

Mothers' Union London Diocesan Festival Eucharist

Transformation – Now!

Wednesday 15th June 2022
7 pm

WELCOME TO ST PAUL'S CATHEDRAL

We are a Christian church within the Anglican tradition (Church of England) and we welcome people of all Christian traditions as well as people of other faiths and people of little or no faith. Christian worship has been offered to God here for over 1400 years. By worshipping with us today, you become part of that living tradition. Our regular worshippers, supported by nearly 150 members of staff and a large number of volunteers, make up the cathedral community.

We are committed to the diversity, equal opportunities and personal and spiritual development of all who work and worship here because we are followers of Jesus Christ. We use sustainably sourced communion wine at all celebrations of the Eucharist, and this order of service is printed on recyclable paper. Thank you for being with us today. If you need any help, please ask a member of staff. Please be assured of our continuing prayers for you when you go back to your homes and places of worship.

The Mothers' Union Choir is conducted by Tom Daggett, OBE Organ Outreach Fellow. The organ is played by William Fox, Acting Organist and Assistant Director of Music.



As you prepare for worship, please be sensitive to the needs of those around you who may wish to pray quietly. Please switch off mobile telephones and do not use photographic, video or recording equipment at any time.

ORDER OF SERVICE

The congregation is asked to join in all texts printed in **bold**.

Stand as the Ministers enter.

Processional Hymn



**Breathe on me, Breath of God,
Fill me with life anew,
That I may love what thou dost love,
And do what thou wouldst do.**

**Breathe on me, Breath of God,
Until my heart is pure,
Until with thee I will one will,
To do and to endure.**

**Breathe on me, Breath of God,
Till I am wholly thine,
Until this earthly part of me
Glows with the fire divine.**

**Breathe on me, Breath of God,
So shall I never die,
But live with thee the perfect life
Of thine eternity.**

Words: (342) Edwin Hatch (1835-89)

Tune: (452) *Carlisle*
Charles Lockhart (1745-1815)

Greeting and Welcome

The Bishop says

In the name of the Father, and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Peace be with you

and also with you.

The Bishop welcomes the congregation and introduces the service.

**Almighty God,
to whom all hearts are open,
all desires known,
and from whom no secrets are hidden:
cleanse the thoughts of our hearts
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,
that we may perfectly love you,
and worthily magnify your holy name;
through Christ our Lord.
Amen.**

Prayers of Penitence

A Deacon says

God so loved the world
that he gave his only Son Jesus Christ
to save us from our sins,
to be our advocate in heaven,
and to bring us to eternal life.
Let us confess our sins in penitence and faith,
firmly resolved to keep God's commandments
and to live in love and peace with all.

Silence is kept.

**Almighty God, our heavenly Father,
we have sinned against you
and against our neighbour
in thought and word and deed,
through negligence, through weakness,
through our own deliberate fault.
We are truly sorry
and repent of all our sins.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
who died for us,
forgive us all that is past
and grant that we may serve you in newness of life
to the glory of your name.
Amen.**

The Bishop says

Almighty God,
who forgives all who truly repent,
have mercy upon you,
pardon and deliver you from all your sins,
confirm and strengthen you in all goodness,
and keep you in life eternal;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Gloria in Excelsis

A Deacon sings and all repeat



Glo ry to God, glo-ry to God, glo-ry to the Fa - ther.

A Deacon sings and all repeat



To God be glo ry for e - ver.

A Deacon sings



Al - le - lu - ia, a - men.

All sing



Al-le-lu-ia, a-men. Al-le-lu-ia, a-men. Al-le-lu-ia, a-men.

**Glory to God, glory to God, Son of the Father.
To God be glory for ever.
Alleluia, amen.**

**Glory to God, glory to God, Glory to the Spirit.
To God be glory for ever.
Alleluia, amen.**

The Collect of the Day

The Bishop says

Let us pray.

All pray in silence for a short time.

Faithful and loving God,
who called Mary Sumner to strive
for the renewal of family life:
give us the gift of your Holy Spirit,
that through word, prayer and deed
your family may be strengthened and your people served;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Amen.

Sit

The Liturgy of the Word

New Testament Reading

read by

Sue Johnson,
President, London Diocesan Mothers' Union

A reading from the Second Letter of Paul to the Corinthians.

