Welcome to the

Mothers' UNION

Worldwide Gathering 2026

3 October 2026

Durban

Schedule

Day 4

3 October

Session	Time
Pre-Keynote Music & Gathering	8:30am – 8:45am
The Saturday Vision Keynote	9am – 10am
Tea and refreshments	10am – 10:30am
Closing Eucharist & Commissioning	
Closing Eucharist & Commissioning Service	10:30am – 12:15pm
Official Closing of the 150th Anniversary Worldwide Gathering	12:15pm – 12:30pm

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Christian Care for Families










#Nomore1in3
End abuse and violence now
RISE UP against domestic abuse
RISE UP against domestic abuse
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Being Present Together

To help us make the most of our time together, we kindly ask that you keep your phones away during the event and put them on silent. Wherever possible, please refrain from taking or making phone calls during the event. Please take the opportunity during the breaks to catch up on messages and correspondence.

Live streaming, FaceTime and personal recording are not permitted throughout the event. We have a professional photography and recording team with us who will be capturing the occasion, and recordings and photographs will be shared with members afterwards.




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Prayer Room

A quiet space is available throughout the Gathering for prayer, reflection and quiet time by the toilets on the right-hand side of the stage.

Whether you want to spend a few moments in stillness, pray for our Mothers' Union family around the world, or simply take some time for yourself, you are warmly invited to use the prayer room.



You are welcome to come and pray at any time.










150 YEARS OF
MothersUNION
Join us, Join in
Lighting the way for generations to come



Health and Safety

Please familiarise yourself with the exit routes and assembly points indicated by the signage throughout the venue.

A dedicated first aid station is located at the main medical desk. For health and safety reasons, staff members are not permitted to distribute personal medications or painkillers.

Certified Intermediate Life Support (ILS) and Basic Life Support (BLS) are present throughout the event. If you feel unwell or require medical attention, please notify any staff member immediately.






Chat to staff


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Safety and Security

If you notice any safety hazards or experience an incident, please report it immediately to a member of the safety team from Cumme Safe or venue staff.

Be aware of your surroundings, take care when moving through high-traffic corridors, and report any potential hazards to staff immediately.

Please take all badges, lanyards and name tags off before leaving the ICC Exhibition Centre.


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JOIN US JOIN IN


HOTEL


DIOCESE OF CYPRUS AND THE GULF
(ANGLICAN CHURCH)
MOTHERS' UNION
BAHRAIN



Please note

All table and venue decorations are to be left where they are and not moved or taken away.

There are additional worship songs across the Gathering that are not printed in the worship booklet. Please refer to the screens for the lyrics.

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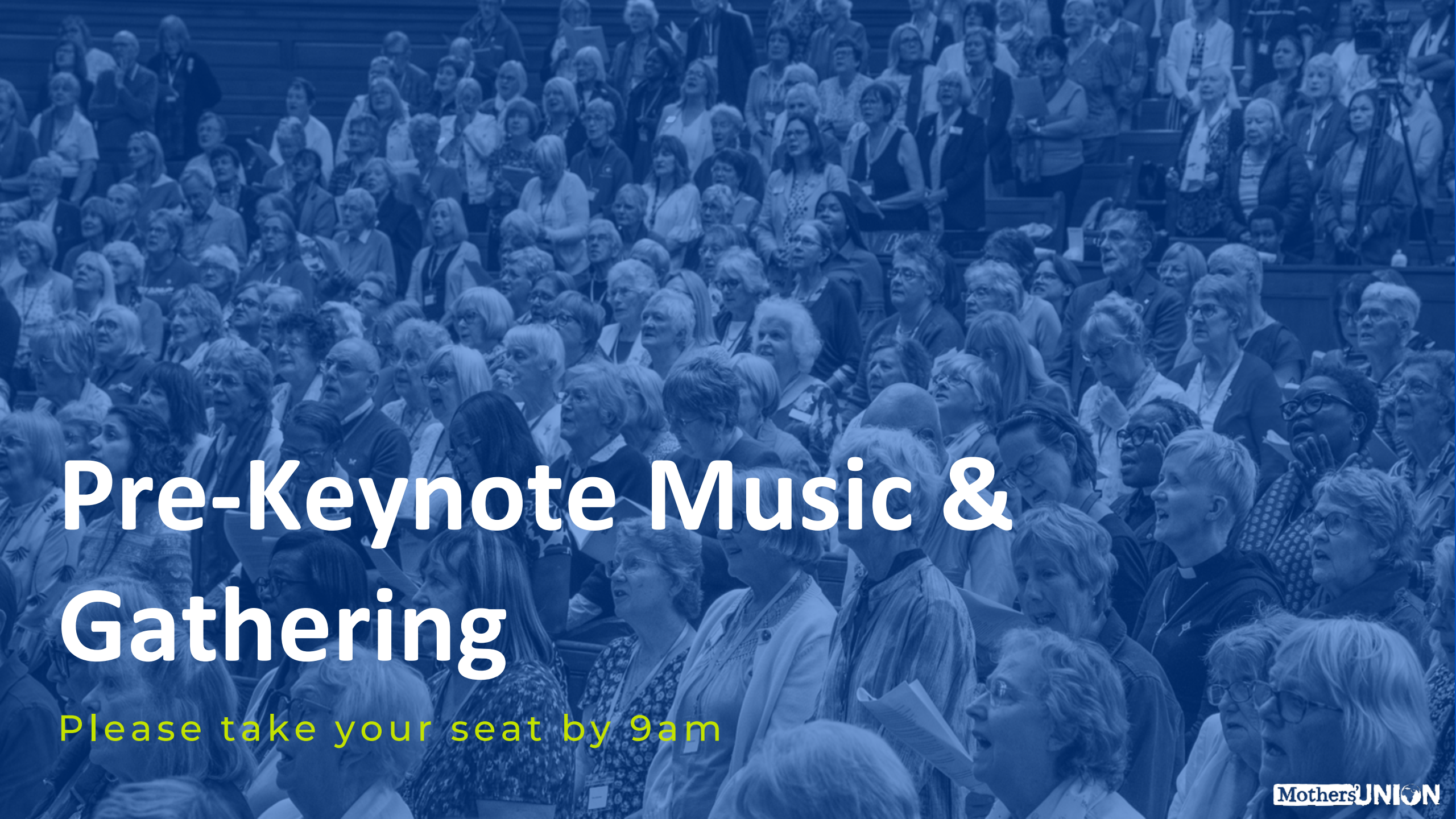

