



Sunday 26th April 2020

Dear friends,

If you have the Internet, you will find a video to accompany this sheet on YouTube from Sunday morning – search for Isle of Man Methodist Church and you will find it on our YouTube channel, along with a video for MAST Youth (teenagers) and MAST Kids (6-11yrs).

Don't forget also that Judith Ley is broadcasting "At Your Service" on Manx Radio FM at 0930 every Sunday which includes prayers, readings, hymns, and teaching.

Our prayers are with you all,

Isle of Man Methodist Staff Team

Opening Prayer

Loving God,
We thank you that
as we share in this act of worship
you come to us where we are and
assure us of your love.

We thank you that you are beyond time and space
and that because of this every time and every space
is yours.

As we continue our journey
through this Easter season
Help us to know that in these dark times the truth
remains;
The Lord is risen
He is risen indeed Alleluia.

Hymn: Jesus is Lord...

Sing/ Read /pray / the words below

1. Jesus is Lord ! Creation's voice proclaims it,
for by his power each tree and flower
was planned and made.
Jesus is Lord ! The universe declares it ;
sun, moon and stars
in heaven cry : Jesus is Lord !

*Jesus is Lord ! Jesus is Lord !
Praise him with alleluias, for Jesus is Lord !*

2. Jesus is Lord ! Yet from his throne eternal
in flesh he came to die in pain on Calvary's tree.
Jesus is Lord ! From him all life proceeding —
yet gave his life a ransom, thus setting us free.

*Jesus is Lord ! Jesus is Lord !
Praise him with alleluias, for Jesus is Lord !*

3. Jesus is Lord ! O'er sin the mighty conqueror,
from death he rose ; and all his foes
shall own his name.
Jesus is Lord ! God sends his Holy Spirit
to show by works of power that Jesus is Lord.

*Jesus is Lord ! Jesus is Lord !
Praise him with alleluias, for Jesus is Lord !*

David John Mansell (b. 1936)

Let us pray together

Loving God, creator of all that is
and ever has been, we praise you.

In difficult times we acknowledge, that
you are God of the future.
Help us to trust you for all that is to come.

Risen Christ, we thank you
that you chose to come into one time and place
in order that we might know true freedom.

You faced suffering and death
In order to overcome the power of death
and give us life which is eternal.

Holy Spirit, we recognise your power at work
in our past, present and future and ask
that you help us to open ourselves
to all that you offer us.

Help us to open every part of our lives to you.

We take a moment of silence to
reflect on the week that is passed...

Forgive us where we have neglected
your presence in our daily lives.

Thank you that you offer us a
fresh start each day. Help us to
remember that because of Jesus
we can know that we are a people
who are, forgiven, loved and
set free to live for you
in every time and place.

AMEN

Today's Reading:

Luke 24:13-18

Find a Bible and read the above passage. If you do not have a Bible at home, ask your local minister who will gladly source one for you.

A time of reflection

Caught up in their own grief and feeling let down and disillusioned with the journey that they have been on.

Afraid of what the future may hold for them and seeing no hope, these two disciples run for home.

Their journey is a long one and the two of them, as they journey together, are weary and downcast to the point that even when Jesus comes and walks alongside them they do not recognise him.

In this moment when they want to be alone with their thoughts this stranger intrudes on their solitude and offers them help.

It is only with the passing of time that they are able to recognise who it is that walks with them.

Only as they offer help to the stranger that their eyes are opened.

Only in the sharing of food that they fully recognise the truth.

Jesus is alive.

In your solitude, be assured that Jesus is with you, even if you can't see him right now.

Hymn: Come, let us sing...

Sing/ Read /pray / the words below:

- 1 Come, let us sing of a wonderful love,
tender and true ;
out of the heart of the Father above,
streaming to me and to you :
wonderful love
dwells in the heart of the Father above.
- 2 Jesus, the Saviour, this gospel to tell,
joyfully came ;
came with the helpless and hopeless to dwell,
sharing their sorrow and shame ;
seeking the lost,
saving, redeeming at measureless cost.
- 3 Jesus is seeking the wanderers yet ;
why do they roam ?
Love only waits to forgive and forget ;
home, weary wanderer, home !
Wonderful love
dwells in the heart of the Father above.
- 4 Come to my heart, O thou wonderful love,
come and abide,
lifting my life, till it rises above
envy and falsehood and pride ;
seeking to be
lowly and humble, a learner of thee.

Robert Walmsley (1831–1905)

Prayers of Intercession

In the silences of these next few moments name before God those whom you carry in your hearts at this time.

Let us pray for all who feel lost and afraid...

The Lord hears our prayer.

Thanks be to God.

For all who sacrifice their own safety for the sake of others...

The Lord hears our prayer.

Thanks be to God.

For all who mourn the loss of loved ones...

The Lord hears our prayer.

Thanks be to God.

For all who govern and need deep wisdom...

The Lord hears our prayer.

Thanks be to God.

For all who struggle with illness and those who can only wait for news...

The Lord hears our prayer.

Thanks be to God.

The Lord's Prayer

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.

A prayer of blessing

The blessing of God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit be with you and all those for whom you pray.

now and for ever more.

AMEN

