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Sung Eucharist

140TH
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Mothers' UNION
Christian care for families

President & Preacher: The Bishop of Dover

Saturday, 23rd April 2016

11.00am

Nave

Welcome to Canterbury Cathedral for this Service

Nikki writes:

Canterbury is the heart of the Anglican Communion and people travel as pilgrims from all over the world to be in this wonderful building. I am delighted to welcome you both as pilgrims and to the Commissioning of both myself as Provincial President and to that of the Diocesan President and the Diocesan Trustees.

I am aware that it is different to have both commissionings together, yet it makes sense as we are all part of this one worldwide organization. It doesn't matter if, as a member, one is taking on a role, running a project, raising funds, campaigning, or praying for others. We are all members. In the same way we are all Christians who seek the common good. I hope this service will encourage you to be affirmed in the work you do both as a Christian and as a member of the Mothers' Union. Then I would encourage you to go out and affirm others so that they may follow in your footsteps.

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The Gathering

Before the service, the civic guests are received at the West Door and escorted to their seats by the Vice Dean

Welcome Vice Dean

Procession of Mothers' Union Banners

Stand to sing



COME, ye faithful, raise the anthem,
Cleave the skies with shouts of praise;
Sing to him who found the ransom,
Ancient of eternal days,
God eternal, Word incarnate,
Whom the heaven of heaven obeys.

- 2 Ere he raised the lofty mountains,
Formed of the sea, or built the sky,
Love eternal, free, and boundless,
Forced the Lord of life to die,
Lifted up the Prince of princes
On the throne of Calvary.
- 3 Now on those celestial mountains
Stands the sapphire throne, all bright,
With the ceaseless alleluyas
Which they raise, the sons of light;
Sion's people tell his praises,
Victor after hard-won fight.

4 Bring your harps, and bring your incense,
Sweep the string and pour the lay;
Let the earth proclaim his wonders,
King of that celestial day;
He the lamb once slain is worthy,
Who was dead, and lives for ay.

5 Laud and honour to the Father,
Laud and honour to the Son,
Laud and honour to the Spirit,
Ever Three and ever One,
On in love, and One in splendour,
While unending ages run.

Words: Job Hupton (1762-1849) and JM Neale (1818-1866)

Tune: NEANDER

NEH 351

The Bishop says

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

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

Alleluia. Christ is risen.
He is risen indeed. Alleluia.

**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.**

The Bishop introduces

Prayers of Penitence

Christ our passover lamb has been sacrificed for us.
Let us therefore rejoice by putting away all malice and evil
and confessing our sins with a sincere and true heart.

1 Corinthians 5.7,8

All kneel or sit to say

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.

Stand as the choir sings

Gloria in Excelsis

Gloria in excelsis Deo, et in terra pax hominibus bonae voluntatis. Laudamus te, benedicimus te, adoramus te, glorificamus te, gratias agimus tibi propter magnam gloriam tuam. Domine Deus, Rex coelestis, Deus pater omnipotens. Domine Fili unigenite, Jesu Christe; Domine Deus, Agnus Dei, Filius Patris, qui tollis peccata mundi, miserere nobis; qui tollis peccata mundi, suscipe deprecationem nostram; qui sedes ad dexteram Patris, miserere nobis. Quoniam tu solus Sanctus, tu solus Dominus, tu solus Altissimus, Jesu Christe, cum Sancto Spiritu: in gloria Dei Patris. Amen.

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth. Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory. Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

Music: Missa de Angelis

The Collect

Let us pray.

Almighty God,
whose Son Jesus Christ is the resurrection and the life:
raise us, who trust in him,
from the death of sin to the life of righteousness,
that we may seek those things which are above,
where he reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Amen.

Sit

The Liturgy of the Word

Old Testament Reading *Isaiah 56.1,6-8*

Read by Bev Jullien (Chief Executive)

Thus says the LORD: Maintain justice, and do what is right, for soon my salvation will come, and my deliverance be revealed.