If the ministry of death, chiselled in letters on stone tablets, came in glory so that the people of Israel could not gaze at Moses' face because of the glory of his face, a glory now set aside, how much more will the ministry of the Spirit come in glory? Indeed, to this very day whenever Moses is read, a veil lies over their minds; but when one turns to the Lord, the veil is removed. Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. And all of us, with unveiled faces, seeing the glory of the Lord as though reflected in a mirror, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another; for this comes from the Lord, the Spirit.

2 Corinthians 3. 7-8, 15-18

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Stand

Gradual

O, God, you search me, and you know me.
All my thoughts lie open to your gaze.
When I walk or lie down, you are before me.
Ever the maker and keeper of my days.

You know my resting and my rising.
You discern my purpose from afar.
And with love everlasting, you besiege me.
In ev'ry moment of life or death, you are.

Before a word is on my tongue, Lord,
You have known its meaning through and through.
You are with me beyond my understanding;
God of my present, my past and future, too.

Although your Spirit is upon me,
Still I search for shelter from your light.
There is nowhere on Earth I can escape you;
Even the darkness is radiant in your sight.

For you created me and shaped me;
Gave me life within my mother's womb.
For the wonder of who I am, I praise you.
Safe in your hands, all creation is made new.

Words: Psalm 139

Music: Bernadette Farrell (b.1957)

Gospel Reading

Turn towards the Deacon as the procession brings the Gospel into the midst of the congregation.

The Deacon says

Alleluia, alleluia. Speak, Lord, your servant is listening.
You have the words of eternal life.

Alleluia.

The Lord be with you
and also with you.

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

Glory to you, O Lord.

He entered Jericho and was passing through it. A man was there named Zacchaeus; he was a chief tax-collector and was rich. He was trying to see who Jesus was, but on account of the crowd he could not, because he was short in stature. So he ran ahead and climbed a sycamore tree to see him, because he was going to pass that way. When Jesus came to the place, he looked up and said to him, 'Zacchaeus, hurry and come down; for I must stay at your house today.' So he hurried down and was happy to welcome him. All who saw it began to grumble and said, 'He has gone to be the guest of one who is a sinner.'

Zacchaeus stood there and said to the Lord, 'Look, half of my possessions, Lord, I will give to the poor; and if I have defrauded anyone of anything, I will pay back four times as much.' Then Jesus said to him, 'Today salvation has come to this house, because he too is a son of Abraham. For the Son of Man came to seek out and to save the lost.'

Luke 19. 1-10

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

The Reverend Emma Ham-Riche
Provincial Chaplain,
Mothers' Union Province of Canterbury

Commissioning of President and Trustees

The President and Trustees stand before the Bishop, who says

We have come together here to worship God and to commission the elected members to the office of President and Trustee in Mothers' Union. This is a joyful and important occasion. Each office carries great responsibility, for Mothers' Union is a worldwide society within the church, with special concern for all that strengthens and preserves marriage and family life.

The Bishop asks the President

The office of Diocesan President of Mothers' Union is a solemn trust carrying great responsibility. Are you willing to commit yourself to this office and work?

The President responds, saying

With the help of God, I am.

The Bishop asks the Trustees

Trustees in the Diocese of London do you accept office in Mothers' Union?

The Trustees respond, saying

I do, the Lord being my helper.

The Bishop asks the President and the Trustees

Will you serve God in this way, in the firm belief that the power of the Holy Spirit will guide and direct all who call upon him?

They respond, saying

I will, putting my trust in him.

The Bishop takes the President by the right hand, and says

Sue, I admit you to the office of Diocesan President in this our Diocese of London in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

The President presents the Trustees to the Bishop, who takes them by the right hand, and says

N. I admit you to the office of Trustee in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, Amen.

Members of Mothers' Union stand, and the Bishop says

Members of Mothers' Union in the Diocese of London, will you remember your President and your Trustees in your prayers and give them your loyal support and encouragement?

Members of Mothers' Union in the Diocese of London respond, saying

We will.

The Bishop prays

O God, we ask that you will bless your servants
with a sense of your presence,
and knowledge of your constant love.
Give wisdom and understanding,
your guidance and the humility to accept it.
Grant all members the grace to support
and uphold all who work in your name;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

The Trustees return to their seats. Members of Mothers' Union remain standing.

Act of Affirmation and Enrolment of a new member

The Reverend Karen Wellman stands before the Bishop.

