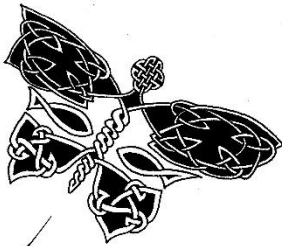




The **United Reformed Church**
National Synod of Wales

Yr **Eglwys Ddiwygiedig Unedig**
Synod Cenedlaethol Cymru



A service of
thanksgiving for and
release from duties
for the work of
Revd Simon Walkling

in the role of
Moderator of the
National Synod of Wales

Saturday 5 August 2023 at 2pm

at St David's Uniting Church, Pontypridd and online

Call to worship

Megan Price, Synod Clerk

Hymn - Praise to the Lord the Almighty

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of Creation!
O my soul, praise him, for he is thy health and salvation:
 come 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:
 hast thou not seen
 all that is needful hath 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
 all the Almighty can do,
he who with love doth 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

Opening Prayers

Revd Dr Jason Askew, Synod Training and Development Officer

Responses:

Bless the Lord O My Soul!

Let all that is within me bless God's Holy name!

Let the Amen sound from the people again . . .

Through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen!

Reading Luke 19:1-10

Lynda Bull, St David's Uniting Church

Reflection

Revd Simon Walkling

Hymn - May you find peace

May you find peace

God give you peace

May you find hope

God give you hope

May you find joy this day

God give you joy this day

May you find love

God give you love

May you find rest

God give you rest

helping you live

helping you live

the Jesus way

the Jesus way

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Speakers

Helen Moohan, former Synod Support Team member

Christine Roberts, Barry Uniting Church

Revd Martin Spain, Synod Ecumenical and Interfaith Officer

Revd Branwen Rees, East Wales regional minister

Hymn - The Church is wherever (R&S 583)

The Church is wherever God's people are praising,
singing their thanks for his goodness this day.

The Church is wherever disciples of Jesus
remember his story and walk in his way.

The Church is wherever God's people are helping,
caring for neighbours in sickness and need.

The Church is wherever God's people are sharing
the words of the Bible in gift and in deed.

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Litany of release

Revd Stephen Best, Synod Chaplain

Prayers of Intercession

Revd Stephen Best, Synod Chaplain

and Maggie Kirkbride, Synod Lay Preaching Advocate

Presentation of gifts

*Megan Price, Synod Clerk
and Joel Sainsbury, PA to the Moderator*

Hymn – Guide me O

Guide me, O thou great Jehovah,
pilgrim through this barren land;
I am weak, but thou art mighty,
hold me with thy powerful hand:
bread of heaven,
feed me now and evermore.

Agor y ffynhonnau melys
sydd yn tarddu o'r Graig i maes;
'r hyd yr anial mawr canlyned
afon iachawdwriaeth gras:
rho im' hynny—
dim i mi ond dy fwynhau.

When I tread the verge of Jordan,
bid my anxious fears subside;
death of death, and hell's destruction,
land me safe on Canaan's side:
songs of praises,
I will ever give to thee.

William Williams, Pantycelyn

The Grace

Megan Price, Synod Clerk

The National Synod of Wales would like to thank:

Sue Walking

Revd Paul Robinson for today's music

St David's Uniting Church, and especially Lynda Bull and Robert James, for hosting and supporting today's service

Inferno Catering for the buffet