And the foreigners who join themselves to the LORD, to minister to him, to love the name of the LORD, and to be his servants, all who keep the sabbath, and do not profane it, and hold fast my covenant – these I will bring to my holy mountain, and make them joyful in my house of prayer; their burnt-offerings and their sacrifices will be accepted on my altar; for my house shall be called a house of prayer for all peoples. Thus says the Lord GOD, who gathers the outcasts of Israel, I will gather others to them besides those already gathered.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The Epistle

3 John 2-8,11

Read by the Reverend John Sweatman (Provincial Chaplain)

Beloved, I pray that all may go well with you and that you may be in good health, just as it is well with your soul. I was overjoyed when some of the friends arrived and testified to your faithfulness to the truth, namely, how you walk in the truth. I have no greater joy than this, to hear that my children are walking in the truth.

Beloved, you do faithfully whatever you do for the friends, even though they are strangers to you; they have testified to your love before the church. You will do well to send them on in a manner worthy of God; for they began their journey for the sake of Christ, accepting no support from non-believers. Therefore we ought to support such people, so that we may become co-workers with the truth.

Beloved, do not imitate what is evil but imitate what is good. Whoever does good is from God; whoever does evil has not seen God.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Stand as the choir sings Psalm 150

O praise God in his holiness : praise him in the firmament of his power.

Praise him in his noble acts :
praise him according to his excellent greatness.

Praise him in the sound of the trumpet :
praise him upon the lute and harp.

Praise him in the cymbals and dances :
praise him upon the strings and pipe.

Praise him upon the well-tuned cymbals :
praise him upon the loud cymbals.

Let every thing that hath breath : praise the Lord.

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.

Remain standing

The Gospel

When the Gospel is announced, all sing



John 15.9-21

As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete.

'This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.

'If the world hates you, be aware that it hated me before it hated you. If you belonged to the world, the world would love you as its own. Because you do not belong to the world, but I have chosen you out of the world—therefore the world hates you. Remember the word that I said to you, "Servants are not greater than their master." If they persecuted me, they will persecute you; if they kept my word, they will keep yours also. But they will do all these things to you on account of my name, because they do not know him who sent me.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All sing



Once the Sermon has been introduced please sit

Sermon The Bishop of Dover

Following the Sermon please stand

The Nicene Creed

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven,
was incarnate from the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary
and was made man.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven**

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.**

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

**We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come.**

Amen.

The Commissioning

Marianna Poliszczuk stands before the Bishop as he introduces the Commissioning

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

Addressing the Diocesan President, the Bishop says

Marianna, do you accept the office of Mothers' Union Diocesan President in the Diocese of Canterbury?

I do, the Lord being my helper.

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.

I will putting my trust in Him.

The Bishop then takes Marianna by the right hand and says

Marianna, I admit you to the office of Diocesan President in the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

The Trustees come to stand before the Bishop and the Diocesan President introduces each of the other Trustees to the Bishop

The Bishop says

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

Trustees I do, the Lord being my helper.

The Bishop (taking each person in turn by the right hand) says

... I admit you to the office of ...

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

After all have been commissioned, the Bishop continues with this prayer

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 Bishop says

Members of the Diocese of Canterbury, will you remember your President and your Trustees in your prayers and give them your loyal support and encouragement.

Canterbury MU Members **We will.**

The past Provincial President presents the new Provincial President to the Bishop

Bishop Trevor, Nikki Sweatman has been elected to the office of President for the Province of Canterbury.
We ask you to commission her to this work, and to invest her with this badge of office.

The Bishop says

Felicity I thank you for your presentation. Nikki, the office of Provincial President for Canterbury is a solemn trust carrying great responsibility. Are you willing to commit yourself to this office and ministry?

Nikki replies

I am, the Lord being my helper.

The Bishop takes Nikki by the hand and says

Nikki, I commission you as Mothers' Union President for the Province of Canterbury, in the name of the Father and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

The Bishop hands Nikki the badge of office, and she prays words of Mary Sumner

All this day, O Lord, let me touch as many lives as possible for thee; and every life I touch, do thou by thy spirit quicken, whether through the word I speak, the prayer I breathe, or the life I live. Amen.

The Bishop blesses Nikki in these words

May the Lord give you wisdom, courage, strength and love to do his will, and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, rest upon you, and on your work done in his name, now and always. Amen.