The President says

The mission of Mothers' Union is to show our Christian faith by the transformation of communities worldwide, through the promotion of stable marriage, family life and the protection of children. We aim to achieve this through carrying out our objectives: to encourage parents in their role to develop the faith of their children; to maintain a worldwide fellowship of Christians united in prayer, worship and service; to promote conditions in society favourable to stable family life and the protection of children; to help those whose family life has met with adversity; and to promote and support married life.

The Bishop says

Membership of the worldwide Mothers' Union is open to all who have been baptised in the name of the Holy Trinity and who support the mission and objectives of Mothers' Union. I ask both new and present members to join in affirming their commitment to Mothers' Union. Do you reaffirm your baptism promises?

They respond, saying

I do, with God's help.

The Bishop asks

Will you continue to nurture your personal relationship with God and be committed to his family, the Church?

They respond, saying

I will, by the grace of God.

The Bishop admits the new member, saying

Karen, I admit you to membership of Mothers' Union, in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

The Bishop greets the new member and presents her Membership Card.

The Bishop says

Let us commit to God the life of our Diocese.

**Heavenly Father,
as members of this Diocese we commit its life to you;
we seek your blessing in all we do:
your presence in our fellowship
your inspiration in our activities;
your strength in our service to the Church
and to the community;
help us to be faithful in prayer and worship
and outgoing in our witness to the gospel,
that we may advance your kingdom,
and glorify your name,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.**

Prayers of Intercession

led by

The Bishop

and

Sharon Fergus,
Kensington and Chelsea Area Vice President

Pauline McCalla,
Willesden Area Vice President

Folake Roberts,
Stepney Area Vice President

Dorothy Nnene,
Edmonton Area Vice President

In joy and in peace let us give God our thanks and pray for the grace to be doers of God's will.

Remain seated or kneel.

Loving God, you have called us into community. May our love for our brothers and sisters be strengthened by your grace, and may we find the courage to open our hearts and our lives to all those alongside whom we live and work. We pray for the flourishing of Mothers' Union in these uncertain and challenging times. We give thanks and pray for Mothers' Union across this Diocese and for its work in hospitals, prisons, women's refuges, and detention centres.

In unity and faith
we bring our prayers to God.

Loving God, we give thanks for the global witness of Mothers' Union and we hold before you in love and prayer its many members across the world. We pray especially for our link branches in Sudan, Kenya, Nigeria, Australia, Uganda and in the province of America. You have called us to shine as lights in our world. May our lives witness to the saving grace poured out upon us all.

In unity and faith
we bring our prayers to God.

Loving God, you have called us to be members of your body, so that when one suffers, all suffer together. We pray for all members of Mothers' Union who face poor health and infirmity and for all whose lives have been marred by this pandemic. We ask for your healing power to bring hope and comfort to those in distress. We give thanks for the lives of those who have died and rejoice that they are now with you, enveloped in your loving arms.

In unity and faith
we bring our prayers to God.

Loving God, we thank you for the vision of Mary Sumner and for all who have followed her example. We acknowledge with gratitude all who have faithfully served you in our organisation: those who have served you in ways unseen; and those who have given selflessly of their time and gifts to love their neighbour as themselves. We pray for our World Wide President, office holders and Trustees commissioned to serve the Diocese of London. We pray for open ears, eyes and hearts that we may act with insight and integrity to bring transformation in our world.

In unity and faith
we bring our prayers to God.

United in our desire to love Christ as Lord and our neighbour as ourselves, we unite our voices together as we pray:

**Loving Lord,
we thank you for your love so freely given to us all.
We pray for families around the world.
Bless the work of Mothers' Union
as we seek to share your love
through the encouragement, strengthening and support
of marriage and family life.
Empowered by your Spirit,
may we be united in prayer and worship,
and in love and service
reach out as your hands across the world.
In Jesus' name.
Amen.**

Stand

The Liturgy of the Sacrament

The Peace

The Bishop says

Christ is our peace.
He has reconciled us to God
in one body by the cross.
We meet in his name and share his peace.

The peace of the Lord be always with you
and also with you.

A Deacon says

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

All may exchange a sign of peace, but please remain in your place and do not make physical contact other than with those with whom you have come to the Cathedral.

Preparation of the Table

Hymn

during which the bread and wine are placed on the altar, and a collection is taken for the work of the Cathedral and the charities it supports. Please complete the Gift Aid envelopes provided if you are a UK taxpayer. A donation of £5 using a contactless card can instead be made as you leave, at the cashless donation pod located at the west end of the Cathedral.



