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**The Licensing
of
Natasha Suzanne Anderson
as
Priest in Charge
of
The Milford on Sea Benefice
in the
Deanery of Lyndhurst
by
The Right Reverend Debbie Sellin
Bishop of Southampton
in
All Saints Church, Church Hill, Milford on Sea, SO41 0SQ
and online via Zoom
12 April 2021 at 7:00pm**

Welcome to the service this evening for this celebration of ministry. We are here to license Natasha Suzanne Anderson as Priest in Charge of the Milford on Sea Benefice, to welcome her to the parish, and to pray for her ministry with us here.

Order of Service

The Area Dean gives out any notices.

Welcome

Bishop Grace, mercy and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you;

All **and also with you.**

The Bishop introduces the Service

Bishop We have come together in the presence of God to celebrate with Tasha her life and work in this benefice, to license her to the ministry she will share, to pray for Tasha and for those who minister with her and to dedicate ourselves afresh to the service of God in this community and to the call which God makes on each one of our lives.

The Bishop says the Collect

Heavenly Father,
we gather in your Name in thankfulness and praise
for the continuing ministry of your Church in this place,
for all who have been raised up in times past
to serve you here,
and for your servant, Tasha,
called by you to this present task.
Guide and strengthen all your faithful people,
that we may give ourselves in love and service
to one another and to you,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Reading: Ephesians 3:14-21

This is the Word of the Lord

All **Thanks be to God.**

The Bishop's Sermon by the Bishop of Southampton

The Commendation by the Churchwardens of the Arle Valley Benefice

Bishop, we bring greetings from the Arle Valley Benefice where Tasha has been ministering until now. We wish Tasha well in this new ministry in Milford and Everton to which she has been called. We pray that the parish, the community, the deanery and the diocese will be enriched by her presence and that Tasha will be greatly blessed in her life here.

Bishop I thank you for your commendation and for your prayers.

The Presentation of the Candidate

The Archdeacon presents Tasha to the Bishop, and says:

Bishop Debbie, after prayerful consideration and due consultation, Tasha has been nominated to be Priest in Charge of the Milford on Sea Benefice. I now present her to you to be licensed.

Bishop I thank you for your presentation and I will gladly admit her.

I invite the Archdeacon to administer the Declaration and Oaths.

The Declaration and Oaths

Before taking up any new ministry in the Church of England the Priest is required to declare his or her belief in the faith of the Church and take oaths to the Queen and the Bishop.

Archdeacon I ask you now to make the Declaration and to take the Oaths which are required by law.

The Church of England is part of the one, holy, catholic, and apostolic Church, worshipping the one true God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit. It professes the faith uniquely revealed in the Holy Scriptures and set forth in the catholic creeds, which faith the Church is called upon to proclaim afresh in each generation.

Led by the Holy Spirit, it has borne witness to Christian truth in its historic formularies, the Thirty-Nine Articles of Religion, the Book of Common Prayer and the Ordering of Bishops, Priests and Deacons.

In the declaration that you are about to make will you affirm your loyalty to this inheritance of faith as your inspiration and guidance under God in bringing the grace and truth of Christ to this generation and making him known to those in your care?

Tasha then makes the Declaration of Assent.

I, Natasha Suzanne Anderson, do so affirm and accordingly declare my belief in the faith which is revealed in the Holy Scriptures and set forth in the catholic creeds and to which the historic formularies of the Church of England bear witness; and in public prayer and administration of the sacraments, I will use only the forms of service which are authorized or allowed by Canon.

Holding a Bible, Tasha makes the Oath of Allegiance to Her Majesty the Queen.

I, Natasha Suzanne Anderson, do swear by Almighty God that I will be faithful and bear true allegiance to Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth the Second, her heirs and successors, according to Law: so help me God.

Continuing to hold the Bible, Tasha makes the Oath of Canonical Obedience.

I, Natasha Suzanne Anderson, do swear by Almighty God that I will pay true and canonical obedience to the Lord Bishop of Winchester and his successors in all things lawful and honest: so help me God.

The legal documents are signed by Tasha and later by the Archdeacon.

The Licensing

Bishop Tasha, I greet you and your family in the Name of the Lord Jesus Christ and welcome you to this Benefice. Do you believe that God has called you to serve in this Benefice as Priest-in-Charge?

Tasha I do so believe.

The Bishop addresses the people of the parish.

Bishop People of God, is it your will that Tasha should serve with you in this place?

All It is.

Bishop Will you support and uphold her in this ministry?

All With the help of God, we will.

The Bishop then invites the congregation to pray, using these or other words:

The care of the people of a benefice is a solemn trust. I therefore call upon you now to pray to God for Tasha for this benefice, and for yourselves.

Silence is kept.

Bishop We praise you, God our Father, for the work of the Spirit in your Church. Pour down your blessing on your people; and give to your servant Tasha the gifts of grace she needs faithfully to fulfil the ministry to which she has been called, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All Amen.

The Bishop reads the licence and then says

Tasha, receive this Licence in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Tasha answers

Amen.

The Bishop, taking her pastoral staff, blesses her, saying

Tasha, God give you the spirit of holy discipline, of faithfulness, and of love for all his people; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you always.

All Amen.

The Blessing of the Ministry Team

Tasha Eternal God,

All the light of the minds that know you,
the joy of the hearts that love you,
and the strength of the wills that serve you;
grant us so to know you
that we may truly love you,
and so to love you that we may truly serve you,
whom to serve is perfect freedom,
in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Taking her pastoral staff, the Bishop says

Almighty God, who has given you the will to undertake this ministry together, give you also grace and strength to perform it; in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

All Amen.

The Welcome

Bishop People of this parish, I present to you, Tasha, your new priest. Love her and pray for her.

I invite you to greet them in the Name of Christ.

All **We welcome you!**
May the Lord bless you
and make you a blessing among us.

The new priest may be greeted with a warm round of applause.

The Peace

Bishop We are all one in Christ Jesus.
We belong to him through faith,
heirs of the promise of the Spirit of peace.

All The peace of the Lord be always with you.
And also with you.

Tasha Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

You are invited to share a sign of peace with those in your household or others on screen.

Tasha then says a few words and announces the services for the next Sunday.

The Prayers of Intercession - Tasha

The Blessing

Bishop God who has called you is faithful.

The Father, whose glory fills the heavens,
cleanse you by his holiness
and send you to proclaim his word.

Christ, who has ascended to the heights,
pour upon you the riches of his grace.

The Holy Spirit, the Comforter,
equip you and strengthen you in your ministry.

And the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Tasha Go in the peace of Christ

All **Thanks be to God**