

St Mary's Cathedral, Edinburgh



Mothers' Union Celebration Eucharist

On the Eve of St Columba's Day

Wednesday 8th June 2011
7.30pm

Setting: Jonathan Dove *Missa Brevis*

Mothers' UNION
Christian care for families

Welcome from Hilary Moran (Provincial President, Scotland) and Angela Sibley (Diocesan President, Edinburgh)

On behalf of Mothers' Union members in Scotland we welcome you to St Mary's Cathedral and to Edinburgh. We have great pleasure in joining in worship with you to celebrate all that the Mothers' Union members, staff and friends do in Christ's name around the world. We give thanks for all that has been achieved this last year in Scotland and in your own diocese and ask for God's guidance and support for the future.

We would particularly like to thank all of our Bishops and clergy in Scotland and the clergy and staff at St Mary's Cathedral, Edinburgh for their support, and St Mary's Music School. We hope you will enjoy the General Meeting at the Usher Hall tomorrow, see our capital city Edinburgh at its best and travel further afield to see the beauty of Scotland.

This service of celebration follows the Mothers' Union annual theme of "faithful relationships" and celebrates the life and witness of St Columba (521-597), Abbot of Iona, and one of the most influential of the early Christian missionaries in Scotland. In order to accommodate the very large numbers, a simultaneous service is taking place at the nearby St John's Church on Princes Street, where the preacher is Bishop Robert Gillies, Bishop of Aberdeen and Orkney.



Information

Please switch mobile phones off, and please do not take any photos or make recordings of the service. The sermon will be recorded by official representatives of Mothers' Union and published on our website (www.muscotland.org.uk). Official photographs will be taken during the service.

Toilets are located next to the Cathedral Chapter House: follow the signs along the aisle to the left of the High Altar.

An offering will be taken at the end of the service, which will go towards the work of Mothers' Union in Scotland and the Overseas Fund. If you are making a contribution and are a taxpayer please fill in the Gift Aid envelope on your seat and place it in the collection on the way out.

There will be a secure left-luggage facility available tomorrow at St Cuthbert's Church, Lothian Road (8.30-10am and 3-4.30pm).

President: The Right Revd Brian Smith, Bishop of Edinburgh

*Preacher: The Most Revd David Chillingworth,
Bishop of St Andrews, Dunkeld and Dunblane, Primus of
the Scottish Episcopal Church*

The service begins with a welcome from the Provost and the Provincial President

Processional Order

The Cathedral Choir

Banners

The Diocesan Chaplains

The Provincial President, The Worldwide President

Diocesan clergy

The Provost

The Central Chaplain

The Scottish bishops

The Primus

Sub-deacon

Deacon

The Bishop of Edinburgh

Please stand as the procession begins

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 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 man's empty 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.**

Irish c.8th century, tr Mary Byrne (1880-1931)

Tune: Slane

WELCOME

President Grace and peace to you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

COLLECT FOR PURITY (*remain standing*)

**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.**

GLORIA (sung by the Choir)

Translation: *Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth. Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, (with God the Son, Jesus Christ, and God the Holy Spirit,) 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.*

COLLECT

O God, you called your servant Columba from among the princes of Ireland to be a herald and evangelist of your kingdom: grant that your Church, remembering his faith and courage, may so proclaim the gospel that people everywhere will come to know your Son as their Saviour and serve him as their King; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Please be seated

READING

(read by Rosemary Kempself, Worldwide President)

Reader A reading from the prophet Isaiah

The spirit of the Lord God is upon me, because the Lord has anointed me; he has sent me to bring good news to the oppressed, to bind up the broken-hearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and release to the prisoners; to proclaim the year of the Lord's favour, and the day of vengeance of our God; to comfort all who mourn; to provide for those who mourn in Zion - to give them a garland instead of ashes, the oil of gladness instead of mourning, the mantle of praise instead of a faint spirit. They will be called oaks of righteousness, the planting of the Lord, to display his glory.

Isaiah 61:1-3

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Please stand for

GRADUAL HYMN

**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,
we are travellers 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.**

Words and Tune: Richard Gillard (b.1935)

GOSPEL

Deacon Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew
Glory to Christ our Saviour.

Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. When they saw him, they worshipped him; but some doubted. And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptising them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

Matthew 28:16-20

Give thanks to the Lord for his glorious Gospel.
Praise to Christ our Lord.

Please sit for

SERMON

ORGAN INTERLUDE

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

(led by Olga Robertson, Diocese of Aberdeen and Orkney)

United in the company of Columba and of all the faithful, and looking for the coming of the kingdom, let us offer our prayers to God, the source of all life and holiness.

Merciful Lord, strengthen all Christian people by your Holy Spirit, that we may live faithfully as servants of one another and of you. Help us, like Columba, to build communities of faithful relationships, transforming the world around us.

Lord hear us: **Lord, graciously hear us.**

Bless the congregations, dioceses and provinces we represent, that we may be built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, bound together in faith and service. Empower us all by the gift of your holy and life-giving Spirit, that we may be transformed into the likeness of Christ from glory to glory.

