

**THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
OF
AOTEAROA NEW ZEALAND
PRESBYTERY CENTRAL**



Order of Service for the Induction of

The Rev Dr Susan Jones

**To the Parish of
St Andrew's on The Terrace
Wellington**

7.30pm Thursday, 26 March 2015

Conducted by the Rev Perema Leasi

Acting Wellington Regional Moderator

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Acting Presbytery Clerk: Carolyn Marshall

ORGAN PRELUDE

Peter Franklin

Prelude and Fugue BWV 558 by J. S. Bach

GATHERING

Let there be joy in our coming together this evening.
Let there be hope in the words we speak and the songs we sing.
Let there be healing where there is disharmony and despair.
Let there be love expressed and experienced.
Let there be faith and commitment for the way ahead.
Let there be silence for the voice within us and beyond us.
Let us celebrate life in the presence we name God.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

Words: William Kethe

Music: The Old Hundredth Psalm Tune arr. by Ralph Vaughan Williams

(An organ fanfare and 1st line of hymn are played as introduction to the hymn)

All people that on earth do dwell,
sing to the Lord with cheerful voice:
him serve with mirth, his praise forth tell;
come ye before him and rejoice.

Know that the Lord is God indeed;
without our aid he did us make:
we are his folk, he doth us feed,
and for his sheep he doth us take.

O enter then his gates with praise,
approach with joy his courts unto;
praise, laud and bless his name always,
for it is seemly so to do.

For why the Lord our God is good;
his mercy is for ever sure;
his truth at all times firmly stood,
and shall from age to age endure.

(organ)

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow,
praise God, all creatures here below,
praise God above, ye heavenly host,
Creator, Saviour, Holy Ghost.

(organ)

Amen

WELCOME BY THE MODERATOR

CALL TO WORSHIP

There are different gifts

But it is the same Spirit who gives them

There are different ways of serving God

But it is the same Lord who is served

God works through different people in different ways

**But it is the same God who achieves glory through them
all**

Each one is given a gift by the Spirit

To use it for the common good

OPENING PRAYERS

READINGS

Epistle: 2 Timothy 1:6-14

Thanksgiving and Encouragement

Gospel: Matthew 9: 35-38

The harvest is great, the labourers are few

Fiona McDougal

Roger Jones

RESPONSE

For the word of God in Scripture

For the word of God among us

For the word of God within us

We give thanks

SERMON

The Rev Michelle Shin

“fan into flames the gift of God”

HYMN

Words: Joy Dine, Music WOV 165ii Blauenwern
(Used by permission)

God who sets us on a journey
to discover, dream and grow,
lead us as you led your people
in the desert long ago;
journey inward, journey outward,
stir the spirit, stretch the mind,
love for God and self and neighbour
marks the way that Christ defined.

Exploration brings new insights,
changes, choices we must face;
give us wisdom in deciding,
mindful always of your grace;
should we stumble, lose our bearings,
find it hard to know what's right,
we regain our true direction
focussed on the Jesus light.

End our longing for the old days,
grant the vision that we lack –
once we've started on the journey
there can be no turning back;
let us travel light, discarding
excess baggage from our past,
cherish only what's essential,
choosing treasure that will last.

When we set up camp and settle
to avoid life's risk and pain,
you disturb complacent comfort,
pull the tent pegs up again;
keep us travelling in the knowledge
you are always at our side;
give us courage for the journey,
Christ our goal and Christ our guide.

THE INDUCTION

Narrative

Ray Coates

Presentation of Minister for Induction:

Lois Shipley (Timaru Presbyterian Parish) introduces and “hands over” The Rev Dr Susan Jones to Sandra Kirby (Convener St Andrew’s on The Terrace Parish Council) who then asks that she be inducted as Minister of St Andrew’s on The Terrace

Promises by Congregation

Do you agree that Susan Jones be inducted as a Minister to this Parish?

Yes we do. Thanks be to God!

In accepting Susan as a Minister to this place, are you committed to offer her respect, encouragement and support as you stand beside her in the ministries you will share together?

With God's help, we are.

