



Mothers' Union London Diocesan Festival

“Faith in Action”

Tuesday 13th June 2017
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 Combined Choir includes Mothers' Union members and Church Choirs in the Diocese of London and is conducted by Neil Hawes, Director of Music at St Mary's Church, Osterley. The organ is played by Joseph Beech, Organ Scholar. The Hackney Children's Choir is conducted by Tom Daggett, OBE Organ Outreach Fellow.



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**.

Music before the service

Ave Maria (Op. 80, No 5)

Max Reger (1873-1916)

Prière à Notre-Dame from *Suite Gothique* (Op. 25)

Léon Boëllmann (1862-97)

Stand as the Ministers enter.

Processional Hymn



**Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart,
Be all else but naught to me, save that thou art,
Be thou my best thought in the day and the night,
Both waking and sleeping, thy presence my light.**

**Be thou my wisdom, be thou my true word,
Be thou ever with me, and I with thee, Lord,
Be thou my great Father, thy child let me be,
Be thou in me dwelling, and I one with thee.**

**Be thou my breastplate, my sword for the fight,
Be thou my whole armour, be thou my true might,
Be thou my soul's shelter, be thou my strong tower,
O raise thou me heavenward, great Power of my power.**

**Riches I heed not, nor all the world's praise,
Be thou my inheritance now and always,
Be thou and thou only the first in my heart,
O Sovereign of heaven, my treasure thou art.**

**High King of heaven, thou heaven's bright Sun,
O grant me its joys after vict'ry is won,
Great Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
Still be thou my vision, O Ruler of all.**

Words: (339) Irish, 8th century,
trans. Mary Byrne (1880-1931), alt.

Tune: *Slane*
Traditional Irish Melody

Greeting and Bidding

given by

The Reverend Canon Michael Hampel,
Precentor, Canon in Residence

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is gracious,
for his mercy endures for ever.

Welcome to St Paul's Cathedral where, as members and supporters of Mothers' Union, we have come together from across the Diocese of London to lift our hearts in praise, to hear the word of God, and to join together in prayer.

As we recall God's faithfulness, we rejoice that "Thus far the Lord has helped us"; and pray that the faith that has been sown in us may be seen in our words and actions.

We pray especially for those we seek to serve: for families and all who have the care of children, for the homeless and the hungry, for prisoners and captives, and for the sick and the dying.

We pray too that we may be alert to the ever changing needs of our society and guided by Gospel values.

All these our thoughts, prayers and hopes let us offer to God in the words our Saviour Christ commanded and taught us, praying:

**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.**

God of wonder and of joy:
grace comes from you,
and you alone are the source of life and love.
Without you, we cannot please you;
without your love, our deeds are worth nothing.
Send your Holy Spirit,
and pour into our hearts that most excellent gift of love,
that we may come before you now
with thankful hearts
and serve you always with willing minds;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Light beyond shadow, joy beyond tears,
Love that is greater when darkest our fears;
Deeper the peace when the storm is around,
Dearer the Christ to the lost who is found.

Light of the world, Jesus shining!
Sins of the world, see him dying!
In our darkness, he is light, in our crying, he is love,
In the noise of life imparting peace that passes understanding.

Words: Paul Wigmore (1925-2014)

Music: John Dankworth (1927-2010)

Reading

read by

The Canon in Residence

Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love. God's love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him. In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another. No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God lives in us, and his love is perfected in us.

I John 4. 7-12

When I survey the wondrous Cross,
On which the Prince of Glory died,
My richest gain I count but loss,
And pour contempt on all my pride.

Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast
Save in the cross of Christ my God;
All the vain things that charm me most,
I sacrifice them to his blood.

See from his head, his hands, his feet,
Sorrow and love flow mingling down;
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet,
Or thorns compose so rich a crown?

Were the whole realm of nature mine,
That were an offering far too small;
Love so amazing, so divine,
Demands my soul, my life, my all.

Words: Isaac Watts (1674-1748)

Tune: *O Waly Waly*
Somerset folk song
collected by Cecil Sharp (1859-1924)
arr. Neil Hawes

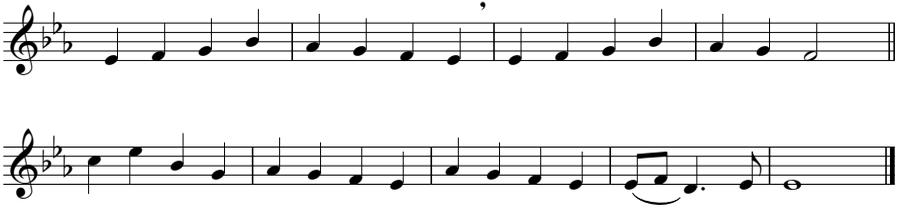
read by

Margaret Blazey,
President of the London Mothers' Union

Jesus said to his disciples, 'When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. Then the king will say to those at his right hand, "Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me." Then the righteous will answer him, "Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?" And the king will answer them, "Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me".'

