

Morning Prayer Form 2

22nd June 2025

Welcome

Welcome to our Mothers' Union 75th Anniversary Service. We gather to celebrate and to rejoice; to give thanks for the 75 years of witness and service by Mothers' Union in this branch. We gather to give thanks for the faithfulness of God throughout these years and for his ongoing presence as he leads us forward together into the future.

The Lord be with you

and also with you

Hymn: 366 Praise, my soul, the King of heaven
(During the hymn the branch banner will be received)

Beloved in Christ,

We come together to offer to Almighty God

Our worship and praise and thanksgiving,

To confess our sins and to receive God's forgiveness,

To hear his holy word proclaimed,

To bring before him our needs and the needs of the world,

And to pray that in the power of his Spirit

We may serve him and know the greatness of his love.

The minister says

Let us confess our sins to God our Father.

Silence is kept.

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;
by what we have done
and by what we have failed to do.
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 absolution.

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

O Lord, open our lips
and our mouth will proclaim your praise

O God make speed to save us

O Lord, make haste to help us.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and shall be for ever. Amen.

Praise the Lord.

The Lord's name be praised.

Hymn: 517 Brother, sister, let me serve you

1st Reading: Joshua Ch 4 V 1-3, 8 & 20-24 Read by Mrs Violet Lucas, Young Families and Indoor Members Rep.

Hymn: T&P 147 The Lord's my shepherd

2nd Reading: 1 Peter Ch 2 V 4-6 & 9-10 Read by Dr Helen Foster, Treasurer

We affirm our faith in the words of the Apostle's creed:

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried;
he descended to the dead.**

**On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come again to judge the living 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.**

The Prayers of the People

**The Lord be with you
and also with you.**

Let us pray.

Lord, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

**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.**

Show us your mercy, O Lord,
and grant your salvation.

O Lord save the King,
and grant his government wisdom.

Let your ministers be clothed with righteousness
and let your servants shout for joy.

O Lord, save your people
and bless those whom you have chosen.

Give peace in our time, O Lord,
and let your glory be over all the earth.

O God, make clean our hearts within us
And renew us by your Holy Spirit.

Collects: The first Sunday after Trinity

God,
the strength of all those who put their trust in you:
Mercifully accept our prayers
and, because through the weakness of our mortal nature
we can do no good thing without you, grant us the help of your grace,
that in the keeping of your commandments
we may please you, both in will and deed;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Hymn: Speak, O Lord, (Thanks and Praise 134)

Sermon: Mrs Alison Skillen, Connor Diocesan President

Offertory Hymn: 605 Will you come and follow me
(Offering in aid of Mothers' Union funds)

Prayers of Intercession

led by Cathy Doig, All Ireland Faith and Policy Unit Coordinator

We join together in the Mothers' Union Prayer

Loving Lord, we thank you for the 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

Benediction

Hymn: 81 Lord, for the years your love has kept and guided

Dismissal + Grace

Please join us in the Hall for refreshments after the service.