Pre-Keynote Music & Gathering

Please take your seat by 9am

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Kathleen Snow

Worldwide President
Mothers' Union

The Future Belongs to the Faithful – Hope, Courage & MU's next 150 Years



Arise, Shine, Get Up and Glow!

Arise, shine

- for your light has come and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you.

Get up

- shake off complacency, apathy and despair, and all that brings you low.

Glow

- reflect God's glory, the light of Christ, so that others may see in you the glory of God.



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Our Three Pillars



Ending Violence



Ending Poverty



Ending Injustice

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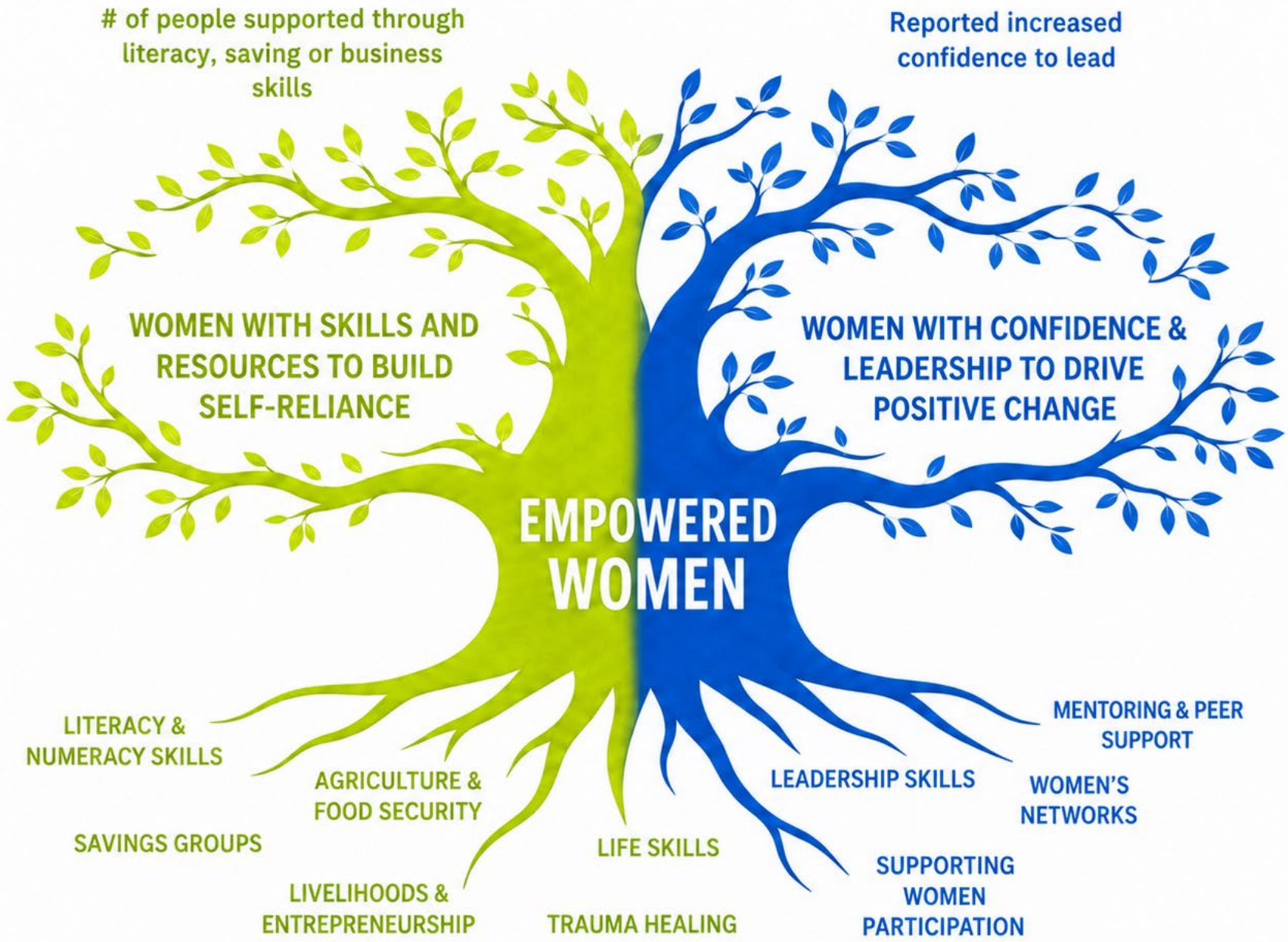
# of people supported through literacy, saving or business skills
Reported increased confidence to lead
WOMEN WITH SKILLS AND RESOURCES TO BUILD SELF-RELIANCE
WOMEN WITH CONFIDENCE & LEADERSHIP TO DRIVE POSITIVE CHANGE
EMPOWERED WOMEN
LITERACY & NUMERACY SKILLS
AGRICULTURE & FOOD SECURITY
SAVINGS GROUPS
LIFE SKILLS
LIVELIHOODS & ENTREPRENEURSHIP
TRAUMA HEALING
LEADERSHIP SKILLS
MENTORING & PEER SUPPORT
WOMEN'S NETWORKS
SUPPORTING WOMEN PARTICIPATION


