

FFWPU UK: New Video A Pentecost to Remember with True Mother in Munich

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Remember our Bloom! Event from last year with a beautiful video from the events!

A year has passed since the Bloom Festival brought together thousands of hearts in Munich over Pentecost weekend - yet the memories and inspiration remain as vibrant as ever.

Held on May 19, 2024, this historic celebration was more than a festive gathering; it was a profound spiritual moment that future generations may well recognize as a turning point. On the foundation of 13 previous Pentecosts celebrated with FFWPU True Mother, God's only begotten daughter came to Germany to deliver a message of divine hope and renewal. Her words, shared with over 2,500 in-person attendees at Munich's iconic Showpalast - and more than 18,000 tuning in online - resonated deeply across Europe and beyond.

The Bloom Festival, designed by young volunteers from across the region, was a joyful blend of worship, prayer, family fun, and cultural exchange. The Showpalast grounds came alive with laughter and color: children delighted in pony rides, magic shows, bouncy castles, and even a towering "giant horse," while older youth engaged in a Divine Principle competition, a UPF meeting, and countless meaningful conversations with friends old and new.

The festival began on Saturday night with a powerful devotional session led by the newly formed worship band "Near Revival" - a multicultural ensemble with members from the UK, Italy, and Germany. Their heartfelt renditions of gospel songs and Holy Songs stirred the crowd, culminating in an emotionally charged prayer led by Cheonbo branch president In Pyo Moon. As tears flowed and spirits lifted, a dramatic thunderstorm swept through Munich, as if echoing the electric atmosphere.

By Sunday morning, however, the skies had cleared, and a sense of anticipation filled the air. The moment True Mother entered the hall to the sounds of Handel's Entry of the Queen of Sheba, played by our 2nd Generation chamber orchestra, was unforgettable. Ninety children welcomed her with shining eyes and disciplined reverence - a moment many of them are unlikely to forget.

True Mother's Pentecost message was both sobering and uplifting. "When we look at the current state of the world, there seems to be no beacon of hope shining for peace today or in the future," she said. "But we must remember that God, our Creator and Heavenly Parent, is eternal... His goal and dream at the time of creation will absolutely be fulfilled in these last days."

Reflecting on the festival, EUME Vice President Bogdan Pammer called it a triumph of heart and youthful energy. "We had over 150 young volunteers take ownership of this event," he said. "And True Mother gave us the inspiration we needed. What the world needs most is God's embracing, motherly love - and we felt that deeply here." He also shared a personal moment: his son, just seven years old, dreamt of giving True Mother a Lego owl at her birthday party - a touching symbol of the innocence and connection felt by the youngest participants.

Matthew and Natasha Huish, Vice Presidents for the North Subregion, journeyed 1,200 kilometers from London with all eight of their children. "It was the first time most of our children saw True Mother in person," Matthew recalled. "She looked serene, yet the strength in her presence was undeniable. We came away filled with hope."

The Bloom Festival capped off an eventful week in Munich, during which True Mother visited the Botanical Gardens and Marienplatz, gathering inspiration for the beautification of HJ Cheonwon. In her meetings with European leaders and International President Yeon Cheon Song, she emphasized the urgency of achieving national restoration. "God has prepared righteous people," she reminded them. "Do not hesitate to share the truth about Jesus, True Parents, and our Heavenly Parent."

A year later, the Bloom Festival continues to bear fruit in the hearts of those who attended. It was a celebration not just of Pentecost, but of renewed commitment, youthful energy, and Heaven's ongoing work in Europe.