Presbytery Clerk:

Carolyn Marshall

This Induction, within the community of the Presbyterian Church of Aotearoa New Zealand, is an act of Christian faith. Our Church believes, and requires each of its Ministers to believe in the Word of God in the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments and the fundamental doctrines of Christian Faith contained in the Kupu Whakapono and Commentary, the Westminster Confession of Faith, and other subordinate standards of this Church. We accept that liberty of conviction is recognised in this Church but only on such points as do not enter into the fundamental doctrines of Christian faith contained in the Scriptures and subordinate standards. All ministers acknowledge the Presbyterian government of this Church to be agreeable to the Word of God and promise to submit to it and promise to observe the order and administration of public worship as allowed in this Church.

Moderator

Let us proclaim the Faith we have received and share with all Christians by standing and saying an Affirmation of Faith

Affirmation of Faith

United Church of Canada

**We are not alone.
We live in God's world.
We believe in God;
who has created and is creating,
who has come in Jesus,
the Word made flesh,
to reconcile and make new,
who works in us and others
by the Spirit.**

We trust in God.

**We are called to be the Church;
to celebrate God's presence,
to live with respect in Creation,
to love and serve others,
to seek justice and resist evil,
to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen,
our judge and our hope..
In life, in death, in life beyond death,
God is with us.**

**We are not alone.
Thanks be to God. Amen.**

THE VOWS

Moderator Susan Jones in the name of Jesus Christ, the only Head of the Church, we are here to induct you as a Minister of Word and Sacrament by prayer and the laying on of hands, to St Andrew's on The Terrace, Wellington.

In this act, the Presbyterian Church of Aotearoa New Zealand acts and speaks within the one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church, which is represented in the Affirmation we have just proclaimed together.

The Ministry of Word and Sacraments is an apostolic ministry. Through it the Church is reminded and encouraged to fulfil its calling in Jesus Christ.

He is the One upon whom you will rely; He is the One whom you will serve; He is the one whom you will proclaim.

Therefore, that we may know that you desire to receive this ministry of Christ through the gift of the Holy Spirit, we ask you these questions:

Do you confess Jesus Christ as Saviour and Lord?

Minister

I do

Moderator

Do you believe that you are called by God and the Church to the ministry of Word and Sacraments?

Minister

I do.

Moderator

Do you receive the witness of the holy scriptures of the Old and New Testaments as the supreme rule of faith and life, and do you undertake to preach from them to make Jesus Christ known?

Minister

I do.

Moderator

Do you resolve to celebrate the sacraments of Baptism and Holy Communion with the people of God?

Minister

I do.

Moderator

Do you accept the Apostles' and Nicene Creeds as witnessing to the core faith of the holy catholic Church, and do you accept the Westminster documents, the Kupu Whakapono as our subordinate standards and as a witness to the Reformed tradition of faith?

Minister

I do.

Moderator

Relying on the power of the Holy Spirit, will you commit yourself to the study of the Bible; seek to model your life and ministry on Christ; and be faithful in prayer?

Minister

With God's help, I will.

Moderator

Do you promise to share in the life and work of the Presbytery and the courts of the Church to uphold the doctrine, worship, government and discipline of the Church, and at all times seek its unity and peace?

Minister

I do.

Moderator Do you accept the call to be Minister to this parish and congregation?
Minister **I do; and I intend, with God's help, to grow into the role of faithful pastor, servant leader, and minister of the Gospel.**
Congregation **Faithful is God who has called you, and who will not fail you.**

The Formula:

(The Rev Susan Jones will sign the Formula)

HYMN

Susan Jones (c) 2000; this version 2014.
Tune: Jerusalem

And did those feet in former times
walk upon scree and tussock brown
and did the man, Jesus the Christ
cross mountains high and rolling downs?
and did he know the morning mist?
and did he know the harbour's sheen?
and did he love this cityscape
its terraced streets, the urban scene?

And does he still walk this our land,
talking and laughing with us yet?
And does he know that stab of need
when all our other friends forget?
And is he there when wine is poured?
And is he there when bread's prepared?
and does he laugh when life's alright?
and does he weep when it is not?