Families report stronger relationships and better communication
# of families receiving crisis support
People report reduced loneliness and greater belonging
HEALTHY AND STABLE FAMILY RELATIONSHIPS
FAMILIES MOVING OUT OF CRISIS TOWARDS RESILIENCE
PEOPLE EXPERIENCE BELONGING AND SUPPORT THROUGH LOVE IN ACTION
THRIVING, SAFE FAMILIES & COMMUNITIES
PARENTING SKILLS
FAMILY STRENGTHENING
POSITIVE RELATIONSHIPS
DOMESTIC VIOLENCE PREVENTION
CHILD PROTECTION
DIGITAL SAFETY
REFUGEE SUPPORT
HOLIDAY & RESPITE SUPPORT (AFIA)
CRISIS RESPONSE
EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE
PRISONER & FAMILY SUPPORT
HOSPITAL PATIENT AND FAMILY SUPPORT
SUPPORTIVE LOCAL GROUPS
TACKLING LONELINESS & SOCIAL ISOLATION
AGE AND HOMELESSNESS SUPPORT
MODERN SLAVERY AND SURVIVOR SUPPORT


Evidence of harmful norms being challenged
Number of advocacy and campaigning initiatives delivered
COMMUNITIES PROMOTE SAFETY, INCLUSION AND GENDER EQUALITY
POLICIES AND INSTITUTIONS UPHOLD GENDER JUSTICE
COMMUNITIES FREE FROM GENDER VIOLENCE & INJUSTICE
CHALLENGING HARMFUL PRACTICES (POLYGAMY, DOWRY, EARLY MARRIAGE, DENIAL OF GIRLS' EDUCATION)
PROMOTING POSITIVE MASCULINITY
COMMUNITY AWARENESS RAISING
COMMUNITY MOBILISATION
GENDER DIALOGUE
FEMALE EMPOWERMENT IN SCHOOLS
UNITED CAMPAIGNING
ADVOCACY AND INFLUENCING
CHURCH ENGAGEMENT
PARTNERSHIPS AND COALITIONS
ENGAGEMENT WITH LEADERS AND DECISION-MAKERS
JUSTICE AND SAFETY INITIATIVES



Faithfulness

- Extending from generation to generation

Everyone Welcome

- **We welcome everyone** – women, men, parent, grandparent, single or married
- **Strengthening families** and communities is a collective effort
- **Positive change** is built on the contributions of all members.



AMARE Sisters in Prayer




13:30
DIOCESE OF CYPRUS AND THE GULF
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Central Charity
Local Branches
Parish Dioceses
Provinces
Our Members
Our Partners
MOTHERS' UNION
GLOBAL SAFEGUARDING CHARTER
DIGNITY
LOVE
JUSTICE
COMPASSION
SAFETY
SERVICE



Hope is our Posture

- The challenges ahead are real, but God's faithfulness is greater.

“My prayer is that we continue to walk together, learning from one another, strengthening one another, and trusting that God will use even the smallest acts of faithfulness to bring transformation.”



Loving and faithful God,
We give You thanks for Mothers' Union -
for 150 years of faithfulness,
for the women and families whose lives have been touched,
and for all who have served with love and dedication.
Thank You for carrying us through every season
and for the strength You have given us to continue putting our faith into action.



As we look to the future,
fill us with hope and courage.
Give us wisdom to discern Your way,
faith to trust Your leading,
and hearts ready to embrace all that lies ahead.
May we remain united in Your love,
faithful to our calling,
and confident that You are with us every step of the way.
In Jesus' name. **Amen**





Refreshment Break

Please return by 10:30am

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Closing Eucharist & Commissioning Service

Go, Light the Way

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Introit Hymn

Tune: Old Hundredth

All people that on earth do dwell,
sing to the Lord with cheerful voice;
him serve with fear, his praise forth tell,
come ye before him and rejoice.

