

ORDINATION TO THE GOSPEL MINISTRY

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Prelude

Hymn No. 346 "Living For Jesus"

Report of the Examining Council..Rev. W.A.Richardson
Oak Grove Baptist Church, Back Bay, Virginia

Prayer
Bay View Baptist Church, Norfolk, Virginia
Rev. H. A. Hardwick

Special Music
South Norfolk Baptist Church
Choir

Sermon
Merrimac Park Baptist Church, Norfolk, Virginia
Rev. George T. Terrell

Ordination Prayer
Cradock Baptist Church, Cradock, Virginia
Rev. Harvey L. Bryant

Presentation of the Bible
London Bridge Baptist Church, London Bridge, Virginia
Rev. John S. Stone

Charge to the Candidates
Larchmont Baptist Church, Norfolk, Virginia
Rev. Paul E. Grandall

Hymn No. 380 "O Master Let Me Walk With Thee"
Benediction

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The members of the South Norfolk Baptist Church rejoice on this historic occasion. Up to this time no other minister has been ordained by this church in its entire history of 57 years. This is not only an outstanding incident for our church, but also for Southern Baptists, in that four at one service are being ordained. The church has three other young men who have been licensed and who are away at college preparing for the ministry. We have reached this history-making hour as the result of prayer and the blessings of God.

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Lord, speak to me, that I may speak
In living echoes of Thy tone;
As Thou hast sought, so let me seek
Thine erring children lost and lone.

O teach me, Lord, that I may teach
The precious things Thou dost impart;
And wing my words, that they may reach
The hidden depths of many a heart.

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Happy if with my latest breath,
I may but speak Thy name;
Preach Christ to all, and gasp in death,
Behold! Behold the Lamb!

A GREAT PREACHER

Stalwart and staunch of heart and unafraid,
The man of God stands in his pulpit there,
So well equipped, so shiningly arrayed
With the sword and shield of faith with power in
prayer.

That the Christ is lifted up before our eyes
Here in this room, here in this very hour,
And men, beyond dissension and surprise
Are drawn to him by some strange unseen power.

"Hidden in Christ...." the preacher hid in Christ,
Lifted him up to draw all men to him,
Willing that his own life be sacrificed
That the light of all the earth may not grow dim.
O man of God, O man of flame and fire,
I pray your lifted arms may never tire!

- Grace Noil Crowell -

(Dedicated by the author to Dr. George W. Truett)

When Albrecht Dürer (from whose "Folded Hands" the cover design was adapted) was a poor struggling artist, a friend of his who also aspired to be an artist made an agreement with him that he would do manual labor to earn their living while Dürer studied and painted. Later, it was planned, he should have his turn to paint. But when success came to Dürer his friend's hands had become so twisted and stiff that he could no longer paint. One day, seeing his friend's work-worn hands in prayer, Dürer thought, "I can never give back the lost skill of those hands, but I can show my feeling of love and gratitude by painting his hands as they are now, folded in prayer, to show my appreciation of a noble and unselfish character."



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