



## Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> June 2020 – Trinity Sunday

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 09:30 every Sunday which includes prayers, readings, hymns, and teaching.

Our prayers are with you all,

Isle of Man Methodist Staff Team.

### Call to Worship and Opening Prayer

"Holy, holy, holy is the LORD Almighty;  
the whole earth is full of his glory."

*(Isaiah 6:3)*

Father God who is our life, be with us.  
Christ who is our guide, walk with us.  
Spirit who is our strength, uphold us.  
One-in-three God, sharing each moment,  
bless and hallow this worship,  
cleanse and mould our hearts,  
that we may praise you alone,  
because of who you are,  
and for opening our eyes to see. **Amen.**

*(Duncan Tuick)*

### Hymn (StF 11): Holy, holy, holy

*Sing/ Read /pray / the words below*

- 1 Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty!  
Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee:  
holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty,  
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!
- 2 Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore thee,  
casting down their golden crowns around  
the glassy sea;  
cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee,  
who wert, and art, and evermore shalt be.
- 3 Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide thee,  
though the sinful human eye thy glory may not see,  
only thou art holy; there is none beside thee,  
perfect in power, in love, and purity.
- 4 Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty!  
All thy works shall praise thy name in earth  
and sky and sea;  
holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty,  
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

*Reginald Heber (1783-1826) (alt.)*

### Today's Psalm: Psalm 8

*Find a Bible and read the above psalm.*

### Prayer of Adoration and Confession

O Living God, Sovereign of the universe, in love you  
have made us, in love you sustain us day by day.

We adore you.

You are the Father who protects us and provides for  
us; the Son, who lived and died and rose again in our  
midst; the Spirit, who moves amongst us with energy,  
like the wind. You are all these, and you are still  
beyond our hope, our dream.

We adore you.

O Living God, as we think of your greatness, we feel  
very small, and weak, and fragile. As we think of your  
loving concern for all people, we want to tell you how  
hard life has been for us. As we think of your  
forgiveness and mercy, we know we have not always  
been as loving as we might be.

But you welcome us and you accept us, with a  
kindness like arms opened wide. Help us to feel the  
warmth of your understanding love, and to know  
ourselves held in your friendship for ever. **Amen.**

*(Michael J. Townsend)*

### Today's readings: 2 Cor 13:11-14 & Matt 28:16-20

*Find a Bible and read the above passages.*

### A time of reflection

May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love  
of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with  
you all. 2 Corinthians 13:14 in the New International  
Version.

These familiar words are the blessing we so often say  
to each other at the end of an act of worship when  
we are together physically. Many of us turn, smile  
and look at each other as we say them together. It is  
a very special moment of connection and blessing  
between each other.

We are missing the familiar ways of fellowship at this  
time. Before and after our services, over coffee, at  
other events throughout the week. This fellowship  
and communion that we share together as individuals  
within our churches is also part of who we are as part  
of the body of Christ. It is good that we are finding  
different ways of being in relationship with each  
other, phoning each other more, using different kinds  
of technology to make those vital connections.

Trinity Sunday is a good time in the church year to  
ponder the importance of God's relationship with  
God's self and our participation in this relationship.

Three persons and yet one. We are so familiar with the words Father, Son and Holy Spirit and of course they are important but all words are inadequate to describe God. It is good to think about other words that can help us glimpse the great I am (Exodus 3:13). Creator, Redeemer and Sustainer are useful verbs to describe what God is doing; The Weaver, the Word and Wisdom are used by Rev. Michaela Youngson, Past President of the Methodist Conference, in her book of the same name exploring worshipping the Triune God. Ponder for a moment 'The Weaver' as a name for God. All words are inadequate to fully describe our God who is continually recreating the world and us in it, who became human, trod a path that we are called to follow and is present empowering and transforming us each day.

Read again the words from 2 Corinthians 13:14 and slowly hold, with love, the faces of the congregation of which you are a part.

*(Caroline Salmon)*

### **Hymn (StF 6): Father, we love you** *Sing/ Read /pray/ the words below*

- 1 Father, we love you,  
we worship and adore you:  
glorify your name  
in all the earth.  
Glorify your name,  
glorify your name,  
glorify your name,  
in all the earth.
- 2 Jesus, we love you,  
we worship and adore you:  
glorify your name  
in all the earth.  
Glorify your name,  
glorify your name,  
glorify your name,  
in all the earth.

- 3 Spirit, we love you,  
we worship and adore you:  
glorify your name  
in all the earth.  
Glorify your name,  
glorify your name,  
glorify your name,  
in all the earth.

*Donna Adkins (b. 1940)*

### **Prayers of Intercession**

*'God the Father, bless us.'*  
God the Creator, we pray for the world,  
brought to birth by your love;  
where your children  
fight and kill,  
die of hunger and disease,  
oppress and exploit one another.

We especially pray for . . .

God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit:  
**we ask for new life in you.**

*'God the Son, protect us.'*  
God the Saviour, we pray for humankind,  
whose joys and pains you came in love to share,  
and who are still in need  
of repentance and forgiveness,  
of healing and comfort,  
of faith and hope.

We especially pray for . . .

God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit:  
**we ask for new life in you.**

*'God the Spirit, guide us.'*  
God among us, we pray for the church,  
which you created, sustained and filled with love,  
asking that you will give us  
vision and courage,  
unity with one another,  
the strength to serve you in the world.

We especially pray for . . .

God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit:  
**we ask for new life in you.**

*'God the Father, bless us, God the Son, protect us,  
God the Spirit, guide us, now and evermore.'* **Amen.**

*(Christine Odell)*

### **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**

May the God who guides our journey  
The Christ who bears the suffering of the world  
The Spirit who empowers us with the gifts of life,  
Fill us with courage, wisdom and joy. **Amen.**

*(Jan Berry)*



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