



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

Yr **Eglwys Ddiwygiedig Unedig**
Synod Cenedlaethol Cymru

Order of Service for the
Induction of The Revd David Salsbury
as Moderator of the National Synod of Wales
of the United Reformed Church



held at **Beulah URC, Cardiff**
Saturday 6th April 2024, 2 pm

Presiding Minister: Revd Dr Tessa Henry-Robinson, Moderator
of the General Assembly of the United Reformed Church

Preacher: Revd Dr Peter Stevenson, Minister of ChristChurch
Grantham and Stamford URC, Lincolnshire

Music: John Cheer FRCO

Welcome

Revd David Dean

Lighting of the worship candle

Thomas Salsbury

Greetings and Scripture Sentences

*Revd Dr Tessa
Henry-Robinson*

Hymn Come people of the risen King

1. Come people of the risen King
Who delight to bring Him praise;
Come all and tune your hearts to sing
To the Morning Star of grace.
From the shifting shadows of the earth
We will lift our eyes to Him,
Where steady arms of mercy reach
To gather children in.
*Rejoice, Rejoice! Let every tongue rejoice!
One heart, one voice; O Church of Christ, rejoice!*
2. Come, those whose joy is morning sun,
And those weeping through the night;
Come, those who tell of battles won,
And those struggling in the fight.
For His perfect love will never change,
And His mercies never cease,
But follow us through all our days
With the certain hope of peace.
Rejoice, Rejoice! Let every tongue rejoice!
3. Come, young and old from every land -
Men and women of the faith;
Come, those with full or empty hands -
Find the riches of His grace.
Over all the world, His people sing -
Shore to shore we hear them call
The Truth that cries through every age:
"Our God is all in all"
Rejoice, Rejoice! Let every tongue rejoice!

**Prayers of Praise, Confession and
Forgiveness**

Revd Dr Jason Askew

We praise you, God, the Creator:

**through your love and power all things came to be and
continue in their being.**

We praise you, Jesus Christ, the word made flesh:

**through your death and resurrection we are reconciled to
God and born into a new and living hope.**

We praise you, Holy Spirit, the Giver of life:

**through wind and fire the Church was born,
and by your gifts the body of Christ is built up.**

With the whole Church on earth and in heaven we praise you:

one God for ever.

Amen.

Gracious God, you call us to be the body of Christ,

yet we often fail in our vocation.

While Christ proclaimed truth,

we obscure it.

Though Christ prayed for the unity of all,

we remain divided.

While Christ touched the sick and blessed the poor,

we shrink from the demands of justice.

Forgive us. Conform us to Christ.

**May all that we do arise from our unity in him,
and may the Holy Spirit renew us,
so that the world might come to believe.**

Amen.

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

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

Jesus says: Your sins are forgiven.

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

Thanks be to God.

Amen.

God of life and power,
We open our hearts and rejoice
That the depth of your being is love.
We praise you for showing us in Jesus
What you call us to be.
Come in the power of your Holy Spirit
To bring us together and make us your own
To the glory of Jesus Christ our Lord,
Amen

Statement of Purpose

Revd Dr Tessa Henry-Robinson

Reading: Mark 10: 35 – 45

Revd Mark Thomas

Reading: Colossians 3: 12 – 17

*Revd Martin Spain
(in Welsh)*

*Heather Salsbury
(in English)*

Song: Bear with one another

Beulah Worship Group

Sermon

Revd Dr Peter Stevenson

Hymn Give to me, Lord, a thankful heart and a discerning mind.
(RS 497)

1. Give to me, Lord, a thankful heart
and a discerning mind:
give, as I play the Christian's part,
the strength to finish what I start
and act on what I find.
2. When, in the rush of days, my will
is habit-bound and slow
help me to keep in vision still
what love and power and peace can fill
a life that trusts in you.
3. By your divine and urgent claim
and by your human face
kindle our sinking hearts to flame
and as you teach the world your name
let it become your place.
4. Jesus, with all your Church I long
to see your kingdom come:
show me your ways of righting wrong
and turning sorrow into song
until you bring me home.

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Narrative of the Call

Megan Price, Synod Clerk

Statement by the Moderator Elect

Revd David Salsbury

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

*Led by Jo Harris
and Revd Julie Kirby*

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 where 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 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 & Promises

Revd Dr Tessa Henry-Robinson

The Moderator asks the members of the churches of the National Synod of Wales:

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

We do

Do you receive David as from God, to serve among you here and with you in the world as Moderator of the National Synod of Wales?

