



Thy Kingdom Come: Global Moment Mothers' Union Service at Coventry Cathedral

On the paper fish you were given as you came in please write the names of people you are praying will come to know that God loves them and is calling them to be part of his family. We will collect the fishes and offer them to God as part of our intercessions.

Welcome

Sheran Harper: Welcome to our Service, which is part of Mothers' Union's engagement in the global prayer movement *Thy Kingdom Come*. We give a special welcome to those across the world who are joining us by Facebook live. As a worldwide organisation who seeks to share the love of God through our work with families and communities we gladly join together to pray *thy Kingdom come*.

Precentor: We gather with thanks for the great love the Father has lavished upon us that we can be called children of God.

Opening hymn: Crown him with many crowns

**Crown him with many crowns,
The Lamb upon his throne,
Hark! how the heavenly anthem drowns
All music but its own.
Awake, my soul, and sing
Of him who died for thee,
And hail him as thy matchless King
Through all eternity.**

**Crown him the Lord of love;
Behold his hands and side,**

**Those wounds, yet visible above,
In beauty glorified.
No angel in the sky
Can fully bear that sight,
But downwards bends each burning eye
At mysteries so bright.**

**Crown him the Lord of life,
Who triumphed o'er the grave,
And rose victorious in the strife
For those he came to save.
His glories now we sing,
Who died, and rose on high,
Who died, eternal life to bring,
And lives that death may die.**

**Crown him the Lord of years,
The Potentate of time,
Creator of the rolling spheres,
Ineffably sublime.
All hail, Redeemer, hail,
For thou hast died for me;
Thy praise shall never, never fail
Throughout eternity.
*Matthew Bridges (1800-1894)***

Opening prayer

Precentor: Our Father in heaven
who has ordained praise
from the mouths of children
and who calls all ages
into your loving family
we gather as the children of God
to declare your praise and to pray -
send your Holy Spirit in power;
may your Kingdom come! **Amen**

New Testament Reading: 1 John 2:28-3:3 (NIV)

Read by Mothers' Union CEO Bev Jullien

And now, dear children, continue in him, so that when he appears we may be confident and unashamed before him at his coming.

²⁹ If you know that he is righteous, you know that everyone who does what is right has been born of him.

3 How great is the love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God! And that is what we are! The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. ² Dear friends, now we are children of God, and what we will be has not yet been made known. But we know that when Christ appears, we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is. ³ All who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Reading: Mark 10: 13-16 (The Message)

Read by Mothers' Union Zonal Trustee Nikki Sweatman

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Glory to you, O Lord.

The people brought children to Jesus, hoping he might touch them. The disciples shooed them off. But Jesus was irate and let them know it: "Don't push these children away. Don't ever get between them and me. These children are at the very centre of life in the kingdom. Mark this: Unless you accept God's kingdom in the simplicity of a child, you'll never get in." Then, gathering the children up in his arms, he laid his hands of blessing on them.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Gosp-Ability Choir

Homily:

Very Reverend Bob Key, Anglican Communion Lead for Thy Kingdom Come

Thanksgiving and intercessions

Led by Mothers' Union Faith Development Adviser Catherine Kyte

As Jesus walked beside the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net into the lake, for they were fishermen. 'Come, follow me,' Jesus said, 'and I will send you out to fish for people.'

Mark 1:16-17

Our fish will be collected by members of Mothers' Union Coventry Diocese and gathered into the nets at the front as a symbolic act of our intercessions

Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your people
All and kindle in us the fire of your love.

All who are led by the Spirit of God
are children of God and fellow-heirs with Christ.
Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your people.

Renew the face of your creation, Lord,
pouring on us the gifts of your Spirit,
and kindle in us the fire of your love.

For the creation waits with eager longing
for the glorious liberty of the children of God.
**Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your people
and kindle in us the fire of your love. Amen**

Sheran Harper: As we have brought our intercessions to our heavenly Father we now reach out as hands across the world with our fellow members and with all others in the family of God who are sharing in this act of worship, to join together in the prayer for *Thy Kingdom Come*.

**Almighty God,
your ascended Son has sent us into the world
to preach the good news of your kingdom:
inspire us with your Spirit and fill our hearts
with the fire of your love,
that all who hear your word may be drawn to you,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

Song: We want to see Jesus lifted high

**We want to see Jesus lifted high
A banner that flies across the land
That all men might see the truth and know
He is the way to heaven**

**We want to see we want to see
We want to see Jesus lifted high
We want to see we want to see
We want to see Jesus lifted high**

**Step by step we're moving forward
Little by little we're taking ground
Every prayer a powerful weapon
Strongholds come tumbling down
And down and down and down**

**We want to see Jesus lifted high
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That all men might see the truth and know**

He is the way to heaven

Doug Horley; © 1993 Thankyou Music

Testimonies of local and Mothers' Union work with families – a practical expression of the message of *Thy Kingdom come*

Local testimony

Worldwide testimony

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

Closing hymn: Tell out my soul

Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord!

Unnumbered blessings give my spirit voice

Tender to me the promise of His word

In God my Saviour shall my heart rejoice

Tell out, my soul, the greatness of His name!

Make known His might, the deeds His arm has done

His mercy sure, from age to age the same

His holy name-the Lord, the mighty One

Tell out, my soul, the greatness of His might!

Powers and dominions lay their glory by

**Proud hearts and stubborn wills are put to flight
The hungry fed, the humble lifted high**

**Tell out, my soul, the glories of His word!
Firm is His promise, and His mercy sure
Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord
To children's children and forever more!**

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Tune: Woodlands

Final acclamation of praise, blessing and sending out

**To God the Father, who loved us,
and made us accepted in the Beloved:
to God the Son, who loved us,
and loosed us from our sins by his own blood:
to God the Holy Spirit,
who spreads the love of God abroad in our hearts:
to the one true God be all love and all glory
for time and for eternity. Amen**

Precentor: The blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son,
and the Holy Spirit be among you and remain
with you always. Amen

Go from here with faith in Christ, the one
who taught us to pray *thy Kingdom come*;
to witness of his love throughout the world. **Amen**

*There will be a retiring collection for the work of Mothers'
Union worldwide*

*Refreshments will be served after the service—all are welcome
to join us*

Mothers' Union would like to thank all the staff at Coventry Cathedral for their help with organising the service and to the team at Thy Kingdom Come for their support. Thank you to all members and staff who have contributed to the service and to the Diocese of Coventry Mothers' Union for supporting the event.