

Mickleover and Dean Street Methodist Churches Service Sheet

Sunday 16th May 2021

Worship in Mickleover MC is at 10am and on Zoom, with preacher Richard Horth
Worship in Dean St MC is at 10.30am, with preacher Janet Patmore

Trinity Sunday

All hymns are from Singing the Faith

Hymn 55 Immortal, invisible, God only wise

Prayer

Father, you bind us with the chords of love, one with another and all with you. We marvel at the world which you have made - full of wonders and opportunities. Yet we rejoice even more that you hold each of us in the palm of your hand. Your love is limitless expressed in the giving to us your son, our saviour Jesus and at Pentecost we celebrate your eternal presence with us in the Holy Spirit.

Forgive us for the way we treat your world, for failing to love our neighbours and friends with the love which Jesus showed us, for not welcoming strangers from other communities, for closing our eyes to the needs of others. Forgive us for not allowing the Holy Spirit to speak through our lives.

Help us not to hold grudges and to be gracious to those who have harmed us and loving to those who hate us. Help us to strive for the best and to see the best in others. May the Holy Spirit fill our lives with the love of Jesus.

During this service, help us to open our hearts and minds to your truth and presence.

Amen

The Lord's Prayer

Hymn 3 Eternal God, your love's tremendous glory

Readings Isaiah 6:1-8
John 3 :1-17

Reflection

Isaiah shares with us his vision of God in his power and majesty on the throne. Anyone who catches such a glimpse would be awestruck and then quite naturally feel very insecure and inadequate. He cries out in anguish 'Woe to me!' I am ruined! For I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips, and my eyes have seen the King, the LORD Almighty.'

Amazingly from the throne in response to this repentance is cleansing and forgiveness. We learn that God is mighty but also compassionate. He then goes further and invites us to work with him to accomplish his work. Although this was Isaiah's response, there are many who do not react in this way. The love of God, which surprises us in Isaiah's vision, is only a beginning. God sends his only son so that all may see and know of his great love for us.

He promised that his love and presence would be with us for all time and the giving of his Holy Spirit at Pentecost fulfils that promise.

Through him we discover a new way of living.

'The Spirit himself testifies with our spirit that we are God's children. Now if we are children, then we are heirs – heirs of God and co-heirs with Christ, if indeed we share in his sufferings in order that we may also share in his glory.'(Romans 8:17 NIVUK)

We celebrate on Trinity Sunday God's expression of divine love from God the Father, Jesus his son our saviour and the Holy Spirit living within us.
'Amazing love, how can it be ?'

Amen

Hymn 4 Father in heaven

Prayers of Intercession

Father, we pray for the world, brought to birth by your love.

We remember those places where people suffer through fighting, hunger and disease.

We particularly think of Palestine, Israel and India and pray for healing and tolerance there. Where there is despair may there come hope. Where there is hate and suspicion let there be love and understanding.

We pray for your church. Give us vision, courage and strength to serve you in the world led and empowered by your Spirit.

We pray for this church, it's minister and leaders and all who belong to it. Help us to serve you in this community. We think of those who cannot be in church today and ask that they may feel joined in fellowship with us all through your Holy Spirit.

We remember all those suffering pain both physical and mental. May we all share in one another's burdens and find hope and comfort in our community centred on your love.

We ask this prayer together with the unspoken prayers of all our hearts in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord,

Amen

Hymn 506 My heart is full of Christ and longs

The grace

God the Father, bless us, God the Son, protect us, God the Spirit, guide us, now and evermore

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