

# Ordination and Induction of Mrs Louise Sanders as Minister of Word and Sacraments at

# St Andrew's United Reformed Church, Monkseaton and in the Northern Synod

Saturday 29th July 2023
2.00 pm
St Andrew's United Reformed Church, Monkseaton



## **Presiding Minister:**

The Revd Dave Herbert, Moderator of the Northern Synod

The service will proceed unannounced.

The congregation is invited to join with the words in **bold** type.

# The Preparation

## Greeting

The Revd Dave Herbert

Peace be to the whole community, and love with faith, from God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

Grace be with all who have an undying love for our Lord Jesus Christ.

Ephesians 6:23-24

## Scripture Sentences

The Revd Dave Herbert

Christ is the image of the invisible God, the first-born of all creation;

for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created.

He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead,

for in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell.

Colossians 1:15-16, 18a-b, 19a

# Hymn: At the Name of Jesus

- At the name of Jesus every knee shall bow, every tongue confess him King of Glory now. 'Tis the Father's pleasure we should call him Lord, who from the beginning was the mighty Word.
- 2. Humbled for a season, to receive a name from the lips of sinners unto whom he came, faithfully he bore it spotless to the last, brought it back victorious when from death he passed:
- 3. bore it up triumphant with its human light, through all ranks of creatures to the central height, to the throne of Godhead, to the Father's breast; filled it with the glory of that perfect rest.
- 4. In your hearts enthrone him; there let him subdue all that is not holy, all that is not true; crown him as your captain in temptation's hour: let his will enfold you in its light and power.
- 5. For this same Lord Jesus shall return again, with his Father's glory, with his angel train; all the wreaths of empire meet upon his brow, and our hearts confess him King of Glory now.

Caroline Maria Noel 1817-1877

# Prayers of Praise, Confession and Forgiveness

The Revd Lesley Penny

For the wonders of creation and the beauty of this earth

Creator God, we praise you.

For your gift beyond words in Jesus Christ

redeeming God, we praise you.

For the call to follow and the grace to serve

living God, we praise you.

Let us confess our sin: for our abuse of your creation

Lord, forgive us;

for our divisions within the one body of Christ

Lord, forgive us;

for our neglect of the gifts of the Spirit

Lord, forgive us.

In repentance and in faith hear the promise of grace and the assurance of pardon:

Through Christ, God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.

Colossians 1:20

Jesus says: Your sins are forgiven.

Mark 2:5b

He also says: Feed my lambs. Tend my sheep. Follow me.

**Thanks be to God.**John 21:15b, 16b, 19b

Amen.

#### Statement

The Revd Dave Herbert

# The Ministry of the Word

# Readings from Scripture

Ms. Alison Tombs

Old Testament (Hebrew Scriptures): Exodus 33:12-14

Hear the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

**New Testament:** Mark 3:13-19

Hear the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

## Sermon

The Revd Helen Jary

# Hymn: In Christ Alone

In Christ alone my hope is found, he is my light, my strength, my song; this Cornerstone, this solid Ground, firm through the fiercest drought and storm. What heights of love, what depths of peace, when fears are stilled, when strivings cease! My Comforter, my All in All, here in the love of Christ I stand.

In Christ alone! – who took on flesh, fullness of God in helpless babe!
This gift of love and righteousness, scorned by the ones he came to save: till on the cross as Jesus died, the wrath of God was satisfied for every sin on him was laid; here in the death of Christ Llive.

There in the ground his body lay, light of the world by darkness slain: then bursting forth in glorious Day up from the grave he rose again! And as he stands in victory, sin's curse has lost its grip on me, for I am his and he is mine – bought with the precious blood of Christ.

No guilt in life, no fear in death, this is the power of Christ in me; from life's first cry to final breath, Jesus commands my destiny.

No power of hell, no scheme of man, can ever pluck me from his hand; till he returns or calls me home, here in the power of Christ I'll stand!

## The Ordination and Induction

## Presentation of the Candidate

Dr Andrew Graydon

Moderator, I present to you Louise Sanders, for ordination and induction.

## Statement by the Ordinand

Mrs Louise Sanders

#### Narrative of the Call

Mr Ray Hammond

# Statement concerning the Nature, Faith and Order of the United Reformed Church

Dr Andrew Graydon

With the whole Christian Church the United Reformed Church believes in one God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

#### The living God, the only God, ever to be praised.

The life of faith to which we are called is the Spirit's gift, continually received through the Word, the Sacraments and our Christian life together.