**Alleluya, sing to Jesus,
His the sceptre, his the throne;
Alleluya, his the triumph,
His the victory alone:
Hark the songs of peaceful Sion
Thunder like a mighty flood;
Jesus, out of every nation,
Hath redeemed us by his blood.**

**Alleluya, not as orphans
Are we left in sorrow now;
Alleluya, he is near us,
Faith believes, nor questions how;
Though the cloud from sight received him
When the forty days were o'er,
Shall our hearts forget his promise,
'I am with you evermore'?**

**Alleluya, Bread of Angels,
Thou on earth our food, our stay;
Alleluya, here the sinful
Flee to thee from day to day;
Intercessor, Friend of sinners,
Earth's Redeemer, plead for me,
Where the songs of all the sinless
Sweep across the crystal sea.**

**Alleluya, King eternal,
Thee the Lord of lords we own;
Alleluya, born of Mary,
Earth thy footstool, heaven thy throne:
Thou within the veil hast entered,
Robed in flesh, our great High Priest;
Thou on earth both Priest and Victim
In the Eucharistic Feast.**

Words: (271) William Chatterton Dix (1837-98)

Tune: *Hyfrydol*
Richard Huw Pritchard (1811-87)

The Bishop says

Let us pray.

Yours, Lord,
is the greatness, the power,
the glory, the splendour, and the majesty;
for everything in heaven and on earth is yours.
**All things come from you
and of your own do we give you.**

The Eucharistic Prayer

The Bishop says

The Lord be with you
and also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give thanks and praise.

Father, we give you thanks and praise
through your beloved Son Jesus Christ, your living Word,
through whom you have created all things;
who was sent by you in your great goodness to be our Saviour.

By the power of the Holy Spirit he took flesh;
as your Son, born of the blessed Virgin,
he lived on earth and went about among us;
he opened wide his arms for us on the cross;
he put an end to death by dying for us;
and revealed the resurrection by rising to new life;
so he fulfilled your will and won for you a holy people.

Therefore with angels and archangels,
and with all the company of heaven,
we proclaim your great and glorious name,
for ever praising you and singing:



Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!
Heaven and earth shall sing thy praise and glory give to thee;
Holy, Holy, Holy! Merciful and Mighty!
God in Three Persons, blessed Trinity!

Lord, you are holy indeed, the source of all holiness;
grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit,
and according to your holy will,
these gifts of bread and wine
may be to us the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ;

who, in the same night that he was betrayed,
took bread and gave you thanks;
he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying:

Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;
do this in remembrance of me.

In the same way, after supper
he took the cup and gave you thanks;
he gave it to them, saying:

Drink this, all of you;
this is my blood of the new covenant,
which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins.
Do this, as often as you drink it,
in remembrance of me.

A Deacon says

Great is the mystery of faith.

Christ has died:

Christ is risen:

Christ will come again.

And so, Father, calling to mind his death on the cross,
his perfect sacrifice made once for the sins of the whole world;
rejoicing in his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension,
and looking for his coming in glory,
we celebrate this memorial of our redemption.

As we offer you this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving,
we bring before you this bread and this cup
and we thank you for counting us worthy
to stand in your presence and serve you.

Send the Holy Spirit on your people
and gather into one in your kingdom
all who share this one bread and one cup,
so that we, in the company of all the saints,
may praise and glorify you for ever,
through Jesus Christ our Lord;

by whom, and with whom, and in whom,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all honour and glory be yours, almighty Father,
for ever and ever.

Amen.

Silence is kept.

The Lord's Prayer

The Bishop says

Let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us:

**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 this day our daily bread.
And 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,
for ever and ever.
Amen.**

Breaking of the Bread

The Bishop breaks the consecrated bread, saying

We break this bread
to share in the body of Christ.
**Though we are many, we are one body,
because we all share in one bread.**

Giving of Communion

The Bishop invites the people to receive Holy Communion, saying

God's holy gifts
for God's holy people.
**Jesus Christ is holy,
Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.**

Please sit, and then follow the directions of the Virgers and Wandsmen.

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world:
have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God,
you take a - way the sins of the world: grant us peace.