Be with us Christ, as we step out.
Come with us on our lifelong quest.
Be our true guide, on our right hand,
be with us, walking and at rest.
So we will know life to the full.
be there to see us through the night
For we would be your followers
pursue your Way with all our might.

*(During the singing, Ministers of presbytery and those of other churches who recognise a common ministry, gather round the Rev Susan Jones.
The congregation to remain standing)*

The Prayer

Moderator

(Susan Jones kneels and Ministers of the Word and Sacraments present, join together in the laying on of hands)

The Declaration

Moderator Susan, I declare you to be inducted to the pastoral charge of St Andrew's on The Terrace, Wellington in order to centre its life in worship and encourage its people in mission. In acknowledging this we sing God's blessing upon you.

THE AARONIC BLESSING (sung)

**The Lord bless you and keep you;
The Lord make his face to shine upon you,
and be gracious unto you;
the Lord lift his countenance upon you,
and give you peace.**

Welcome by The Presbytery

Moderator

(The Moderator invites members of Presbytery, followed by other clergy present, and members of the parish council to come forward and give Susan the right hand of fellowship)

Congregational Response

Parish Council Convener

Susan, we welcome you to this parish. We share with you in the ministry and mission of Christ, seeking to make him known in all that we do.
We offer you our friendship and support as we join together in this work to which God has called us.

Moderator In your calling as a congregation, will you take regular part in the worship of God, and contribute to the work of God as you are able; will you endeavour to make Jesus Christ known in the community by word and action?

Congregation **We will, God being our helper.**

Moderator Will you honour Susan as your pastor and leader; will you listen for God's Word in her preaching; will you welcome her into your homes; will you provide for her all that is necessary for her physical welfare; and will you support her with your love and prayers?

Congregation **We will, God being our helper.**

Presentation of Symbols and Gifts to Susan

Prayers of the People

Lynne Dovey

Prayer for St Andrew's

**Renew your people, God,
and renew our life in this place.
Give us a new spirit of unity
with all who follow Christ,
and a new spirit of love
towards all people.
Bless the city in which we live
that is may be a place
where honest dealing,
good government,
the desire for beauty
and the care for others flourish.
Bless this church
that what we know of your will
may become what we do,
and what we believe
the strong impulse of our
worship and work.
Amen.**

HYMN

Words and Music: Marty Haugen

Let us build a house where love can dwell
and all can safely live,
a place where saints and children tell
how hearts learn to forgive.
Built of hopes and dreams and visions;
rock of faith and vault of grace;
here the love of all shall end divisions:
All are welcome, all are welcome,
all are welcome in this place.

Let us build a house where prophets speak,
and words are strong and true,
where all God's children dare to seek
to dream God's reign anew.
Here the cross shall stand as witness
and as symbol of God's grace;
here as one we claim the faith of Jesus:
All are welcome...

Let us build a house where love is found
in water, wine and wheat:
a banquet hall on holy ground
where peace and justice meet.
Here the love of God through Jesus
is revealed in time and space;
as we share in Christ the feast that frees us:
All are welcome...

Let us build a house where hands will reach
beyond the wood and stone
to heal and strengthen, serve and teach,
and live the word they've known.
Here the outcast and the stranger
bear the image of love's face;
let us bring an end to fear and danger:
All are welcome...

Let us build a house where all are named,
their songs and visions heard
and loved and treasured, taught and claimed
as words within the word.
Built of tears and cries and laughter,
prayers of faith and songs of grace;
let this house proclaim from floor to rafter:
All are welcome...

***We remain seated in church
for the Parish Welcome
to Susan and Roger Jones***

**Organ Music
Speeches of Welcome
Response**

BENEDICTION

The Rev Dr Susan Jones

ORGAN POSTLUDE

Toccata Opus 42 Number 5 by Charles-Marie Widor

*Please stand as the Candle and Bible are carried out
The Moderator, Susan and Roger
lead The Presbytery & Congregation out of church
Please join us in the Hall for light refreshments*

**Organist
Peter Franklin**