Afrikaans

Die Heer is God, erken
dat Hy
‘n Eie volk vir Hom berei;
‘n Volk om Hom te dien
en vrees
En skape van Sy wei te
wees.

English

The Lord is God;
acknowledge him,
who formed a people for
himself –
a people called to serve
and fear,
the sheep within his
pasture here.

O enter then his gates with praise,
approach with joy his courts unto;
praise, laud, and bless his name always,
for it is seemly so to do.

isiZulu

Ngokuba yen’ unomusa
Kayek’ ukuhawukela
Usiphatha ngeqiniso
Elimiyo njalo njalo.

English

For he is gracious and is kind;
his mercy never fails or ends.
He deals with us in faithfulness,
which shall endure for evermore.

To Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,
the God whom heav'n and earth adore,
from us and from the angel-host
be praise and glory evermore.

William Kethe (d. 1594) from 'Day's Psalter' (1560)

Hymn

The Church's one foundation
Is Jesus Christ, her Lord;
She is his new creation,
by water and the word:
From heaven he came and sought her
To be his holy Bride,
With his own blood he bought her,
And for her life he died.

isiZulu

Libuthwe kulo lonke
Nokho linye njalo
Yiny’ INkosi nokholo
Muny’ umbhabhathizo
Litus’ igama linye
Lidla kudla kunye
Libamb’ ithemba linye
Ligcwel’ ubabalo.

English

Gathered from every nation, yet ever remaining one; one Lord and one faith, one baptism; she blesses one holy Name, partakes of one holy food, holds firmly to one hope, and is filled with grace.

isiXhosa

Nokoiŕazukile
Ngemfundis’ ezimbi,
Noko ibandezelwe
Zintshaba zapandle,
Basalind’ abangcwele
Ukufika kwake
U-Myeni we-Kerike,
Abatutuzele.

English

Though she has been
divided by false teachings,
though she has been
oppressed by enemies
from without, the saints
continue watching,
awaiting the coming of the
Bridegroom of the Church,
who will comfort them.

Afrikaans

Na aarbeid en vermoeiing,
Na bange sielestryd,
Verwag sy die voltooiing
Van vreed' in ewigheid.
Waneer geloog verby is,
En uitloop op aanskou,
Wanneer die stryd volstry is,
Vind sy Gods eew'ge trou.

English

After labour and weariness,
after long spiritual struggle,
she awaits the fulfilment of
everlasting peace.
When faith has passed away
and gives way to sight, when
the battle has been
completed, she shall know
God's eternal faithfulness.

Shona

Inosangana zvino
NaMwari Mukuru,
Navariyo vatsvene
Vari kuzorora.
Tenzi, tipewo tsitsi,
Ndizvo pakuguma
Tisvike pamwe navo
Tigare kudenga.

English

Even now she is united with
the Almighty God and with
the saints who are at rest.

Lord, grant us mercy, so
that at the end we may join
them and dwell in heaven.

Samuel John Stone (1839-1900)

The Greeting

The Lord be with you
And also with you
People of God, gathered
from many nations,
cultures and communities,
we are one body in Christ.
**Let us worship God in
unity and joy.**

Praise the Lord.
**Praise him you servants of
the Lord**
Blessed be God, Father, Son
and Holy Spirit
**Blessed be his Name, now
and for ever.**

The Gloria in Excelsis in isiZulu

Makudunyiswe uNkulunkulu
ophezulu kubekhona ukuthula
kubantu bakhe
abasemhlabeni.
Nkosi Nkulunkulu, Nkosi
yasezulwini, Somandla
Nkulunkulu
onguBaba, siyakudumisa,
sikubonga,sikubabaza
ngenkazimulo yakho

English
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.

Nkosi Jesu Khristu,
Ndodana eyodwa kaYise
Nkosi Nkulunkulu, Mvana
kaNkulunkulu,
wena osusa izono zomhlaba:
yemukela ukukhuleka kwethu.
sihawukele;
wena ohlezi ngasekunene
kuka Yise:

English

Lord Jesus Christ,
only Son of the Father
Lord God, Lamb of God
you take away the sin of
the world:
receive our prayer.
have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right
hand of the Father:

Ngokuba nguwe wedwa ongoNgcwele
nguwe wedwa oyiNkosi
nguwe wedwa ongoPhezukonke
Jesu Khristu, okanye noMoya
oNgcwele,enkazimulweni kaNkulunkulu uYise.
Amen

English

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

Let us pray

Almighty God to whom all hearts are open, all desires known and from whom no secrets are hid: 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.

The Kyrie is sung in isiZulu

Lord, have mercy	Nkosi, sihawukele
Christ, have mercy	Khristu, sihawukele
Lord, have mercy	Nkosi, sihawukele

The Penitence

Jesus said, ‘You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul and with all your mind.’
This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like it, ‘You shall love your neighbour as yourself.’ On these two commandments depend all the law and the prophets.

Let us confess our sins:

Almighty God, our heavenly Father in penitence we confess that we have sinned against you through our own fault in thought, word, and deed and in what we have left undone.

For the sake of your Son, Christ our Lord forgive us all that is past and grant that we may serve you in newness of life to the glory of your Name.

