

THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND

PRESBYTERY OF ARDS



## **ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION OF RULING ELDERS**

by

A COMMISSION OF THE ARDS PRESBYTERY

in

GROOMSPORT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH,  
GROOMSPORT

**Elders Elect:**

Sharon Goldie  
Roy McWhinney  
Michael Steele

**Acting Moderator:**

Very Rev. Dr Roy Patton

**Clerk:**

Rev. John Flaherty

**Sunday, 22 September 2019  
at 7.00 pm**



**Prayer to Constitute Presbytery:** *The Moderator*

**The Declaration:** *The Moderator*

**The Rule of Faith:** *The Clerk*

**The Question to Elders Elect:** *The Moderator*

**The Act of Ordination and Installation:** *The Moderator*

The congregation stand and remain standing until after the Aaronic Blessing.

**Aaronic Blessing:**      **The Lord bless thee and keep thee;**  
the Lord make His face shine upon thee  
and be gracious unto thee;  
the Lord lift up his countenance upon thee  
and give thee peace

**The Right Hand of Fellowship:** *The Moderator*

**Praise:**

**Lord, speak to me that I may speak**  
in living echoes of Your tone;  
as You have sought, so let me seek  
Your wandering children, lost, alone.

O fill me with Your fullness, Lord,  
until my heart shall overflow  
in kindling thought and glowing word,  
Your love to tell, Your praise to show.

O lead me, Lord, that I may lead  
the stumbling and the straying feet;  
and feed me, Lord, that I may feed  
Your hungry ones with manna sweet.

To use me, Lord, use even me,  
just as You will, and when, and where,  
until at last Your face I see,  
Your rest, Your joy, Your glory share.

O teach me, Lord, that I may teach  
the precious truths which You impart;  
and wing my words that they may reach  
the hidden depths of many a heart.

**The Charge to the New Elders and the Congregation:**

*Rev. Lesley-Ann Wilson*

**Praise:**

**The Church's one foundation**

is Jesus Christ her Lord;  
she is His new creation  
by water and the Word:  
from heaven He came and sought her  
to be His holy bride;  
with His own blood He bought her  
and for her life He died.

Called out from every nation,  
yet one through all the earth;  
her charter of salvation --  
one Lord, one faith, one birth:  
one holy name she blesses,  
and shares one holy food;  
as to one hope she presses  
with every grace endued.

We see her long divided  
by heresy and sect;  
yet she by God is guided --  
one people, one elect:  
her vigil she is keeping,  
her cry goes up, 'How long?'  
and soon the night of weeping  
shall be the dawn of song.

In toil and tribulation,  
and tumult of her war,  
she waits the consummation  
of peace for evermore  
till with the vision glorious  
her longing eyes are blessed  
at last the Church victorious  
Shall be the Church at rest!

Yet she on earth has union  
with God the Three-in-One;  
and mystic, sweet communion  
with those whose rest is won:  
O happy ones and holy!  
Lord, grant to us Your grace,  
with them the meet and lowly,  
In heaven to see Your face.

**Benediction:**

*The Moderator*

*Everyone is invited to remain after the service for supper in the Church Hall.*