Lord hear us: **Lord, graciously hear us.**

Give to your people throughout the world that peace which the world cannot give. Bless the peacemakers, make war to cease, transform conflict and violence into a willingness to listen and to understand.

Lord hear us: **Lord, graciously hear us.**

Touch and heal those whose lives are scarred by sickness, poverty and desperation. Bring them light in their darkness. Especially we pray for the members and the work of the Mothers' Union in: the dioceses of Aipo Rongo and New Guinea Islands in the Province of Papua New Guinea, the dioceses of Ibadan, Ife and Osun in the Province of Nigeria, the diocese of Guyana in the Province of West Indies, and the diocese of Norwich in the Province of Canterbury.

Lord hear us: **Lord, graciously hear us.**

Remember in your mercy all those who have died and gone before us; guide us with them into your kingdom. Hasten the day when many will come from east and west, north and south and sit at the table in your kingdom.

Lord hear us: **Lord, graciously hear us.**

All join in saying 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.**

THE PEACE (*all stand*)

President We meet in Christ's name.
Let us share his peace

OFFERTORY HYMN

**Ye watchers and ye holy ones,
Bright Seraphs, Cherubim and Thrones,
Raise the glad strain, Alleluya!
Cry out Dominions, Princedoms, Powers,
Virtues, Archangels, Angels' choirs,
Alleluya, Alleluya, Alleluya, Alleluya, Alleluya!**

**O higher than the Cherubim,
More glorious than the Seraphim,
Lead their praises, Alleluya!
Thou Bearer of the eternal Word,
Most gracious, magnify the Lord,
Alleluya, Alleluya, Alleluya, Alleluya, Alleluya!**

**Respond, ye souls in endless rest,
Ye Patriarchs and Prophets blest,
Alleluya, Alleluya!
Ye holy Twelve, ye Martyrs strong,
All Saints triumphant, raise the song
Alleluya, Alleluya, Alleluya, Alleluya, Alleluya!**

**O friends, in gladness let us sing,
Supernal anthems echoing,
Alleluya, Alleluya!
To God the Father, God the Son,
And God the Spirit, Three in One,
Alleluya, Alleluya, Alleluya, Alleluya, Alleluya!**

Words: Athelstan Riley (1858-1945)

Tune: Lasst uns erfreuen

EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

President 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 God thanks and praise.

Worship and praise belong to you, Father, in every place and at all times. All power is yours. You created the heavens and established the earth; you sustain in being all that is. In Christ your Son our life and yours are brought together in a wonderful exchange. He made his home among us that we might for ever dwell in you.

Through your Holy Spirit you call us to new birth in a creation restored by love. As children of your redeeming purpose, rejoicing in communion with Columba and all your saints, we offer you our praise, with angels and archangels and the whole company of heaven, singing the hymn of your unending glory:

SANCTUS & BENEDICTUS (sung by the Choir)

Translation: 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.

(sit or kneel)

Glory and thanksgiving be to you, most loving Father, for the gift of your Son born in human flesh. He is the Word existing beyond time, both source and final purpose, bringing to wholeness all that is made. Obedient to your will he died upon the Cross. By your power you raised him from the dead. He broke the bonds of evil and set your people free to be his Body in the world.

On the night when he was given up to death, knowing that his hour had come, having loved his own, he loved them to the end. At supper with his disciples he took bread and offered you thanks. He broke the bread, and gave it to them, saying: "Take, eat. This is my Body: it is broken for you." After supper, he took the cup, he offered you thanks, and gave it to them saying: "Drink this, all of you. This is my Blood of the new covenant; it is poured out for you, and for all, that sins may be forgiven. Do this in remembrance of me."

We now obey your Son's command. We recall his blessed passion and death, his glorious resurrection and ascension; and we look for the coming of his Kingdom. Made one with him, we offer you these gifts and with them ourselves, a single, holy, living sacrifice.

Hear us, most merciful Father, and send your Holy Spirit upon us and upon this bread and this wine, that, overshadowed by his life-giving power, they may be the Body and Blood of your Son, and we may be kindled with the fire of your love and renewed for the service of your Kingdom.

Help us, who are baptised into the fellowship of Christ's Body, to live and work to your praise and glory; may we grow together in unity and love until at last, in your new creation, we enter into our heritage in the company of the Virgin Mary, the apostles and prophets, and of all our brothers and sisters living and departed.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord, with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory be to you, Lord of all ages, world without end.

Amen.

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

President The living bread is broken for the life of the world.
Lord, unite us in this sign.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

As our Saviour Christ has commanded and taught us, we are bold to say:

**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.**

AGNUS DEI (sung by the Choir)

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

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

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

The clergy and people receive communion. Stewards will direct you to the appropriate communion station.

