



Mothers' UNION
Christian care for families
Diocese of Cork, Cloyne & Ross

THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Mothers' Union Spring Festival Choral Evensong

Sunday 15th May 2022
3.30pm

WELCOME

Welcome to worship in the Cathedral in this ever-changing Covid-19 era. Following the Government's announcement of the further easing of restrictions from Monday 28th February the protocols below remain in place and are designed for the protection of all who come to the Cathedral.

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All stand to sing the

HYMN OF THE PROCESSION

Praise, my soul, the King of heaven;
to his feet thy tribute bring.
Ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven,
who like me his praise should sing?
Praise him! Praise him!
Praise the everlasting King.

Praise him for his grace and favour
to our fathers in distress;
praise him still the same for ever,
slow to chide and swift to bless.
Praise him! Praise him!
Glorious in his faithfulness.

Father-like, he tends and spares us;
well our feeble frame he knows;
in his hands he gently bears us,
rescues us from all our foes.
Praise him! Praise him!
Widely as his mercy flows.

Angels, help us to adore him;
ye behold him face to face;
sun and moon, bow down before him;
dwellers all in time and space.
Praise him! Praise him!
Praise with us the God of grace.

H.F. Lyte (1793-1847)

GREETING

Let us sing for joy to the Lord;
let us come before him with thanksgiving!

We offer ourselves to our merciful God
as an act of true worship.

We ask God to transform us in heart and mind
that we may know his perfect will.

Let us praise his name together.

Amen

The service is introduced.

All say:

**Loving Lord, transform our lives
that we may reflect the glory of Christ.
Continue in us the work of your Spirit;
the miracle of transformation
from the gloom of sin to the glory of Christ
that we may shine with his love. Amen**

PENITENCE

Let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God.

Lord God,
Your love sees failings and forgives.
Forgive us when we fail to live lives that reflect your love.

Your love feels pain and wipes away our tears.
Your love knows grief, and comforts the sorrowful.
**Forgive us the many times when we take for granted
all that you have done for us.**

Your love sees sin and still loves the sinner.
**Transform us, through your Spirit,
and empower us to serve you this day and all days.
Amen.**

The Absolution is pronounced.

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

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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.

THE PRECES

Philip Radcliffe (1905-1986)

Cantor: O Lord, open thou our lips
Choir: and our mouth shall show forth thy praise.

Cantor: O God, make speed to save us.

Choir: O Lord, make haste to help us.

Cantor: Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,

Choir: and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen.

Cantor: Praise ye the Lord.

Choir: The Lord's name be praised.

THE OFFICE HYMN

The Lamb's high banquet we await
in snow-white robes of royal state;
and now, the Red Sea's channel past,
to Christ our Prince we sing at last.

Upon the altar of the Cross
his Body has redeemed our loss;
and tasting of his precious Blood,
our life is hid with Christ in God.

That Paschal eve God's arm was bared,
the devastating angel spared:
by strength of hand our hosts went free
from Pharaoh's ruthless tyranny.

Now Christ our Passover is slain,
the Lamb of God that knows no stain;
and he, the true unleavened Bread,
is truly our oblation made.

Maker of all, to thee we pray,
fulfil in us thy joy today;
when death assails, grant, Lord, that we
may share thy Paschal victory.

To thee who, dead, again dost live,
all glory, Lord, thy people give,
all glory to the Father be
and Spirit blest, eternally. Amen.

*Latin, seventh century;
Tr.. John Mason Neale (1818-66)*

The congregation is seated as the Choir sings

PSALM 98

1. O sing unto the Lord a new song :
for he hath done marvellous things.
2. With his own right hand, and with his holy arm :
hath he gotten himself the victory.
3. The Lord declared his salvation :
his righteousness hath he openly shewed in the sight of the heathen.
4. He hath remembered his mercy and truth toward the house of Israel :
and all the ends of the world have seen the salvation of our God.
5. Shew yourselves joyful unto the Lord, all ye lands :
sing, rejoice, and give thanks.
6. Praise the Lord upon the harp :
sing to the harp with a psalm of thanksgiving.
7. With trumpets also and shawms :
O shew yourselves joyful before the Lord the King.
8. Let the sea make a noise, and all that therein is :
the round world, and they that dwell therein.
9. Let the floods clap their hands, and let the hills be joyful together before the Lord :
for he is come to judge the earth.
10. With righteousness shall he judge the world :
and the people with equity.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son: and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end.
Amen.

