a new church and congregation in the rapidly growing area of Ralston, Oldhall. After some delay, the site was fixed and its purchase completed. The First Sod was cut on Tuesday, 23rd April, 1935, by the Very Reverend JOHN WHITE, C.H., D.D., LL.D. The plans prepared by Mr. ANDREW BALFOUR, of Messrs. ANDREW BALFOUR & STEWART, FF.R.I.B.A., having been approved, the work of building was begun, and on Wednesday, 25th March, 1936, the Foundation Stone was laid by Sir HUGH SHAW STEWART, Bart., K.C.B., Lord Lieutenant of the County of Renfrew.

By agreement with the National Church Extension Committee, the building of the new church became the responsibility of the BAIRD TRUST.

On 4th February, 1936, the Presbytery resolved that the name of the new church be the Church of St. Mark, Oldhall.

Information having been received of the approaching completion of the buildings, the Presbytery, at its meeting on 26th January, 1937, appointed the Opening and Dedication to take place on Thursday, 15th April, 1937, at 7.15 p.m., for which purpose we are now assembled.

Then shall the Rev. John Chambers say:—

“Let us Pray.”

O ETERNAL God, mighty in power, whom the heaven of heavens cannot contain, much less the walls of temples made with hands, who yet graciously promised Thy special presence in whatever place two or three of Thy faithful servants shall assemble in Thy name to worship Thee: Vouchsafe, O Lord, to be present with us who are here gathered together, with all humility and readiness of heart to consecrate this place to the honour of Thy great name; separating it henceforth from all ordinary and common uses, and dedicating it entirely to Thy service, for the reading of Thy Word, for the preaching of Thy mighty Gospel, for the celebrating of Thy Holy Sacraments, for the offering to Thy glorious majesty the sacrifices of prayer and thanksgiving, and for all holy ordinances.

Accept, O Lord, this service at our hands, and bless it with such success as may most tend to Thy glory and the salvation of Thy people: through Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.

Then shall be sung the Hymn:—

"THE CHURCH'S ONE FOUNDATION."

<p>THE Church's one foundation Is Jesus Christ her Lord: She is His new creation By water and the word; From heaven He came and sought her To be His holy bride; With His own blood He bought her, And for her life He died.</p> <p>Elect from every nation, Yet one o'er all the earth, Her charter of salvation One Lord, one faith, one birth: One holy Name she blesses, Partakes one holy food, And to one hope she presses, With every grace endued.</p>	<p>'Mid toil and tribulation, And tumult of her war, She waits the consummation Of peace for evermore, Till with the vision glorious Her longing eyes are blest, And the great Church victorious Shall be the Church at rest.</p> <p>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.</p>
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AMEN.

Then shall the Moderator of Presbytery read the following passages from Holy Scripture:—

1. *Concerning Prayer.*

VERILY, verily, I say unto you, Whatsoever ye shall ask the Father in my name, He will give it you. Hitherto have ye asked nothing in my name: ask, and ye shall receive, that your joy may be full.

ST. JOHN 16. 23, 24.

2. *Concerning the Word of God and the Preaching of the Gospel.*

FOR as the rain cometh down, and the snow from heaven, and returneth not thither, but watereth the earth, and maketh it bring forth and bud, that it may give seed to the sower, and bread to the eater: so shall my word be that goeth forth out of my mouth: it shall not return unto me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper in the thing whereto I sent it.

ISAIAH 55. 10, 11.

I SAW another angel fly in the midst of heaven, having the everlasting gospel to preach unto them that dwell on the earth, and to every nation, and kindred, and tongue, and people.

REVELATION 14. 6.

3. *Concerning Baptism.*

JESUS came and spake unto them, saying, All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth. Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world.

ST. MATTHEW 28. 18-20.

4. Concerning Confirmation.

NOW when the apostles which were at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had received the word of God, they sent unto them Peter and John. who, when they were come down, prayed for them, that they might receive the Holy Ghost.

ACTS 8. 14, 15.