COMMUNION HYMN (*please sit or kneel*)

**Just as I am, without one plea
but that thy blood was shed for me,
and that thou bidd'st me come to thee,
O Lamb of God, I come.**

**Just as I am, though tossed about
with many a conflict, many a doubt,
fightings within, and fears without,
O Lamb of God, I come.**

**Just as I am, poor, wretched, blind;
sight, riches, healing of the mind,
yea all I need, in thee I find,
O Lamb of God, I come.**

**Just as I am, thou wilt receive,
wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve:
because thy promise I believe,
O Lamb of God, I come.**

**Just as I am (thy love unknown
has broken every barrier down),
now to be thine, yea thine alone,
O Lamb of God, I come.**

**Just as I am, of that free love
the breadth, length, depth and height to prove,
here for a season then above,
O Lamb of God, I come.**

Words: Charlotte Elliott (1789-1871)

Tune: Saffron Walden

ANTHEM

*We praise thee, O God : we acknowledge thee to be the Lord.
All the earth doth worship thee : the Father everlasting.
To thee all Angels cry aloud : the Heavens, and all the Powers therein.
To thee Cherubim and Seraphim : continually do cry,
Holy, Holy, Holy : Lord God of Sabaoth;
Heaven and earth are full of the Majesty : of thy glory.
The glorious company of the Apostles : praise thee.
The goodly fellowship of the Prophets : praise thee.
The noble army of Martyrs : praise thee.
The holy Church throughout all the world : doth acknowledge thee;
The Father : of an infinite Majesty; Thine honourable, true : and only Son;
Also the Holy Ghost : the Comforter. Thou art the King of Glory : O Christ.
Thou art the everlasting Son : of the Father.
When thou tookest upon thee to deliver man : thou didst not abhor the Virgin's womb.*

*When thou hadst overcome the sharpness of death :
thou didst open the Kingdom of Heaven to all believers.
Thou sittest at the right hand of God : in the glory of the Father.
We believe that thou shalt come : to be our Judge.
We therefore pray thee, help thy servants :
whom thou hast redeemed with thy precious blood.
Make them to be numbered with thy Saints : in glory everlasting.
O Lord, save thy people : and bless thine heritage.
Govern them : and lift them up for ever. Day by day : we magnify thee;
And we worship thy Name : ever world without end.
Vouchsafe, O Lord : to keep us this day without sin.
O Lord, have mercy upon us : have mercy upon us.
O Lord, let thy mercy lighten upon us : as our trust is in thee.
O Lord, in thee have I trusted : let me never be confounded.*

*Te Deum in C
Music: Benjamin Britten (1913-1976)*

ADDITIONAL COMMUNION HYMNS

**Christ who has sent us Celtic Saints to lead us,
Faithful and constant, born of contemplation;
Gladly we praise you for all holy people
Sounding your praises.**

**Forged in the furnace of a burning vision,
Tempered and steeled, through hardships keen enduring;
Swords of the Spirit, may their zeal inspire us
Driving us onward.**

**Give us the vision of a Church united,
One mighty river, Catholic and Celtic,
Mingle today the stream of living water
Healing our nation.**

**Father Almighty, Son and Holy Spirit,
Joy of the Saints and of the holy angels,
To you we bring our praise and adoration
Now and for ever. Amen.**

*Words: Edwin Le Grice (1911-1992)
Tune: Diva Servatrix*

**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 for ever 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.***

**Summer and winter, and springtime and harvest,
sun, moon and stars in their courses above,
join with all nature in manifold witness
to thy great faithfulness, mercy and love:**

**Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
thy 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 Chisholm (1866-1960)

Tune: W. M. Runyan (1870-1957)

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

**Father, we have broken the bread which is Christ's body,
we have tasted the wine of his new life. We thank you for
these gifts by which we are made one in him and drawn
into that new creation which is your will for all the world;
through him who died for us and rose again, your Son, our
Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.**

BLESSING and DISMISSAL

President God give you grace to follow his saints in faith and hope and love;
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 peace to love and serve the Lord.
In the name of Christ. Amen.

RECESSIONAL HYMN

**Amazing grace! - how sweet the sound -
That saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found,
Was blind, but now I see.**

**Tw'as grace that taught my heart to fear
And grace my fears relieved;
How precious did that grace appear
The hour I first believed!**

**Through many dangers, toils, and snares
I have already come;
Tis grace hath brought me safe thus far,
And grace will lead me home.**

**The Lord has promised good to me,
His word my hope secures;
He will my shield and portion be
As long as life endures.**

**And, when this heart and flesh shall fail
And mortal life shall cease,
I shall possess within the veil
A life of joy and peace.**

**When we've been there ten thousand years
Bright shining as the sun,
We've no less days to sing God's praise
Than when we first begun.**

Words: vv. 1-5 John Newton (1725-1807)

v.6 John Rees (1828-1900)

Tune: Scottish Traditional Melody

PIPE VOLUNTARY

Bays of Harris, a Psalm Tune by the Revd Alex Muir

If you are making a contribution to the offering, please leave it with the stewards at the door on your way out.



The Cathedral Choir was directed by Duncan Ferguson, and the pipes were played by Brighde Chaimbeul of St Mary's Music School.

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