

Sunday 7th March 2021

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.

Our prayers are with you all,

Isle of Man Methodist Staff Team

Opening Prayer

Breakthrough Prayer

God of love, God for all, your purposes are more beautiful than we can possibly imagine. Fill us with your Holy Spirit. Help us to let go of all that holds us back. Open our lives and our churches to new seasons of humility and faith, of change and growth.

Shake us up with the Good News of Jesus and show us the way. Amen.

- Hymn: Holy, Holy, Holy
- 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!
- 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.

 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) Reproduced from Singing the Faith, number 11

Prayer

We are here, O God, because we need you.

We need your strength, we need your love, we need your forgiveness.

Help us to surrender ourselves to you so completely that our hearts can understand what you want to tell us.

Speak to us about the things we need to do for you and your kingdom, about all the people we should be loving and helping, about the joy that we will feel when we are living in the center of your will.

Let the power of your presence cleanse us and then use us.

Make us real disciples of Jesus, who are willing to defy a cross for the sake of the people we need to serve, and who will experience his resurrection after the darkness.

We ask this in his name and for his sake. Amen.

Responsive Prayer for the Third Sunday in Lent (*alt.*) in *God's People at Prayer: A Year of Prayers and Reponses for Worship* by John Killinger (Abingdon Press, 2006), p.24

The Lord's Prayer

Today's Readings:

Genesis 20.1-17 John 2.13-22

A time of reflection

Crimes of (not) passion

Hymn: The Church's one foundation

The Church's one foundation

 is Jesus Christ her Lord;
 she is his new creation
 by water and the word;
 from heaven he came and sought her
 to be his holy bride;
 with his own blood he bought her,
 and for her life he died.

- 2 Called out from every nation, yet one through all the earth, her charter of salvation one Lord, one faith, one birth; one holy name she blesses, and shares one holy food, as to one hope she presses with every grace endued.
- In toil and tribulation, and tumult of her war, she waits the consummation of peace for evermore; till with the vision glorious her longing eyes are blest, at last the Church victorious shall be the Church at rest.
- 4 Yet she on earth has union with God the Three in One, and mystic, sweet communion with those whose rest is won.
 O happy ones and holy!
 Lord, give us grace that we, with them, the meek and lowly, in heaven your face shall see.

Samuel John Stone (1832-1900) Reproduced from Singing the Faith, number 690

Blessing

Praise the Lord! Praise God in his sanctuary; praise him in his mighty firmament. Praise him for his mighty deeds; praise him according to his surpassing greatness!

Praise him with trumpet sound; praise him with lute and harp! Praise him with tambourine and dance; praise him with strings and pipe! Praise him with clanging cymbals; praise him with loud clashing cymbals! Let everything that breathes praise the Lord! Praise the Lord! Amen.

Psalm 150 (NRSV)

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