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

Lord, we give thanks for the life of Mary Sumner, for her obedience to your calling, for her vision for the Mothers' Union. We pray that through the grace of your Holy Spirit we may receive renewed confidence and share that vision.

We give you thanks and praise for the many people around the world who reach out in the name of the Mothers' Union, through our work may we touch the lives of those we meet, that they too may know your love: through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

A reading from Job 42:1-6, 12-17

‘I know that you can do all things, and that no purpose of yours can be thwarted. “Who is this that hides counsel without knowledge?” Therefore I have uttered what I did not understand, things too wonderful for me, which I did not know. “Hear, and I will speak; I will question you, and you declare to me.” I had heard of you by the hearing of the ear, but now my eye sees you; therefore I despise myself, and repent in dust and ashes.’ The Lord blessed the latter days of Job more than his beginning; and he had fourteen thousand sheep, six thousand camels,

a thousand yoke of oxen, and a thousand donkeys. He also had seven sons and three daughters. He named the first Jemimah, the second Keziah, and the third Keren-happuch. In all the land there were no women so beautiful as Job's daughters; and their father gave them an inheritance along with their brothers. After this Job lived for one hundred and forty years, and saw his children, and his children's children, four generations. And Job died, old and full of days.

Hear the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

We shall say Psalm 119:169-176 together

Let my cry come to you, O Lord: O give me understanding, according to your word. Let my supplication come before you: and deliver me according to your promise. My lips shall pour forth your praise: because you teach me your statutes; My tongue shall sing of your word: for all your commandments are righteousness. Let your hand be swift to help me: for I have chosen your precepts.

Lord, I have longed for your salvation: and your law is my delight.
O let my soul live, that I may praise you: and let your judgements be my help. I have gone astray like a sheep that is lost: O seek your servant, for I do not forget your commandments.
Glory to the Father and to the Son: and to the Holy Spirit. As it was in the beginning: is now and will be for ever. Amen

The Gradual Hymn

Tune: Rockingham

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.

Setswana

Bonang Tlhogo, le Diatla,
Le Dinao, di boneng!
Di thlanetšwe go
mpoloka,
Le go nkisa botshelong.

English

Behold his head, his hands, and his feet—look upon them!
They were pierced to save me and to bring me into life.

Afrikaans

Vir al my skuld het hy betaal;
Vir my in helle-angs gedaal.
Sy kruis, sy liefde onbegrens,
Ontsluit in my ‘n nuwe mens.

English

For all my sin he paid the price;
for me he faced the anguish of hell.
His cross, his love without limit,
awakens a new person within me.

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

Isaac Watts (1674-1748)

Listen to the Good News proclaimed in the Gospel according to Luke 10:17-24

Glory to Christ our Saviour

The seventy returned with joy, saying, ‘Lord, in your name even the demons submit to us!’ He said to them, ‘I watched Satan fall from heaven like a flash of lightning. See, I have given you authority to tread on snakes and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy; and nothing will hurt you. Nevertheless, do not rejoice at this,

that the spirits submit to you, but rejoice that your names are written in heaven.’
At that same hour Jesus rejoiced in the Holy Spirit and said, ‘I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants; yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. All things have been handed over to me by my Father; and no one knows who the Son is except the Father, or who the Father is except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.’

Then turning to the disciples, Jesus said to them privately, ‘Blessed are the eyes that see what you see! For I tell you that many prophets and kings desired to see what you see, but did not see it, and to hear what you hear, but did not hear it.’

This is the Gospel of Christ

Praise to Christ our Lord

Let us affirm our faith in the words of 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 of 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 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 Prayers of the Church

Loving and faithful God, we thank you for 150 years of Mothers' Union: for the vision of Mary Sumner; for every prayer offered, every life touched, every family strengthened, and every act of loving service undertaken in your name. Through every generation and in every nation, you have been our refuge, strength and guide. For all that has been, we thank you; for all that is to come, we trust you.

Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

God of hope, we thank you for this Global Gathering: for stories that have inspired us, friendships that have strengthened us, worship that has renewed us, and the Bread of Life that has sustained us. As we return to our nations, provinces, dioceses and communities, renew our calling, refresh our vision and strengthen us for the journey ahead.

Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Gracious God, bless Kathleen, our Worldwide President; the Worldwide Board of Trustees; the staff of the central charity; and all who lead and serve Mothers' Union. Grant them wisdom, courage, compassion, resilience and joy.

Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

God of justice, commission us afresh to stand with those affected by gender-based violence; to protect children and vulnerable adults; to oppose modern slavery and human trafficking; and to confront racism, prejudice and every form of exploitation. May our words proclaim truth, our actions bring healing and our presence awaken hope.

Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

God of peace, remember all who live amid conflict, violence and fear; those displaced from their homes; those who mourn; and all who long for safety and freedom. Guide the nations in justice and reconciliation. Make us instruments of your peace and witnesses to your reconciling love.

Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

God of every generation, as this Gathering ends, keep Mothers' Union rooted in Christ, united in prayer and steadfast in service. Nourished with Bread for the Journey, send us out in the power of your Spirit to carry Christ's light into the world, transforming families and communities and proclaiming your hope for generations to come.

Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

The Commissioning

Members and friends of Mothers' Union, God has gathered us from across the world, fed us with the Bread of Life and renewed us through prayer, worship and fellowship. Will you go from this Global Gathering to proclaim the good news of Jesus Christ in your words and through your lives? **With God's help, we will.**

Will you continue steadfastly in prayer, strengthen families and relationships and serve those who are vulnerable, marginalised or forgotten?

With God's help, we will.

Will you seek justice, challenge violence and oppression, work for reconciliation and uphold the God-given dignity of every person? **With God's help, we will.**

Will you share the hope you have received, nurture the generations that follow and carry forward the mission of Mothers' Union with faith, courage and love?

With God's help, we will.

Will you go forth as one worldwide fellowship, rooted in Christ, united in prayer and empowered by the Holy Spirit to serve God's world? **With God's help, we will.**

God of the journey, commission and send forth these your people. May their hands be ready to serve, their hearts be open to love, their voices be courageous for justice and their lives shine with the light of Christ.
Go now, carrying Bread for the Journey. Go in faith to strengthen families. Go in love to serve your communities.
Go in hope to transform the world. Go, light the way for generations. Here we are, Lord. Send us.
By your grace, we will go. **Amen**

Merciful Father, accept these prayers and send us out renewed in faith, strengthened in hope and united in love; for the sake of your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. **Amen**

We are the Body of Christ. In the one Spirit we were all baptized into one Body. Let us then pursue all that makes for peace and builds up our common life.
The peace of the Lord be with you always.
Peace be with you.

Offertory hymn

Sesotho

Joko ya hao e bo bebe
E nkgatholola pelo
Tumelo ho nna ke thebe
Etla mphemisa lefu
Nyakallo ke e fumane
Tseleng ya hao Morena
Dira ho nna di qhalane
Ke hloletswe kw wena

English

Your yoke is light and gentle;
it brings relief to my heart.
Faith is a shield to me and
will protect me from death. I
have found true joy upon
your path, O Lord. My
enemies scatter before me; I
am overwhelmed by you.

Sesotho

O re ho’na ke lelale
Ke tshephe lehodimo
Moeti ha a kgathale
O pepjwa ke Modimo
Efela o dutse jwale
E sa le o nthatile
O mphodisitse matswalo
‘Me jwale ke Thabile

English

You call me to look upwards and to place my hope in heaven. The traveller does not grow weary, for God carries them along. You have remained the same ever since you first loved me. You have healed me of my fears, and now my heart is glad.

Sesotho

Ha ke hlahelwa ke dillo
O ntekola ka mosa
O ntlela ka di polelo
Tse phakisang ho nthusa
Ha ke re: ke mofutsana
O re: Che, o'na lenna
Ha ke re: Kgoro ya hana
O re, che, o tla kena

English

Whenever sorrow comes upon me, you look upon me with compassion. You come to me with words that quickly bring me help. When I say, "I am forsaken," you say, "No, you are with me." When I say, "The gate refuses me," you say, "No, you shall enter."

Sesotho

Ho tla ba jwang ha ke siya
Kobo ena e bolang
Ke be jwalo ka Eliya
Ka koloi e fofang?
Ke tla opa ka diatla
Ke tla re: Haleluya
Halleluya ho senatla
Se nkenyang ho Jehova.

English

What joy there will be when I leave this mortal garment that decays, and become like Elijah, borne away in a flying chariot! I shall clap my hands and cry aloud, “Alleluia!” Alleluia to the mighty One who brings me home to God.

Offertory hymn

Tune: Cwm Rhondda Version: Guide Me, O Thou Great Redeemer

Portuguese

Peregrino, do deserto,
Guia os passos meus Jeová
Fraco sou, mas Tu és forte,
Tua mão me susterá
Pão da vida, pão da vida,
Nutre me com teu amor,
Nutre me com teu amor.

English

As a pilgrim through the desert, guide my footsteps, O Jehovah. I am weak, but you are mighty; your strong hand will sustain me. Bread of heaven, Bread of heaven, feed me with your gracious love; feed me with your gracious love.

Portuguese

Abre a fonte, cristalina
Vivo manancial sem par.
Onde possa, toda a mancha,
Do meu coração lavar.
Jeová sê minha força
Minha força e protecção,
Minha força e protecção.

English

Open now the crystal fountain, living spring beyond compare, where each stain may be washed away and my heart be cleansed and healed. O Jehovah, be my strength, be my strength and my protection; be my strength and my protection.

Portuguese

Livra me de todo o medo,
Junto às águas do Jordão.
Triunfante, faz que avance,
Para o monte de Sião.
Onde cante, onde cante
Em louvor e gratidão,
Em louvor e gratidão.

English

Free me from all fear and trembling as I reach the Jordan's waters. Lead me onwards in your triumph towards the holy hill of Zion, where I shall sing, where I shall sing songs of praise and gratitude; songs of praise and gratitude.