We do

Will you pray for David in this ministry, giving him due honour, support and encouragement?

We do

Promise by the congregation:

Will you, as members of the United Reformed Church and as friends and colleagues from the wider Church and community encourage David and work with him as he exercises this ministry?

We do

Hymn Lord of creation, to you be all praise! (RS 532)

1. Lord of creation, to you be all praise!
Most mighty your working, most wondrous your ways!
Your glory and greatness no mortal can tell,
and yet in the heart of the humble you dwell.
2. Lord of all power, I give you my will,
in joyful obedience your tasks to fulfil.
Your bondage is freedom, your service is song;
and, held in your keeping, my weakness is strong.
3. Lord of all wisdom, I give you my mind,
rich truth that surpasses my knowledge to find;
what eye has not seen and what ear has not heard
is taught by your Spirit and shines from your word.
4. Lord of all bounty, I give you my heart;
I praise and adore you for all you impart,
your love to inspire me, your counsel to guide,
your presence to shield me, whatever betide.
5. Lord of all being, I give you my all;
if e'er I disown you, I stumble and fall;
but, led in your service your word to obey,
I'll walk in your freedom to the end of the way.

*Jack Winslow (1882-1974) alt'd. **

Prayer of Induction

Revd Dr Tessa Henry-Robinson

Declaration of Induction

Revd Dr Tessa Henry-Robinson

Welcomes and signing of the Synod Bible

- On behalf of the National Synod of Wales: Ann Star, Hope and Market Square Church
- On behalf of the United Reformed Church General Secretariat: Revd Adrian Bulley
- On behalf of the URC Synod Moderators Meeting: Revd Jamie Kissack
- Ecumenical guests

Prayers of Intercession,
followed by The Lord's Prayer

Revd Jenny Mills

Bidding: Merciful God

Response: Hear our prayers

**Our Father, who art in heaven,
Hallowed be thy name,
Thy kingdom come,
Thy will be done,
On earth as it is in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread,
Forgive us our trespasses
As we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation
But deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory,
Forever and ever
Amen.**

Hymn Guide me O thou great Jehovah (RS 345)

1. 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, bread of heaven,
feed me now and evermore;
feed me now and evermore.
2. Agor y ffynhonnau melys
sydd yn tarddu o'r Graig i maes;
'r hyd yr anial mawr canlyned
afon iachawdwriaeth gras:
rho im' hynny, rho im' hynny
dim i mi ond dy fwynhau
dim i mi ond dy fwynhau
3. 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, songs of praises,
I will ever give to thee;
I will ever give to thee.

William Williams, Pantycelyn (1717-91)
v. 1 tr. Peter Williams (1722-96) altd.
v. 3 tr. William Williams (or John Williams, 1754-1828) altd.

Dismissal and Blessing

Revd David Salsbury

The retiring collection will be donated to Adam Salsbury's fundraising campaign for Young Lives vs Cancer. Adam is running the London Marathon on Sunday 21st April in aid of this charity and in memory of his friend Matthew who died ten years ago, aged 11. You can find out more at bit.ly/3vsNDFm



Taking part in the service:

Revd Dr Jason Askew

Training and Development Officer, URC National Synod of Wales

John Cheer FRCO

Organist

Revd David Dean

Minister in the Cardiff Pastorate of the United Reformed Church

Jo Harris

Member of the Nominating Group; Convenor of Children and Youth Working Group for the National Synod of Wales

Revd Dr Tessa Henry-Robinson

Moderator of the General Assembly of the United Reformed Church

Revd Julie Kirby

Member of the Nominating Group; Minister in the Brecon Beacons Pastorate of the United Reformed Church

Revd Jenny Mills

URC Secretary for Education and Learning.

Megan Price

Synod Clerk, URC National Synod of Wales

Thomas Salsbury

Heather Salsbury

Revd Martin Spain

Officer for Ecumenical & Inter-faith Relations, URC National Synod of Wales

Revd Dr Peter Stevenson

Minister of ChristChurch Grantham and Stamford URC, Lincolnshire

Revd Mark Thomas

Minister of Magor Baptist Church and Chair of Cardiff Baptist College

With thanks to the Ministers, Elders and Members of Beulah United Reformed Church, Rhiwbina for their welcome and hospitality.