



**Service to mark Global Day
27th November 2021
All Saints' Eglantine**

WELCOME – Rev. Jason Kernohan, Rector

Welcome to our service which is part of Mothers' Union's global action against domestic and sexual abuse. As we raise our voices on behalf of the voiceless, we also raise our voices in worship and intercession to our loving righteous God.

I love the Lord because he hears my voice
and my prayer for mercy.
Because he bends down to listen,

I will pray as long as I have breath!

Psalm 116:1-2

We draw near in faith to the Lord who draws near to us with love and hears our prayers for mercy.

Opening hymn number 325

Be still for the presence of the Lord

Be still, for the presence of the Lord, the Holy One, is here.

Come, bow before him now, with reverence and fear.

In him, no sin is found, we stand on holy ground.

Be still, for the presence of the Lord, the Holy One, is here.

Be still, for the glory of the Lord is shining all around; he burns with holy fire, with splendour he is crowned.

How awesome is the sight, our radiant King of light!

Be still, for the glory of the Lord is shining all around.

Be still, for the power of the Lord is moving in this place,

he comes to cleanse and heal, to minister her grace.

No work too hard for him, in faith receive from him;

be still, for the power of the Lord is moving in this place.

Introduction to 3 minute silence - Cathy Doig, Social Policy Contact

During this 16 candles will be lit

The United Nations' 16 days of Activism Against Gender-Based Violence and abuse is an annual international campaign. It is a rallying call to members of the Anglican Communion to take action against Gender-Based Violence.

We are meeting today as part of Mothers' Union's response to this call. In venues up and down the country, members are coming together in fellowship to raise

awareness of the need to end Gender-Based Violence in all forms and in all societies.

We are calling for a stop to this scourge.

We focus particularly on the shocking statistic that 1 in 3 women will experience gender-based violence in their life time. This is the reason we are holding a three minute silence.

1.03 pm Three minute Silence

1.06 Prayers – Sally Cotter, Connor MU Diocesan President

Lord of justice and mercy,
Who has called us to be the body of Christ,
Use us as his hands and feet in the world;
To raise awareness of what must be challenged,
And to address the plight of the vulnerable.

We unite together across the world
To champion the cause of justice
And to offer up our prayers for all who
Are affected by gender-based violence.

Mothers' Union Wave of Prayer

Lord, forgive us when we have stayed silent in the face of gender injustice and have declined to challenge unacceptable actions and attitudes.

Fill us instead with new resolve to be champions of justice, in the name of Christ.

In our wave of prayer today we pray for Zululand in South Africa; Lodwar in Kenya; Isiala Ngwa South in Nigeria; Accra in Ghana; Bangor in Wales and Colombo in Sri Lanka.

We pray also for our linked Diocese here in Ireland, Cashel, Ferns and Ossory.

May God be with our members in every part of their lives, encouraging them and leading them, sheltering and

strengthening them so they may work to your praise and glory.

Amen

We all join in 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

Hymn number 517

Brother, Sister, let me serve you

**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 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.**

**Won't you let me be your servant,
let me be as Christ to you?
Pray that I may have the grace to
let you be my servant too.**

Blessing – Rev. Kernohan

May the Lord who brought us all to birth, strengthen us for daily life. May the Lord who provides for all our needs sustain us day by day. May the Lord whose steadfast love is for all, send us out to live and work for others. And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be with you and remain with you always.

Amen.

Go into the world to love the Lord
And to serve his people
In the name of Christ

Amen