Please be aware of other people's desire to maintain social distancing when coming to receive communion. Though Holy Communion is offered in both kinds, everyone is free to receive in one kind only. If you do wish to receive in both kinds, please do not dip the Eucharistic wafers into the wine.

All baptized Christians who receive communion in their own churches are welcome to receive communion.

Those communicants requiring gluten-free wafers are asked to identify themselves to a Virger or Wandsman and to receive communion from the President.

Any member of the congregation may come to receive a blessing; if you come forward for a blessing, please keep your head bowed.

Communion Hymn



**Soul of my Saviour, sanctify my breast,
Body of Christ, be thou my saving guest,
Blood of my Saviour, bathe me in thy tide,
Wash me with water flowing from thy side.**

**Strength and protection may thy passion be,
O blessèd Jesu, hear and answer me;
Deep in thy wounds, Lord, hide and shelter me,
So shall I never, never part from thee.**

**Guard and defend me from the foe malign,
In death's dread moments make me only thine;
Call me and bid me come to thee on high
Where I may praise thee with thy saints for ay.**

Words: (305) *Anima Christi*
Latin, 14th-century
Trans. Anon.

Tune: *Anima Christi*
William Maher (1823-77)

Prayers after Communion

All stand with the Bishop, who says

Let us pray.

Eternal Father,
we thank you for nourishing us
with these heavenly gifts:
may our communion strengthen us in faith,
build us up in hope,
and make us grow in love;
for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

**Merciful God,
you have called us to your table
and fed us with the bread of life.
Draw us and all people to serve your Son,
our Saviour Jesus Christ.
Amen.**

The Dismissal

The Bishop says

The peace of God
which passes all understanding,
keep your hearts and minds
in the knowledge and love of God,
and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord;
and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always.

Amen.

Go in the peace of Christ.
Thanks be to God.

Recessional Hymn

during which the Ministers depart.



**O Jesus, I have promised
To serve thee to the end;
Be thou for ever near me,
My Master and my Friend;
I shall not fear the battle
If thou art by my side,
Nor wander from the pathway
If thou wilt be my guide.**

**O let me hear thee speaking
In accents clear and still,
Above the storms of passion,
The murmurs of self-will;
O speak to reassure me,
To hasten or control;
O speak, and make me listen,
Thou guardian of my soul.**

**O Jesus, thou hast promised
To all who follow thee,
That where thou art in glory
There shall thy servant be;
And, Jesus, I have promised
To serve thee to the end;
O give me grace to follow,
My Master and my Friend.**

**O let me see thy footmarks,
And in them plant mine own;
My hope to follow duly
Is in thy strength alone;
O guide me, call me, draw me,
Uphold me to the end;
And then in heaven receive me,
My Saviour and my Friend.**

Words: (420) John Bode (1816-74)

Tune: Wolvercote
William H. Ferguson (1874-1950)

You are invited to be seated for the playing of the Organ Voluntary.

To exit, please follow the directions of the Wandsmen and Stewards.

Organ Voluntary

during which the procession of banners moves through the Cathedral.

Toccata in Seven

John Rutter (b.1945)

ORGAN 150 FESTIVAL

2022 sees the 150th anniversary of the heart of the iconic Grand Organ of St Paul's, built by Henry Willis in 1872. We invite you to join our celebrations with this exciting line up of five celebrity organ recitals.

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Johann Vexo (France)

Thursday 9th June
Stephen Farr (UK)

Thursday 7th July
Samuel Kummer (Germany)

Thursday 4th August
Christopher Houlihan (USA)

Thursday 1st September
William Fox (UK)

All recitals 6.30 pm - 7.30 pm

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SUNDAY ORGAN RECITALS

All recitals 4.30 pm - 5 pm
Free admission

19 th June	Eric Chan
3 rd July	William Fox Organ Giants: Complete Organ Works of J.S. Bach, Recital 25
10 th July	Benjamin Collyer Organ Giants: Organ Works of Schumann & Brahms, Recital 3
17 th July	Nicholas Freestone Organ Giants: Organ Works of Schumann & Brahms, Recital 4

Morning Prayer is said daily at 8 am.

Holy Communion is celebrated at 8.30 am and 12.30 pm daily.

Choral Evensong is usually sung daily at 5 pm,
except on occasional days when Evening Prayer is said.

On Sundays, Holy Communion is celebrated at 8 am, 11.15 am, and 5.30 pm;
Mattins is sung at 10 am and Evensong at 3 pm.

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