



Mothers' Union London Diocesan Festival Eucharist

In Mary Sumner's Footsteps

Tuesday 5th June 2018
7 pm

Mothers' UNION
Christian care for families

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 are a Fairtrade Cathedral and use fairly traded communion wine at all celebrations of the Eucharist. This order of service is printed on sustainably-produced 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 Simon Johnson, Organist and Assistant Director of Music.



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ORDER OF SERVICE

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

Stand as the Ministers enter.

Processional Hymn



**Thy hand, O God, has guided
Thy flock, from age to age;
The wondrous tale is written,
Full clear, on every page;
Our forebears owned thy goodness,
And we their deeds record;
And both of this bear witness:
One Church, one Faith, one Lord.**

**Thy heralds brought glad tidings
To greatest, as to least;
They bade folk rise, and hasten
To share the great King's feast;
And this was all their teaching,
In every deed and word,
To all alike proclaiming
One Church, one Faith, one Lord.**

**Through many a day of darkness,
Through many a scene of strife,
The faithful few fought bravely
To guard the nation's life.
Their gospel of redemption,
Sin pardoned, earth restored,
Was all in this enfolded,
One Church, one Faith, one Lord.**

**Thy mercy will not fail us,
Nor leave thy work undone;
With thy right hand to help us,
The victory shall be won;
And then, by all creation,
Thy name shall be adored,
And this shall be our anthem,
One Church, one Faith, one Lord.**

Words: (485) Edward Plumptre (1821-91), alt.

Tune: *Thornbury*
Basil Harwood (1859-1949)

Greeting and Welcome

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

Amen.

The Lord be with you
and also with you.

The President 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 President 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 President 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

Margaret Blazey,
President of the London Mothers' Union

A reading from the Letter of James.

My brothers and sisters, do you with your acts of favouritism really believe in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ? For if a person with gold rings and in fine clothes comes into your assembly, and if a poor person in dirty clothes also comes in, and if you take notice of the one wearing the fine clothes and say, 'Have a seat here, please', while to the one who is poor you say, 'Stand there', or, 'Sit at my feet', have you not made distinctions among yourselves, and become judges with evil thoughts? If a brother or sister is naked and lacks daily food, and one of you says to them, 'Go in peace; keep warm and eat your fill', and yet you do not supply their bodily needs, what is the good of that? So faith by itself, if it has no works, is dead.

James 2. 1-4, 15-17

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Stand

Gradual Hymn



**When I needed a neighbour, were you there, were you there?
When I needed a neighbour, were you there?**

***And the creed and the colour and the name won't matter,
Were you there ?***

**I was hungry and thirsty, were you there, were you there?
I was hungry and thirsty, were you there?**

**I was cold, I was naked, were you there, were you there?
I was cold, I was naked, were you there?**

**Wherever you travel, I'll be there, I'll be there,
wherever you travel, I'll be there.**

***And the creed and the colour and the name won't matter,
I'll be there.***

Words and music: (A&M 575) Sydney Carter (1915-2004)

Gospel Reading

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

The Choir sings

Alleluia. Speak, Lord, your servants hear you,
you have the message of eternal life. Alleluia.

The Deacon says

The Lord be with you
and also with you.

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.
Glory to you, O Lord.

The apostles gathered around Jesus, and told him all that they had done and taught. He said to them, 'Come away to a deserted place all by yourselves and rest a while.' For many were coming and going, and they had no leisure even to eat. And they went away in the boat to a deserted place by themselves. Now many saw them going and recognized them, and they hurried there on foot from all the towns and arrived ahead of them. As he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd; and he began to teach them many things. When it grew late, his disciples came to him and said, 'This is a deserted place, and the hour is now very late; send them away so that they may go into the surrounding country and villages and buy something for themselves to eat.' But he answered them, 'You give them something to eat.' They said to him, 'Are we to go and buy two hundred denarii worth of bread, and give it to them to eat?' And he said to them, 'How many loaves have you? Go and see.' When they had found out, they said, 'Five, and two fish.' Then he ordered them to get all the people to sit down in groups on the green grass. So they sat down in groups of hundreds and of fifties.

Taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven, and blessed and broke the loaves, and gave them to his disciples to set before the people; and he divided the two fish among them all. And all ate and were filled; and they took up twelve baskets full of broken pieces and of the fish. Those who had eaten the loaves numbered five thousand men.

Mark 6. 30-44

This is the Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

The Reverend Dr Isabelle Hamley,
Chaplain to the Archbishop of Canterbury

The members of Mothers' Union stand with the President whilst the other members of the Congregation remain seated for

Affirmation of Membership

The Reverend Prebendary Rosemia Brown addresses the members of Mothers' Union, saying

At your admission as members of the worldwide Mothers' Union you reaffirmed the vows made at your baptism and promised with the help of God to uphold and support the Aim and Objects of the Mothers' Union. You also promised to plan your life to include prayer and Bible reading and worship in Church. I ask you now to join in affirming your commitment to the Mothers' Union.