Kneel or sit for

Prayers of Intercession

led by the Reverend Lesley Valiant (Diocesan Chaplain), Marianna Poliszczuk (Diocesan President) and others

The choir sings

The Motet

Come, my Way, my Truth, my Life:
Such a way as gives us breath;
Such a truth as ends all strife,
Such a life as killeth death.

Come, my Light, my Feast, my Strength:
Such a light as shows a feast,
Such a feast as mends in length,
Such a strength as makes his guest.

Come, my Joy, my Love, my Heart:
Such a joy as none can move,
Such a love as none can part,
Such a heart as joys in love.

Words: George Herbert (1591-1633)

Music: Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958)

The Liturgy of the Sacrament

The Peace

Stand

The Bishop says

The risen Christ came and stood among his disciples
and said, 'Peace be with you.'

Then were they glad when they saw the Lord. Alleluia. *John 20.19,20*

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

*Members of the congregation may greet one another with a sign of
peace. Remain standing to sing*

The Offertory Hymn *during which the table is prepared and the gifts of the people are gathered and presented.*



GREAT is thy faithfulness, O God my Father,
There is no shadow of turning with thee;
Thou changest not, thy compassions they fail not,
As thou hast been thou forever wilt be.

*Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see;
All I have needed thy hand hath provided-
Great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!*

- 2 Summer and winter, and spring-time and harvest,
Sun, moon and stars in their courses above
Join with all nature in manifold witness
To thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love.
- 3 Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth
Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide;
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,
Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!

Words: Thomas O Chisholm (1866-1960)

Tune: FAITHFULNESS

NEP 636

The Bishop takes the bread and wine and praises God for his gifts

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation:
through your goodness we have this bread to set before you,
which earth has given and human hands have made.
It will become for us the bread of life.

Blessed be God for ever.

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation:
through your goodness we have this wine to set before you,
fruit of the vine and work of human hands.
It will become for us the cup of salvation.

Blessed be God for ever.

The Eucharistic Prayer

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.

The Bishop praises God for his mighty acts

It is indeed right,
it is our duty and our joy,
at all times and in all places
to give you thanks and praise,
holy Father, heavenly King,
almighty and eternal God,
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord.

For he is your living Word;
through him you have created all things from the beginning,
and formed us in your own image.
Through him you have freed us from the slavery of sin,
giving him to be born of a woman and to die upon the cross;
you raised him from the dead
and exalted him to your right hand on high.
Through him you have sent upon us
your holy and life-giving Spirit,
and made us a people for your own possession.

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:

The choir sings

Sanctus, sanctus, sanctus,
Dominus Deus Sabaoth.
Pleni sunt coeli et terra gloria tua.
Hosanna in excelsis.

Benedictus qui venit
In nomine Domini.
Hosanna in excelsis.

*Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might.
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.*

*Blessed is he who comes
in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.*

Music: Gabriel Fauré (1845-1924) Messe Basse

The Bishop recalls the Last Supper

Accept our praises, heavenly Father,
through your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ,
and as we follow his example and obey his command,
grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit
these gifts of bread and wine
may be to us his body and his blood;

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.

Therefore, heavenly Father,
we remember his offering of himself
made once for all upon the cross;
we proclaim his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension;
we look for the coming of your kingdom,
and with this bread and this cup
we make the memorial of Christ your Son our Lord.

Great is the mystery of faith:

Christ has died: Christ is risen: Christ will come again.

Accept through him, our great high priest,
this our sacrifice of thanks and praise,
and as we eat and drink these holy gifts
in the presence of your divine majesty,
renew us by your Spirit, inspire us with your love
and unite us in the body of your Son,
Jesus Christ our Lord.

Through him, and with him, and in him,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
with all who stand before you in earth and heaven,
we worship you, Father almighty,
in songs of everlasting praise:

**Blessing and honour and glory and power
be yours for ever and ever. Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

The President says

As we join our prayers with the Church Universal, so we say,
each in our own language, the prayer that Jesus taught us.

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Lead us not into temptation
but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours
now and for ever.
Amen.**

Notre Père...

Vater Unser...

Onze Vader...

Padre Nuestro...

Ojcie Nasz...

Baba Yetu...

E to matou Matua...

Ein Tad...

