

CHORAL EVENSONG

with the Triennial Commissioning of the Diocesan President,
Diocesan Chaplain and Trustees of the Mothers' Union

Sunday 23rd March 2025 | 4.00pm

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We are delighted to welcome you to this service at the Cathedral Church of Ss. Peter & Paul, Teilo, Dyfrig, and Euddogwy, which has been a site of Christian worship for over 1,500 years. At this service, the Archdeacon of Margam will commission new officers in the Mothers' Union, including the new President for the Diocese of Llandaff.

Everything you need to follow this service is contained in this booklet. Please join in with the singing of the hymns, which can be found on the weekly hymn sheet, as well as the text printed in **Bold**. The rubrics (indicated with the '§' symbol) in this service indicating posture are suggestions only. If you are more comfortable remaining seated throughout the service, please do so.



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Printed versions of this service sheet are available. Please ask a steward for a copy.
Large print versions are also available.



Toilets are located at the end of the Processional Way via the David Chapel, on the north side of the cathedral.



Please ensure that all electronic devices are set to silent mode.



We kindly request that you do not take photographs, or video or sound recording in the cathedral at any time during this service.

Processional Hymn

§ *Please stand as the Procession enters.*



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 wisdom, be thou my true word,
be thou ever with me, and I with thee, Lord;
be thou my great Father, and I thy true son;
be thou in me dwelling, and I with thee one.

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 mine 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.

Words: Irish c. 8th Century
Translated by Mary Byrne (1880-1931)
Versified by Eleanor Hull (1860-1935)

Music: SLANE
Traditional Irish Melody
Harmony by Erik Routley (1917-82)

Responses Richard Ayleward (1626-69)

§ *Please remain standing as the choir and cantor sing.*

Welcome The Very Rev'd Dr Jason Bray, Dean of Llandaff

§ *Please remain standing.*

Psalm 13

§ *Following the welcome, please sit as the Choir sings the Psalm, standing for 'Glory be to the Father...'*

First Lesson Genesis 28. 10-19a

§ *Please sit.*

Magnificat Evening Service in G
§ *Please stand.* Music: Herbert Sumsion (1899-1995)

Second Lesson John 1. 35-51
§ *Please sit.*

Nunc Dimittis Evening Service in G
§ *Please stand.* Music: Herbert Sumsion (1899-1995)

The Creed

I believe in God
**the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth:
and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried.
He descended into hell.
The third day he rose again from the dead,
he ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of God
the Father Almighty;
from thence he shall come
to judge the quick and the dead.**

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

Responses Richard Ayleward (1626-69)
§ *Please remain standing as the choir and cantor sing:*

The Lord be with you.
And with thy spirit.

Let us pray.

§ *Please sit as the choir and cantor sing the Lesser Litany, the Lord's Prayer, and the Responses.*

Anthem

Away, vain world
Words: Alexander Montgomerie (?1545-?1610)
Music: Bob Chilcott (b. 1955)

The Commission

§ *The Archdeacon of Margam, representing the Bishop of Llandaff, stands under the Majestas and addresses the congregation:*

We have come together here to worship God and to commission these persons to their new offices within the Mothers' Union in this diocese of Llandaff; this is a joyful and important occasion. These offices carry great responsibility for Mothers' Union, a worldwide organisation whose members seek to express the Christian faith by the transformation of communities worldwide through the promotion of stable marriage, family life and the protection of children.

I now ask the Rev'd Emma Rees-Kenny to come forward.

§ *The new Diocesan Chaplain stands before the Archdeacon, who says:*

Emma, do you accept the office of Diocesan Chaplain in the Mothers' Union?

§ *The new Diocesan Chaplain responds:*

I do, the Lord being my helper.

§ *The Archdeacon:*

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?

§ *The new Diocesan Chaplain:*

By putting my trust in him, I will.

§ *The Archdeacon:*

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

§ *The outgoing Diocesan President presents the new Diocesan President to the Archdeacon:*

Archdeacon, Mrs Jean Starr has been elected to the office of Diocesan President of the Mothers' Union for the Diocese of Llandaff and we ask you to commission her into office for this work.

§ *The Archdeacon addresses the new Diocesan President:*

The office of Diocesan President of the Mothers' Union is a solemn trust carrying great responsibility. Jean, are you willing to commit yourself to this office and work?

§ *The new President responds:*

With the help of God, I am.

Will you serve God in this way, in the firm belief that the power of the Holy Spirit will guide and direct all those who call upon him?

President By putting my trust in him, I will.

§ *The Archdeacon takes the Diocesan President by the right hand, saying:*

Jean, I admit you to the office of Diocesan President for the Diocese of Llandaff, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

§ *The Archdeacon addresses the congregation:*

I ask you to pray that God will bless his servant Jean and give to her the gifts and powers needed for her work and mission. I invite you to be still, to be aware of God's presence within and around us on this day.

§ *The Diocesan President stands before the Archdeacon for the prayer of blessing:*

May God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit, bless, preserve and keep you; may the Lord show his kindness and have mercy on you.

May the Lord watch over you and give you peace.

All **Amen.**

§ *The Badge of Office is presented to the Diocesan President by the Archdeacon.*

§ *The new Diocesan President presents the new Diocesan Board of Trustees to the Archdeacon:*

Josie Bolton, Julie Davies, Jane Fenwick, Marian Godsall, Elizabeth Jones, Sheila Jones, Shawn Lloyd, Pauline Redwood, Ray Saunders, Lyn Evans, and Elaine Campbell-Hopkins have been elected to the office of Mothers' Union Trustees for this diocese. I ask you to commission them to this work.

§ *The Archdeacon addresses the trustees:*

Are you willing to commit yourselves to this office and work?

§ *The trustees respond:*

With the help of God, I will.

§ *The Archdeacon takes each trustee by the hand in turn and says:*

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

§ *The Archdeacon addresses the congregation:*

I present to you the Diocesan President, Diocesan Chaplain and Trustee board for the Diocese of Llandaff. Will you remember these officeholders in your prayers and give them your support and encouragement?

All **We will, in the name of the Lord.**

Let us pray:

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.

All **Amen.**

§ *The Diocesan President leads us in prayer:*

Let us all affirm our commitment to the work of Jesus Christ through the Mothers' Union
as we say together the Mothers' Union Prayer:

All **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.**

Intercessions **The Grace of Our Lord Jesus Christ,
and the love of God,
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit
be with us all, evermore. Amen.**

Offertory Hymn

§ *Please stand to sing the Hymn, during which a collection will be taken.*



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,
and companions on the road;
we are here to help each other
walk the mile and bear the load.

I will hold the Christlight 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.

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.

Words & Music: THE SERVANT SONG
Richard Gillard (b. 1953)

The Blessing

The Dismissal Plainsong

Voluntary Choral No. 3 in A minor
Music: César Franck (1822-90)

The Organ Voluntaries, which are a part of our worship, are traditionally extended in duration in Lent. If you wish to leave before the end of the voluntary, then please do so quietly.

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