Do you reaffirm your baptism promises?

Members I do, with God's help.

Will you try to uphold and support the Aim and Objects of the Mothers' Union?

Members I will, with God's help.

Will you continue to plan your life to include prayer and Bible reading and worship in Church?

Members I will, by the grace of God.

Sit

Prayers of Intercession

led by

The Reverend Rosemary Morton,
Minor Canon and Succentor

and

Sally Atkinson,
Finance and Office Co-ordinator

Jenny Daybell,
Fundraising and Communication Co-ordinator

Gogo-Rose Ilo,
Faith and Policy Co-ordinator

Diane Wilcocks,
Action and Outreach Co-ordinator

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, we give you thanks for the vision of Mary Sumner, and for all who have followed her example. We pray for our own church communities, for Mothers' Union branches and their members across the diocese, and all who work to support family life in all its diversity and complexity. We give thanks for the faithful service of the General Trustees and Diocesan Trustees, and especially those whose terms of office are coming to an end. We rejoice in the dedication of all our members who serve in ways unseen and who have given selflessly of time and talents.

Lord, in your mercy,
make us people of faith.

Loving God, we give you thanks for the gifts and service of our sisters and brothers in the faith, for our companions in El Obied, Sudan; Buteres, Kenya; Nnewi, Nigeria; and the United States of America. As we join our prayers with theirs, keep us open to the guiding of your Spirit, that we may embrace the future with boldness and courage.

Lord, in your mercy,
make us people of faith.

Loving God, we pray for our world that is unequal and unjust. We remember all whose lives are overcome with poverty; for children, women and men who struggle to survive each day; for lives shattered by illness, war, injustice, abuse, and natural disaster. Help us to support those most in need through prayer and action, that we may work to challenge world leaders and influence change in our world.

Lord, in your mercy,
make us people of faith.

Loving God, we give you thanks for the work of Mothers' Union here in London, for our projects in hospitals, prisons and refuge centres, for the support of those who are vulnerable, and for all our networks of prayer and support. May our commitment to the Gospel strengthen us to care for those in deepest need, inspire hope, and foster transformation.

Lord, in your mercy,
make us people of faith.

In the assurance of faith, in the confidence of hope, in the will to serve and the 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 President 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.

Preparation of the Table

Sit

Anthem

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.

Lead me, Lord, lead me in thy righteousness;
make thy way plain before my face.
For it is thou Lord, thou, Lord only, that makest me dwell in safety.

Words: Psalm 5. 8

Music: from *Praise the Lord, O My Soul*
Samuel Sebastian Wesley (1810-76)

Stand with the President who 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 President 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 is the Lord;
Holy is the Lord God almighty.
Holy, holy, holy is the Lord;
Holy is the Lord God almighty,
Who was, and is, and is to come.
Holy, holy, holy is the Lord!**

**Blesséd, blesséd, blesséd is the Lord;
Blesséd is the Lord God almighty.
Blesséd, blesséd, blesséd is the Lord;
Blesséd is the Lord God almighty.
Who was, and is, and is to come.
Blesséd, blesséd, blesséd is the Lord!**

Words: Anon.

Tune: Anon.
arr. Anne Harrison (b.1954) and others

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 President 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 President 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 President invites the people to receive the 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.

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.

Music during Communion

During the distribution of Communion, the Choir will sing these two chants and the congregation are invited to join in singing.



**Eat this bread, drink this cup,
come to him and never be hungry.
Eat this bread, drink this cup,
trust in him and you will not thirst.**

Words: (CA 926) Taizé Community
based on Scripture

Music: Jacques Berthier (1923-94)



**The kingdom of God is justice and peace
And joy in the Holy Spirit.
Come, Lord, and open in us
The gates of your kingdom.**

Words: Taizé Community
based on Scripture

Music: Jacques Berthier (1923-94)

Prayers after Communion

All stand with the President, 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 President 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.

Organ Voluntary

during which the procession of banners moves through the Cathedral.

Carillon-Sortie

Henri Mulet (1878-1967)

Once the procession has passed, you are invited to be seated for the playing of the Organ Voluntary, or to leave at this point without disturbing those who wish to listen.

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

Please take this order of service away with you
to reflect on the readings and prayers and as a reminder of your visit.

THE MOTHERS' UNION SERVICE NEXT YEAR
WILL BE ON THURSDAY 13th JUNE 2019.

Morning Prayer is said daily at 7.30 am.

Holy Communion is celebrated at 8 am and 12.30 pm daily.

Choral Evensong is usually sung daily at 5 pm,
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On Sundays, Holy Communion is celebrated at 8 am, 11.30 am, and 6 pm;

Mattins is sung at 10.15 am and Evensong at 3.15 pm.

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Thanks to a successful appeal led by actor Juliet Stevenson the centre has been able to open three days a week. Further urgent fundraising is taking place in the hope that the centre can maintain this.

For more information and to donate if you are able, please go to:

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