THE FIRST LESSON

2 Corinthians 3: 7-8, 15-18

Now 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.

Stand for the Canticle

MAGNIFICAT

Herbert Brewer (1865-1928) in D

1. My soul doth magnify the Lord,
and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour.
 2. For he hath regarded
the lowliness of his hand-maiden.
 3. For behold, from henceforth
all generations shall call be blessèd.
 4. For he that is mighty hath magnified me,
and holy is his Name.
 5. And his mercy is on them that fear him:
throughout all generations.
 6. He hath shewed strength with his arm:
he hath scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts.
 7. He hath put down the mighty from their seat
and hath exalted the humble and meek.
 8. He hath filled the hungry with good things
and the rich he hath sent empty away.
 9. He remembering his mercy hath holpen his servant Israel,
as he promised to our forefathers, Abraham and his seed, for ever.
- Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,; and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end.
Amen.

Sit for

THE SECOND LESSON

Luke 19: 1-10

Jesus 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.'

Stand for the Canticle

NUNC DIMITTIS

Herbert Brewer (1865-1928) in D

1. Lord now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace:
according to thy word.
 2. For mine eyes have seen thy salvation
which thou hast prepared before the face of all people;
 3. To be a light to lighten the Gentiles
and to be the glory of thy people Israel.
- Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,; and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end.
Amen.

THE APOSTLES' CREED

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth;
And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord;
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried.
He descended into hell.**

**The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven,
and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father almighty.**

From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

THE LESSER LITANY

Philip Radcliffe (1905-1986)

Cantor: The Lord be with you

Choir: and with thy Spirit.

Let us pray.

All kneel

Cantor: Lord, have mercy upon us

Choir: Christ, have mercy upon us.

Cantor: Lord, have mercy upon us.

The Choir sings

THE LORD'S PRAYER

VERSICLES AND RESPONSES

Cantor: O Lord, show thy mercy upon us

Choir: and grant us thy salvation.

Cantor: O Lord, guide and defend our rulers
Choir: and mercifully hear us when we call upon thee.

Cantor: Endue thy ministers with righteousness
Choir: and make thy chosen people joyful.

Cantor: O Lord, save thy people
Choir: and bless thine inheritance.

Cantor: Give peace in our time, O Lord,
Choir: because there is none other that fighteth for us
but only thou, O God.

Cantor: O God, make clean our hearts within us
Choir: and take not thy Holy Spirit from us.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

O Almighty God,
who alone canst order the unruly wills and affections of sinful men;
Grant unto thy people, that they may love the thing which thou commandest,
and desire that which thou dost promise;
that so, among the sundry and manifold changes of the world,
our hearts may surely there be fixed, where true joys are to be found;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

FOR PEACE

O God, from whom all holy desires, all good counsels and all just works do proceed;
give unto thy servants that peace which the world cannot give;
that both, our hearts may be set to obey thy commandments,
and also that by thee we being defended from the fear of our enemies
may pass our time in rest and quietness;
through the merits of Jesus Christ our Saviour. Amen.

FOR AID AGAINST ALL PERILS

Lighten our darkness, we beseech thee, O Lord:
and by thy great mercy defend us from all perils and dangers of this night;
for the love of thy only Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

Sit for

THE ANTHEM

Like as the hart desireth the water-brooks, so longeth my soul after thee, O God. My soul is athirst for God, yea even for the living God, when shall I come to appear before the presence of God? My tears have been my meat day and night, while they daily say unto me, Where is now thy God?