# We acknowledge the gift and answer the call, giving thanks for the means of grace.

The highest authority for what we believe and do is God's Word in the Bible, alive for his people today through the help of the Spirit.

# We respond to this Word, whose servants we are with all God's people through the years.

We accept with thanksgiving to God the witness to the catholic faith in the Apostles' and Nicene Creeds. We acknowledge the

declarations made in our own tradition by Congregationalists, Presbyterians and Churches of Christ in which they stated the faith and sought to make its implications clear.

# Faith alive and active: gift of an eternal source, renewed for every generation.

We conduct our life together according to the Basis of Union in which we give expression to our faith in forms which we believe contain the essential elements of the Church's life, both catholic and reformed; but we affirm our right and readiness, if the need arises, to change the Basis of Union and to make new statements of faith in ever new obedience to the Living Christ.

# Our crucified and risen Lord, who leads us in our faith and brings it to perfection.

Held together in the Body of Christ through the freedom of the Spirit, we rejoice in the diversity of the Spirit's gifts and uphold the rights of personal conviction. For the sake of faith and fellowship it shall be for the church to decide when differences of conviction hurt our unity and peace.

# We commit ourselves to speak the truth in love and grow together in the peace of Christ.

We believe that Christ gives his church a government distinct from the government of the state. In the things that affect obedience to God the Church is not subordinate to the state, but must serve the Lord Jesus Christ, its only Ruler and Head.

Civil authorities are called to serve God's will of justice and peace for all humankind, and to respect the rights of conscience and belief.

# While we ourselves are servants in the world as citizens of God's eternal kingdom.

We affirm our intention to go on praying and working, with all our fellow Christians, for the visible unity of the Church in the way Christ chooses, so that people and nations may be led to love and serve God and praise him more and more for ever.

# Source, Guide, and Goal of all that is: to God be eternal glory. Amen.

### **Affirmations**

(Louise to respond with words in bold)

Louise, do you confess anew your faith in one God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit?

#### I do.

Do you believe that Jesus Christ, who was born of Mary, lived our common life on earth, died upon the cross, and who was raised from the dead and reigns for evermore, is the gift of God's very self to the world?

Do you believe that through him God's love, justice and mercy are revealed and forgiveness, reconciliation and eternal life are offered to all people? And will you faithfully proclaim this gospel?

#### By the grace of God this I believe and this I will proclaim.

Do you believe that the Church is the people gathered by God's love to proclaim the reconciliation of the world to God through Jesus Christ?

#### I do.

Are zeal for the glory of God, love for the Lord Jesus Christ, obedience to the Holy Spirit and a desire for the salvation of the world, so far as you know your own heart, the chief motives which lead you to enter this ministry?

#### They are.

Do you promise to live a holy life, and to maintain the truth of the gospel, whatever trouble or persecution may arise?

#### Relying on the strength of Christ, I do.

Do you promise to fulfil the duties of your charge faithfully, to lead the church in worship, to preach the Word and administer the Sacraments, to exercise pastoral care and oversight, to take your part in the councils of the Church, and to give leadership to the Church in its mission to the world?

#### By the grace of God, I do.

Do you promise, as a minister of the United Reformed Church, to seek its well-being, purity and peace, to cherish love towards all other churches and to endeavour always to build up the one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church?

#### By the grace of God, I do.

Will you undertake to exercise your ministry in accordance with the statement concerning the Nature, Faith and Order of the United Reformed Church?

I will, and all these things I profess and promise in the power of the Holy Spirit.

#### **Promises**

The Revd Dave Herbert

(All to respond with words in bold)

Do you confess again your faith in one God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit?

#### We do.

Do you receive Louise as from God, as a minister of Word and Sacraments of the United Reformed Church?

#### We do.

Will you pray for Louise in this ministry, giving her due honour, support and encouragement?

#### We will.

Members of St Andrew's United Reformed Church Monkseaton, do you receive Louise as from God, to serve among you and to lead you in your ministry?

#### We do.

Representatives of the Northern Synod, do you receive Louise as from God, to minister among you?

#### We do

# Hymn: All My Hope on God is Founded

All my hope on God is founded; he doth still my trust renew.

Me through change and chance he guideth, only good and only true.

God unknown, he alone calls my heart to be his own.

Human pride and earthly glory, sword and crown betray his trust; what with care and toil he buildeth, tower and temple, fall to dust. But God's power, hour by hour, is my temple and my tower.