Remain standing for

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.**

The Bishop says

Alleluia. Christ our passover is sacrificed for us.
Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

Sit as the Bishop and other ministers begin

The Distribution of Communion

Please follow the direction of the stewards.

All who are regular communicants in their own tradition are welcome to receive the sacrament. If you are not a communicant, you are welcome to come forward at this point in the service to receive a blessing, keeping your hands to your sides.

We keep a prayerful silence during Communion to allow others to prepare to receive the sacrament or pray afterwards.

During Communion, the choir sings

Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi, miserere nobis.

Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi, dona nobis pacem.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, grant us peace.

Music: Gabriel Fauré (1845-1924) Messe Basse

Remain seated to sing



LORD Jesus Christ,
You have come to us,
You are one with us,
Mary's Son;
Cleansing our souls from all their sin,
Pouring your love and goodness in;
Jesus, our love for you we sing,
Living Lord.

3 Lord Jesus Christ,
You have come to us,
Born as one of us,
Mary's Son;
Led out to die on Calvary,
Risen from death to set us free,
Living Lord Jesus, help us see
You are Lord.

2 Lord Jesus Christ,
Now and every day
Teach us how to pray,
Son of God.
You have commanded us to do
This in remembrance, Lord, of you:
Into our lives your power
breaks through,
Living Lord.

4 Lord Jesus Christ,
I would come to you,
Live my life for you,
Son of God.
All your commands I know are true,
Your many gifts will make me new,
Into my life your power
breaks through,
Living Lord.

Words: Patrick Appleford (b 1924)

Tune: LIVING LORD

NEH 297

Prayer after Communion

Silence is kept

The Bishop says

Let us pray.

Merciful Father,
you gave your Son Jesus Christ to be the good shepherd,
and in his love for us to lay down his life and rise again:
keep us always under his protection,
and give us grace to follow in his steps;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

All then say

**Almighty God,
we thank you for feeding us
with the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ.
Through him we offer you our souls and bodies
to be a living sacrifice.
Send us out
in the power of your Spirit
to live and work
to your praise and glory.
Amen.**

Affirmation of Membership

The newly commissioned President says

The vision of the Mothers' Union is of a world where God's love is shown through loving, respectful, and flourishing relationships. Our mission is to demonstrate the Christian faith in action by the transformation of communities worldwide through the nurture of the family in its many forms.

Our objectives are:

- to promote and support married life;
- 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.

At the start of this new triennium, let us stand and together recommit ourselves to the work of the Mothers' Union.

Those wishing to affirm their membership stand

The President says

Do you reaffirm your baptism promises?

I do, with God's help.

Will you try to uphold and support the mission and objectives of the Mothers' Union?

I will, with God's help.

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

I will, by the grace of God.

Members of the Mothers' Union, will you continue to welcome, support and pray for each other?

We will, in the power of the Spirit.

The Dismissal

All stand to sing



LORD, for the years your love has kept and guided,
Urged and inspired us, cheered us on our way,
Sought us and saved us, pardoned and provided:
Lord for the years, we bring our thanks today.

2 Lord, for that word, the word of life which fires us,
Speaks to our hearts and sets our souls ablaze,
Teaches and trains, rebukes us and inspires us:
Lord of the word, receive your people's praise.

3 Lord, for our land in this our generation,
Spirits oppressed by pleasure, wealth and care:
For young and old, for commonwealth and nation,
Lord of our land, be pleased to hear our prayer.

4 Lord, for our world where men disown and doubt you,
Loveless in strength, and comfortless in pain,
Hungry and helpless, lost indeed without you:
Lord of the world, we pray that Christ may reign.

5 Lord for ourselves; in living power remake us-
Self on the cross, and Christ upon the throne,
Past put behind us, for the future take us:
Lord of our lives, to live for Christ alone.

Words: Timothy Dudley-Smith (b.1926) *Tune:* LORD OF THE YEARS

NEP 619

The Bishop says

The God of peace,
who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus,
that great shepherd of the sheep,
through the blood of the eternal covenant,
make you perfect in every good work to do his will,
working in you that which is well-pleasing in his sight;
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. Alleluia, alleluia.

Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

All remain standing as the choir and clergy depart

Organ Voluntary