Matthew 25. 31-40

Stand



**Brother, sister, let me serve you,
Let me be as Christ to you;
Pray that I may have the grace
To let you be my servant too.**

**We are pilgrims on a journey,
And companions on the road;
We are here to help each other
Walk the mile and bear the load.**

**I will hold the Christ-light for you
In the night-time of your fear;
I will hold my hand out to you,
Speak the peace you long to hear.**

**I will weep when you are weeping;
When you laugh, I'll laugh with you;
I will share your joy and sorrow
Till we've seen this journey through.**

**When we sing to God in heaven
We shall find such harmony,
Born of all we've known together
Of Christ's love and agony.**

**Brother, sister, let me serve you,
Let me be as Christ to you;
Pray that I may have the grace
To let you be my servant too.**

Words: (SP 263) Richard Gillard (b.1953)

Tune: *Servant Song*
Richard Gillard (b.1953)

The Address

given by

Beverley Jullien,
Chief Executive, Mothers' Union

The Prayers of Intercession

led by

JM ■ The Reverend James Milne,
Minor Canon and Sacrist

and

CD ■ Catherine Dyett,
Area Vice President, Stepney Area

SG ■ Sally Goulden,
Area Vice President, Kensington Area

LH ■ Liz Holmes,
Area Vice President, Willesden Area

SJ ■ Sue Johnson,
Area Vice President, Edmonton Area

JM ■ 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

CD ■ Loving God, we give you thanks for the vision of Mary Sumner, for all who have followed her example, and for the blossoming of lives through the outreach of Mothers' Union members. May your kindness and mercy be seen through our actions.

Lord, we hear your word,
let us be doers of your will.

SG

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, and for the guiding of your Spirit. May our relationships be a sign of your continuing presence with us.

Lord, we hear your word,
let us be doers of your will.

LH

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

Lord, we hear your word,
let us be doers of your will.

SJ

Loving God, we give you thanks for the many friends that we have made, for the lessons we have learned and for the deepening of our faith. May we be a blessing to our communities and the Church, as we work together for your kingdom.

Lord, we hear your word,
let us be doers of your will.

JM

Giving thanks for faith in action and with a will to serve we pray together:

**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

Hymn



All my hope on God is founded;
He doth still my trust renew.
Me through change and chance he guideth,
Only good and only true.
God unknown,
He alone
Calls my heart to be his own.

Human pride and earthly glory,
Sword and crown betray his trust;
What with care and toil he buildeth,
Tower and temple, fall to dust
But God's power,
Hour by hour,
Is my temple and my tower.

God's great goodness aye endureth,
Deep his wisdom, passing thought:
Splendour, light and life attend him,
Beauty springeth out of naught.
Evermore
From his store
New-born worlds rise and adore.

Daily doth th' Almighty giver
Bounteous gifts on us bestow;
His desire our soul delighteth,
Pleasure leads us where we go.
Love doth stand
At his hand;
Joy doth wait on his command.

**Still from earth to God eternal
Sacrifice of praise be done,
High above all praises praising
For the gift of Christ his Son.
Christ doth call
One and all:
Ye who follow shall not fall.**

Words: (333) Robert Bridges (1844-1930), alt.

Tune: *Michael*
Herbert Howells (1892-1983)

The members of Mothers' Union remain standing whilst the other members of the Congregation sit for

Affirmation of Membership

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

RB

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.

RB

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

Members I will, with God's help.

RB

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.

The Reverend Prebendary Rosemia Brown prays

RB

Heavenly Father,
we commit the life of Mothers' Union in this Diocese 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

The members of Mothers' Union sit.

The Hackney Children's Choir sings

Anthem

May the Lord show his mercy upon you;
may the light of his presence be your guide:
May he guard you and uphold you;
may his spirit be ever by your side.
When you sleep, may his angels watch over you;
when you wake may he fill you with his grace:
may you love him and serve him all your days;
then in heaven may you see his face.

Words and music: John Rutter (b.1945)

Stand

The Blessing

given by

The Canon in Residence

The love of the Lord Jesus
draw you to himself,
the power of the Lord Jesus
strengthen you in his service,
the joy of the Lord Jesus fill your hearts;
and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always.

Amen.

Remain standing as the procession of banners and Ministers departs.

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.

Organ Voluntary

Toccata

Robert Prizeman (b.1952)

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 TUESDAY 5TH JUNE 2018