

The Presbyterian Church in Ireland
Presbytery of Ards

Moderator: Rev John Carlisle
Acting Clerk: Rev Bobbie Stevenson



Service of Ordination and Installation

of

Mr Gareth J Simpson

in

Ballywalter Presbyterian Church



Friday 4th December 2015

Announcements

The congregation is asked to stand as the Presbytery enter and leave the Service.

Call to Worship

Introit - Lead me Lord

Praise – Tell out my soul

Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord;
Unnumbered blessings give my spirit voice;
Tender to me the promise of His word;
In God my Saviour shall my heart rejoice.

Tell out, my soul, the greatness of His name!
Make known His might, the deeds His arm has done;
His mercy sure, from age to age the same;
His Holy name—the Lord, the Mighty One.

Tell out, my soul, the greatness of His might!
Powers and dominions lay their glory by;
Proud hearts and stubborn wills are put to flight,
The hungry fed, the humble lifted high.

Tell out, my soul, the glories of His word!
Firm is His promise, and His mercy sure:
Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord
To children's children and for evermore!

Prayer

Scripture reading & Sermon

Rev Neil Stewart

Praise – Before the throne of God above

Before the throne of God above I have a strong, a perfect plea:
a great High Priest, whose name is Love, who ever lives and pleads for me.

My name is written on His hands, my name is hidden in His heart;
I know that while in heaven He stands
no power can force me to depart, no power can force me to depart.

When Satan tempts me to despair and tells me of the guilt within,
upward I look, and see Him there who made an end of all my sin.
Because the sinless Saviour died, my sinful soul is counted free;
for God, the just, is satisfied
to look on Him and pardon me, to look on Him and pardon me.

Behold Him there! The risen Lamb, my perfect, sinless Righteousness,
the great unchangeable I AM, the King of glory and of grace!
One with my Lord I cannot die: my soul is purchased by His blood,
my life is safe with Christ on high,
with Christ, my Saviour and my God, with Christ, my Saviour and my God.

Ordination and Installation

Declaration of Presbytery

Rule of Faith

Questions to Minister Elect

Subscription to Westminster Confession of Faith

The congregation are asked to stand until after the Right Hand of Fellowship.

The Minister Elect will kneel for prayer.

Prayer and Act of Ordination and Installation

Aaronic Blessing

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face to shine upon you and be gracious unto you.

The Lord lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace. Amen.

The Right Hand of Fellowship

Anthem – Thank you Lord

Offering for the Students' Bursary Fund

Prayer

Praise – All I once held dear

All I once held dear, built my life upon,
all this world reveres, and wars to own,
all I once thought gain I have counted loss;
spent and worthless now, compared to this.

Knowing You, Jesus, knowing You, there is no greater thing.

*You're my all, You're the best, You're my joy, my righteousness,
and I love You, Lord.*

Now my heart's desire is to know You more,
to be found in You and known as Yours;
to possess by faith what I could not earn,
all – surpassing gift of righteousness.

Knowing You, Jesus....

Oh, to know the power of Your risen life,
and to know You in Your sufferings;
to become like You in Your death, my Lord,
so with You to live and never die.
Knowing You, Jesus....

Charge to Minister and Congregation

Rev John Flaherty

Praise – My heart is filled with thankfulness

My heart is filled with thankfulness to Him who bore my pain;
who plumbed the depths of my disgrace and gave me life again;
who crushed my curse of sinfulness and clothed me in His light,
and wrote His law of righteousness with power upon my heart.

My heart is filled with thankfulness to Him who walks beside;
who floods my weaknesses and strengths and causes fear to fly;
whose every promise is enough for every step I take,
sustaining me with arms of love and crowning me with grace.

My heart is filled with thankfulness to Him who reigns above;
whose wisdom is my perfect peace; whose every thought is love;
For every day I have on earth is given by the King,
so I will give my life, my all to love and follow Him.

Benediction



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Please note that the offering is for the Students' Bursary Fund which supports students as they train for the Ministry of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland. Information regarding this work is in the pews and if you are prepared to Gift Aid your offering please fill in the necessary details on the envelopes provided.

Everyone is invited to remain in your seats after the service for the formal part of the reception, after which refreshments will be served in the Church Hall.

The Rev Gareth Simpson will commence his ministry
on Sunday 6th December at 11.00am.

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