Avulekile Amasangango / One Love

Avulekile amasangango (Yebo kunjalo kunjalo kunjalo)
Yebo kunjalo kunjalo kunjalo
Yebo kunjalo kunjalo kunjalo
Iyoho amen

Avulekile amasang'ezulu (Yebo kunjalo kunjalo kunjalo)
Ezulwini (Yebo kunjalo kunjalo kunjalo)
Yebo kunjalo kunjalo kunjalo
Iyoho amen

Thina
siphum'emnqamlezweni
(Yebo kunjalo kunjalo
kunjalo)
Sithethelw'izono (Yebo
kunjalo kunjalo kunjalo)
Ngegazi lakhe (Yebo kunjalo
kunjalo kunjalo)
Iyoho amen

Iyohoho Iyohoho ho uh ho
Hai hai hai, hai hai
Hai hai hai, hai hai
Hai hai hai, hai hai
Iyoho ho ho ho ho ho amen

Ho ho ho ho ho ho ho ho ho
ho uh ho
Hai hai hai, hai hai
Hai hai hai, hai hai
Hai hai hai, hai hai
Iyoho ho ho ho ho amen

One love
One heart
Let's get together and feel
alright

Avulekile amasang'ezulu
(Hai hai hai, hai hai)
Asezulwini (Hai hai hai, hai hai)
Hai hai hai, hai hai
Iyoho ho ho ho ho ho amen

Thina
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(Hai hai hai, hai hai)
Sithethelw'izono (Hai hai hai, hai hai)
Hai hai hai, hai hai
Iyoho ho ho ho ho ho amen

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Prayer for alms and other gifts for the church

Yours Lord, is the greatness, the power, the glory, the splendour, and the majesty; for everything in heaven and on earth is yours.
All things come from you, and of your own do we give you.
Amen

At the taking of the bread and wine

Blessed are you, Lord, God of all creation. Through your goodness we have this bread to offer, which earth has given and human hands have made. For us it becomes 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 offer, fruit of the vine and work of human hands. For us it becomes the cup of salvation. **Blessed be God for ever**

The Lord is here. **His spirit is with us.**
Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**
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 only 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 as man 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.
And now we give you thanks because today you have gathered us together at this eucharistic feast, so that we may be renewed in love, joy and peace.

Therefore with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we proclaim your great and glorious Name, for ever praising you and saying:

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.

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’

So we proclaim the mystery of faith

Christ has died

Christ is risen

Christ will come again

Therefore heavenly Father, we remember his offering of himself made once for all upon the cross, and proclaim his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension. As we look for his coming in glory, we celebrate with this bread and this cup his one perfect sacrifice.

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, by the power 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

As Christ has taught us we are bold to pray:

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 bread which we break is it not a sharing of the body of Christ?

We, who are many, are one body for we all partake of the one bread.

We do not presume to come to this your table, merciful Lord trusting in our own righteousness but in your manifold and great mercies, we are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under your table but you are the same Lord whose nature is always to have mercy.

Grant us therefore, gracious Lord so to eat the flesh of your dear Son Jesus Christ and to drink his blood that we may evermore dwell in him and he in us.

Draw near and receive the body of our Lord Jesus Christ which he gave for you, and his blood which he shed for you. Feed on him in your hearts by faith with thanksgiving.

The Agnus Dei in isiZulu

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: have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: grant us Your peace.

Mvana kaNkulunkulu esusa izono zomhlaba: sihawukele.
Mvana kaNkulunkulu esusa izono zomhlaba: sihawukele.
Mvana kaNkulunkulu esusa izono zomhlaba: siphe ukuthula.

Communion hymn

isiXhosa

Aliluya! Nguwe, Yesu,
Oli-Tshawe, oyi-Nkosi;
Aliluya! Wena wedwe
Woyisile u-Satan:
Amaculo e-Tsiyone
Avakala ngokuti,
“Usitenge ezizweni,
Yesu, nge-Gazi lako.”

English

Alleluia! You are Jesus, the Champion and the King; Alleluia! You alone have conquered Satan. The songs of Zion are heard proclaiming: “You have redeemed us from the nations, Jesus, by your precious Blood.”

Sesotho

Jesu Kreste ke Molimo,
Ke Morena ea mohau;
Khale-khale o etetse
Batho ba lutseng fifing
O n’a rongoe ke Ntat’ ae,
A tle koano lefatseng;
Ka sephiri se seholo
O hlahile Bethlehem.

English

Jesus Christ is God; he is the gracious Lord. Long ago he visited those who dwelt in darkness. He was sent by his Father to come into this world; through a wondrous mystery he was born in Bethlehem.

Shona

Areruya! Tenzi ndiwe
Chingwa chengirosi.
Areruya! Kudya kwedu
Toswendera petyo;
Tikumbirire M’ponisi
Une simba rese,
Apo vanoyera vese
Vari kutunhidza.

English

Alleluia! Lord, you are the Bread of angels. Alleluia! As we draw near to receive our sacred food, intercede for us, O Saviour, you who have almighty power, where all the saints together offer everlasting praise.

Alleluia! King eternal,
Thee the Lord of lords we own;
Alleluia! born of Mary, earth Thy footstool,
Heav’n Thy throne:
Thou within the veil hast entered,
robed in flesh our great High Priest;
Thou on earth both priest and victim
in the Eucharistic feast.

Communion hymn

isiZulu

Usibonisa uthando
ngokusipha lokhukudla
Mabeze bonke abantu
bezw’ ukuthi unomusa.