Herbert Howells (1892-1983)

THE SERMON

The Very Revd Nigel Dunne - *Dean of Cork*

Stand to sing the

HYMN

Be still, for the presence of the Lord, the Holy One is here.

Come, bow before him now, with reverence and fear.

In him no sin is found, we stand on holy ground.

Be still, for the presence of the Lord, the Holy One is here.

Be still, for the glory of the Lord is shining all around;
he burns with holy fire, with splendour he is crowned.

How awesome is the sight, our radiant King of light!

Be still, for the glory of the Lord is shining all around;

Be still, for the power of the Lord is moving in this place,
he comes to cleanse and heal, to minister his grace.

No work too hard for him, in faith receive from him;

be still, for the power of the Lord is moving in this place.

Dave Evans (b.1957) based on Exodus 3: 1-6

Kneel or sit for

THE PRAYERS

Lord you have promised to give us a crown of beauty instead of ashes, the oil of joy instead of mourning, a garment of praise instead of a spirit of despair.

We pray for transformation from adversity to blessing, from sadness to joy, from despair to hope, in our own lives, in our families, in our communities and in the world.

Lord, in your love

Renew us, restore us and transform.

We pray for the many Mothers' Union initiatives across the world which help bring about change for good. In particular, we pray for those arriving on our shores from war-torn Ukraine, and our own Diocesan response to their plight. We pray that we may help in a positive way to their needs, and through our actions, the families may experience your love in the midst of their trauma.

Lord, in your love

Renew us, restore us and transform.

Loving Lord, as we regroup and restore some of our activities as members of Mothers' Union in our own Diocese, we continue to give thanks for the generosity of members past and present in terms of their time and resources. Give us grace and strength to use those resources wisely; and may our actions be a blessing to all those who receive.

Lord, in your love

Renew us, restore us and transform.

Loving Lord, as your hands and feet in the world, we commit ourselves anew to walking alongside those who are bereaved, ill, anxious, lonely, abused or need support and encouragement in any way.

Lord, in your love

Renew us, restore us and transform.

Loving Lord, we thank you for your power to bring lasting transformation. Guide us in your plans to transform lives for good wherever you place us in your world.

Lord, in your love

Renew us, restore us and transform.

Loving Lord, we thank you for all the blessings of friendship, fellowship and fun, of encouragement and support in our lives, our families and our faith that we receive through our involvement in Mothers' Union and for the wonderful Good News we have to share.

Lord, in your love

Renew us, restore us and transform.

All say the

MOTHERS' UNION PRAYER

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 the 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 to sing the

HYMN

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supporting ordinands during their training.*

Love Divine, all loves excelling,
joy of heaven, to earth come down,
fix in us thy humble dwelling,
all thy faithful mercies crown.
Jesu, thou art all compassion,
pure unbounded love thou art;
Visit us with thy salvation,
enter every trembling heart.

Come, almighty to deliver,
let us all thy life receive;
Suddenly return, and never,
never more thy temples leave.
Thee we would be always blessing,
serve thee as thy hosts above,
pray, and praise thee, without ceasing,
glory in thy perfect love.

Finish then thy new creation,
pure and spotless let us be;
Let us see thy great salvation,
perfectly restored in thee,
changed from glory into glory,
till in heaven we take our place,
till we cast our crowns before thee,
lost in wonder, love, and praise!

Charles Wesley (1707-88)

CLOSING PRAYER

May all that we are,
everything we think, say and do,
be blessed by God, constantly renewed
and daily transformed through his awesome power
and unfailing love. **Amen.**

THE BLESSING

Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine,
according to his power that is at work within us,
to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations,
and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit,
be with you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Sit for the

ORGAN VOLUNTARY

Andante religioso from Sonata no. 4 - Felix Mendelssohn (1809-1847)

Please remain in your seat in silence until the Organ Voluntary is over.