



Sunday 10th September 2021
Gaining Wisdom!

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.

Call to Worship (Psalm 90:12-17)

*Teach us to number our days aright,
 that we may gain a heart of wisdom.
 Relent, O Lord! How long will it be?
 Have compassion on your servants.*

Satisfy us in the morning with your unfailing love, that we may sing for joy and be glad all our days. Make us glad for as many days as you have afflicted us, for as many years as we have seen trouble. May your deeds be shown to your servants, your splendour to their children. May the favour of the Lord our God rest upon us; establish the work of our hands for us – yes, establish the work of our hands.

Taken from the New International Version

Come as you are – be still and worship our wonderful Lord – who provides us with all we need.

Let us pray

Loving Lord,
 All I have is yours. May I never hold on to your gifts so tightly that they begin to hold on to me.
 May my hands be open, both to receive your blessings, and to let them go; both to carry your gifts and pass them on.
 Teach me to see this temporary world for what it is – grass that withers, flowers that fall – and may I see instead your eternal kingdom and my treasure in heaven.
 Through Christ our Lord

Amen

Prayer words taken from www.reflectionary.com

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 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 (StF 415) – The Church of Christ in Every Age

The Church of Christ, in every age beset by change but Spirit-led, must claim and test its heritage and keep on rising from the dead.

Across the world, across the street, the victims of injustice cry for shelter and bread to eat, and never live until they die.

Then let the servant Church arise, a caring Church that longs to be a partner in Christ's sacrifice, and clothed in Christ's humanity.

For he alone, whose blood was shed, can cure the fever in our blood, and teach us how to share our bread and feed the starving multitude.

We have no mission but to serve in full obedience to our Lord: to care for all, without reserve, and spread his liberating Word.

Fred Pratt Green (1903 – 2000)
 Reproduced from Singing the Faith, no. 415.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Written by David Clowes – 500 prayers for all occasions

Father, we thank you for those who have given everything for the sake of their faith in Christ; for those whose words and deeds have given hope to others; for those whose whole life has been lived in the assurance of

your promise of eternal life; for those whose eyes have not been transfixed by the things of earth and the empty promises of instant pleasures for the moment; for those who have called us to seek your kingdom; and for those whose prayers and example have given us encouragement, hope and faith.

May our lives be so filled with joy and thankfulness by the power of the Holy Spirit that we may be a source of hope for others.

In Jesus' name. Amen.

Readings: Mark 10:17-31 & Amos 5:6-7, 10-15

Reflection – Gaining Wisdom!

Prayers of Intercession and Lord's Prayer

Prayer words taken/adapted from www.freedfromfreedfor.org

Almighty God, keep the church from seeking after wealth and power; grant us leaders who will keep your Word always in front of our eyes.

Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Bless the land and water of this island; and keep us hopeful as we head into the dark nights of winter.

Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Establish your justice in our systems of governance; guide the hearts and minds of

those with wealth that they might use it for the benefit of their neighbour.

Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Pour out your love on all those who feel distant from you; surround them with loving support and care.

Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Grant healing to all who are suffering from ill health

In these moments of silence think about those known to you who need God's healing touch.

Be at work through doctors, nurses, health care assistants, GPs and dentists to bring comfort to all who need it.

Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Gather us along with all the saints who have gone before; give us a foretaste of your kingdom of life and community; that we may walk in obedience and righteousness, rejoicing in you with an upright heart.
Amen.

Hymn (StF 287) – When I survey the wondrous cross.

When I survey the wondrous cross,
on which the Prince of Glory died,
my richest gain I count but loss,
and pour contempt on all my pride.

Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast
save in the death of Christ my God;
all vain things that charm me most,
I sacrifice them to his blood.

See from his head, his hands, his feet,
sorrow and love flow mingled down;
did e'er such love and sorrow meet,
or thorns compose so rich a crown?

His dying crimson, like a robe,
spreads o'er his body on the tree;
then am I dead to all the globe,
and all the globe is dead to me.

Were the whole realm of nature mine,
that were an offering far too small;
love so amazing, so divine,
demands my soul, my life, my all.

Isaac Watts (1674-1748)

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**And now may the blessing of God
Father, Son and Holy Spirit
Rest and abide with us all,
now and forever. Amen.**