UJes’ usinik’ uMzimba
usinik’ iGazi lakhe
Wobusiswa omukela lokh’
ukudla okuNgcwele.

English

You reveal your love for us by giving us this food. Let all people come and know that you are gracious.

Jesus gives us his Body and gives us his Blood. Blessed are those who receive this holy food.

isiZulu

Kuyize konke lokho na?
Bakhon’ abanqab’ ukuza
UJesu wafela nabo
bayabizwa nabo badle.

Mabeze laph’ abaningi
bamkeliswe bajabule
Basinda abadla kahle
njengalokhu bathenjiswa.

English

Is all this offered in vain?
Some still refuse to come.
Jesus died for them as well;
they too are called to eat.

Let many people come here,
receive this gift and rejoice.
Those who partake worthily
are saved, just as they have
been promised.

isiZulu

UNkulunkul’ onguYise neNdodana nay’ uMoya Kadunyiswe emhlabeni naphezulu njalo njalo. Amen

English

To God, who is the Father, and to the Son and Holy Spirit, be glory on earth and in heaven, now and for ever. Amen

Communion hymn

Let all mortal flesh keep silence
and with fear and trembling stand;
ponder nothing earthly-minded,
for with blessing in his hand
Christ our God on earth descendeth,
our full homage to demand.

King of kings, yet born of Mary,
as of old on earth he stood,
Lord of lords, in human vesture,
in the body and the blood.
He will give to all the faithful
his own self for heav'nly food.

Rank on rank the host
of heaven
spreads its vanguard on the
day,
as the Light of light
descendeth
from the realms of endless
day,
that the pow’rs of hell may
vanish
as the darkness clears away.

At his feet the six-winged
seraph;
cherubim, with sleepless eye,
veil their faces to the
Presence,
as with ceaseless voice they
cry,
Alleluia, Alleluia,
Alleluia, Lord most high.

Liturgy of St James trans. Gerard Moultrie (1829-1885)

Mothers' UNION

Communion hymn

You give life You are love
You bring light to the darkness
You give hope You restore
ev'ry heart that is broken
And great are You Lord

It's Your breath in our lungs
So we pour out our praise
We pour out our praise
It's Your breath in our lungs
So we pour out our praise to You only

And all the earth will shout
Your praise
Our hearts will cry these
bones will sing
Great are You Lord

It's Your breath in our lungs
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David Leonard | Jason Ingram | Leslie Jordan

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

Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth takes its name, your servant Mary Sumner revealed your goodness in a life of tranquility and service: grant that we who have gathered in faith around this table may like her know the love of Christthat surpasses knowledge and be filled with all your fullness; through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen

Father almighty we offer ourselves to you as a living sacrifice in Jesus Christ our Lord. Send us out into the world in the power of the Holy Spirit to live and work to your praise and glory.

Prayer for Africa

God, bless Africa
Protect our children
Guide our leaders
Heal our communities
Restore our dignity and give us peace for Jesus Christ’s sake. Amen

Commissioning

May God, who gives patience and encouragement, give you a spirit of unity, to live in harmony as your follow Jesus Christ, so that with one voice, you may glorify God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ; 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

Go forth and tell!
O Church of God, awake!
God's saving news
to all the nations take:
proclaim Christ Jesus,
Saviour, Lord and King,
that all the world his worthy
praise may sing.

Go forth and tell!
God's love embraces all:
he will in grace
respond to all who call;
how shall they call if they
have never heard
the gracious invitation
of his word?

Go forth and tell!
where still the darkness
lies;
in wealth or want,
the sinner surely dies:
give us, O Lord,
concern
of heart and mind,
a love like yours
which cares for humankind.

Go forth and tell!
the doors are open wide;
share God's good gifts –
let no-one be denied;
live out your life
as Christ your Lord shall
choose,
your ransomed pow'rs
for his sole glory use.

Go forth and tell!
O Church of God, arise!
Go in the strength
which Christ your Lord supplies;
go till all nations
his great name adore
and serve him, Lord and King,
for evermore.

Attributed to: R. Keen (1787); K. (1787); George Keith (1787)

Recessional hymn

Thine be the glory, risen, conqu’ring Son,
endless is the vict’ry thou o’er death hast won;
angels in bright raiment rolled the stone away,
kept the folded grave-clothes where thy body lay.

Thine be the glory, risen, conqu’ring Son,
endless is the vict’ry thou o’er death hast won.

Lo! Jesus meets us, risen from the tomb;
lovingly he greets us, scatters fear and gloom.
Let the Church with gladness hymns of triumph sing,
for her Lord now liveth; death hast lost its sting.

Thine be the glory, risen, conqu'ring Son,
endless is the vict'ry thou o'er death hast won.

No more we doubt thee, glorious Prince of Life;
life is naught without thee: aid us in our strife.
Make us more than conqu’rors through thy deathless love;
bring us safe through Jordan to thy home above.

Thine be the glory, risen, conqu’ring Son,
endless is the vict’ry thou o’er death hast won.

Edmund Louis Budry (1854-1932) trans. Richard Birch Hoyle (1875-1939)

Recessional hymn

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 for evermore!

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