God's great goodness aye endureth, deep his wisdom, passing thought: splendour, light, and life attend him, beauty springeth out of naught. Evermore from his store new-born worlds rise and adore.

Daily doth the' Almighty giver bounteous gifts on us bestow; his desire our soul delighteth, pleasure leads us where we go. Love doth stand at his hand; iov doth wait on his command.

Still from earth to God eternal sacrifice of praise be done, high above all praises praising for the gift of Christ his Son. Christ doth call one and all: ye who follow shall not fall.

## **Ordination and Induction Prayer**

The Revd Dave Herbert

## **Declaration of Ordination and Induction**

The Revd Dave Herbert

In the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, and representing the Northern Synod of the United Reformed Church, I declare Louise Sanders to be ordained to the Ministry of Word and Sacraments within the one holy, catholic and apostolic Church, and to be inducted to St Andrew's United Reformed Church Monkseaton.

Now to him who by the power at work within us is able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, for ever and ever.

Ephesians 3:20-21

Amen.

#### Welcome

With the right hand of fellowship by:

Presiding Minister:

The Revd Dave Herbert

Northern Synod:

The Revd Dr Trevor Jamison

St Andrew's United Reformed Church Monkseaton:

Mr Bill Hopper

North Tyneside Council:

Dame Norma Redfern DBE Councillor Steve Cox Councillor Debbie Cox. Whitley Bay and District Churches Together:

Mrs Barbara Grundy, St John's Methodist Church Mr David Vickers, The Bay Church

St Columba's United Reformed Church North Shields:

Mrs Alison Drew

# Giving of Gifts

Receive this Bible.

the word of God, living and active.

Hebrews 4:12a

Receive this cup and plate,

to hold bread and wine for the feeding of God's people.

Receive this water.

symbol of baptism and sign of new life.

# **Prayers of Intercession**

The Revd Julian Sanders

# Hymn: Be Thou My Vision

Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart, naught be all else to me, save that thou art – thou my best thought in the day and the night, waking and sleeping, thy presence my light.

Be thou my wisdom, be thou my true word, thou ever with me and I with thee, Lord; thou my great Father, thy child let me be, thou in me dwelling, and I one with thee.

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Be thou my breastplate, my sword for the fight; be thou my dignity, thou my delight, thou my soul's shelter, and thou my strong tower; raise thou me heav'nward, great Power of my power.

Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise, thou mine inheritance, now and always; thou and thou only, the first in my heart, High King of heaven, my treasure thou art.

High King of heaven, thou heaven's bright sun, grant me its joys after vict'ry is won; heart of my own heart, what ever befall, still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

tr. Mary E Byrne (1880-1931) and Helena H Hull (1860-1935) altd.

# Dismissal and Blessing

The Revd Louise Sanders

Congregation to remain seated.

# Those taking part

The Revd D Herbert Moderator, Northern Synod

Ms Audrey Adams 6th St Andrew's Brownies

Mr Andrew Cooke St Andrew's United Reformed Church

Mr Tim Cooke Elder, St Andrew's United Reformed Church

Councillor Steve Cox Deputy Chair, North Tyneside Council

Councillor Debbie Cox Consort, North Tyneside Council

Ms Alison Drew Church Secretary, St Columba's United Reformed Church North Shields

Mrs Jennifer Fleetham Elder, St Andrew's United Reformed Church

Laura Fleetham St Andrew's United Reformed Church

> Mr Alex Goulding Organist

Dr Andrew Graydon
Interim Moderator, St Andrew's
United Reformed Church

Mrs Barbara Grundy St John's Methodist Church, Whitley Bay Mr Ray Hammond Church Secretary, St Andrew's United Reformed Church

Mr Bill Hopper Elder, St Andrew's United Reformed Church

The Revd Dr Trevor Jamison Synod Clerk, Northern Synod

The Revd Helen Jary
Team Rector, Oulton Broad Team
Ministry

The Revd Lesley Penny Curate, St Cuthbert's Episcopal Church, Colinton

Mrs Celia Purves St Andrew's United Reformed Church

Dame Norma Redfern DBE Elected Mayor, North Tyneside Council

The Revd Louise Sanders St Andrew's United Reformed Church

The Revd Julian Sanders St George's United Reformed Church, Morpeth

Noah Sanders St George's United Reformed Church, Morpeth

Ms Alison Tombs St Paul's Church, Howell Hill, Cheam

Mr David Vickers Senior Leader, The Bay Church, Whitley Bay

You are warmly invited for refreshments
in the Church Halls
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