5. Concerning Matrimony.

FOR this cause shall a man leave his father and mother, and shall be joined unto his wife, and they two shall be one flesh. This is a great mystery: but I speak concerning Christ and the Church.

EPHESIANS 5. 31, 32.

6. Concerning the Burial of the Dead.

I WOULD not have you to be ignorant, brethren, concerning them which are asleep, that ye sorrow not, even as others which have no hope. For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so them also which sleep in Jesus will God bring with him.

I. THESSALONIANS 4. 13, 14.

7. Concerning the Lord's Supper.

I HAVE received of the Lord that which also I delivered unto you, That the Lord Jesus the same night in which He was betrayed took bread: And when He had given thanks, He brake it, and said, Take, eat, this is my body, which is broken for you: this do in remembrance of me. After the same manner also He took the cup, when He had supped, saying, This cup is the new testament in my blood: this do ye, as oft as ye drink it, in remembrance of me. For as often as ye eat this bread, and drink this cup, ye do shew the Lord's death till He come.

I. CORINTHIANS 11. 23-26.

Then shall be said—

The Apostles' Creed
(The Congregation standing.)

I BELIEVE in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth;
And in Jesus Christ His only Son our Lord, Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, Born of the Virgin Mary, Suffered under Pontius Pilate, Was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell; The third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, And sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; From thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; The holy Catholic Church; The Communion of Saints; The Forgiveness of sins; The Resurrection of the body; And the Life everlasting. AMEN.

Thereafter shall be sung the Hymn

"COME, HOLY GHOST, OUR SOULS INSPIRE."

COME, Holy Ghost, our souls inspire
And lighten with celestial fire;
Thou the anointing Spirit art,
Who dost Thy sevenfold gifts impart.

Thy blessèd unction from above
Is comfort, life, and fire of love;
Enable with perpetual light
The dulness of our blinded sight;

Anoint and cheer our soilèd 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 Thine eternal merit,
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit."

AMEN.

Then shall the Moderator of General Assembly proceed to the front of the Holy Table, and shall say (the Congregation standing):—

*The Prayer of Dedication,
ending with the Lord's Prayer.*



following which he will say:—

This House, which has been built for the honour and service of Almighty God, is now solemnly dedicated unto the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, one living and true God, and is set apart from all profane and common uses under the name of ST. MARK, OLDHALL.

Then shall be sung the following Psalm:—

PSALM 84, 1-3. *Tune: Harington.*

HOW lovely is thy dwelling-place,
O Lord of hosts, to me!
The tabernacles of thy grace
how pleasant, Lord, they be!

My thirsty soul longs veh'mently,
yea faints, thy courts to see:
My very heart and flesh cry out,
O living God, for thee.

Behold, the sparrow findeth out
an house wherein to rest;
The swallow also for herself
hath purchased a nest;

Ev'n thine own altars, where she safe
her young ones forth may bring,
O thou almighty Lord of hosts,
who art my God and King.

AMEN.

The OFFERING will then be taken.

Prayer of Dedication of Offering.

Thereafter the Clerk shall read the Intimations.

Then shall be sung the

Anthem,

"O YE THAT LOVE THE LORD," Coleridge-Taylor.

The Moderator of General Assembly will then proceed to the pulpit to preach

The Sermon.

Then shall be sung the Hymn

"JESUS SHALL REIGN WHERE'ER THE SUN."

JESUS shall reign where'er the sun
Does his successive journeys run;
His Kingdom stretch from shore to shore,
Till moons shall wax and wane no more.

For Him shall endless prayer be made,
And praises throng to crown His head;
His Name like sweet perfume shall rise
With every morning sacrifice.

People and realms of every tongue
Dwell on His love with sweetest song;
And infant voices shall proclaim
Their early blessings on His Name.

Blessings abound where'er He reigns:
The prisoner leaps to lose his chains,
The weary find eternal rest,
And all the sons of want are blest.

Let every creature rise and bring
Peculiar honours to our King,
Angels descend with songs again,
And earth repeat the long Amen.

AMEN.

The Benediction.

