

PASSION SUNDAY SERVICE ORDER: 29/3/20

Call to Worship: 2 Corinthians 5: 15

Hymn: 334 STF/ 231 HAP Praise to the Holiest in the height

Prayers

Lord's Prayer

Psalm 130: STF 832/ HAP 881

Hymn: 277 STF/ 173 HAP My Song is love unknown

Bible Reading: 1 Corinthians 1: 18-25

Bible Reading: John 12: 20-32

Hymn: 493 STF/ 470 HAP Come, Lord, to our souls come down

Sermon

Silence

Hymn: 287 STF/ 180 HAP When I survey the Wondrous Cross

Prayers of Thanksgiving

Prayers of Intercession

Hymn: 276 STF/ 170 HAP Lift high the cross

Blessing

STF: 'Singing the Faith' HAP: 'Hymns and Psalms'

IF YOU HAVEN'T GOT A HYMN BOOK – LET US KNOW AND WE SHALL SEE WHAT WE CAN DO.

For the Worship at home sheet from the Methodist Church see

<https://www.methodist.org.uk/our-faith/worship/singing-the-faith-plus/seasons-and-themes/worship-during-the-coronavirus-pandemic/>

Prayers of Adoration

God our Father, we worship and adore you;
You are all majesty and all might, unimaginably great,
Alone in power and strength.

You have fought against evil and crushed it;
Yet you have also redeemed us in love and in pity,
And cared for us all the days of our life.

Above all, you have sent your Son Jesus Christ
For the salvation of all people;
All earthly powers and authorities were overcome by him;
He triumphed over them in his glorious majesty.
Through him let us put off our corruption and wickedness;
Let us rise with him to new life,
Through faith in your power and glory,
To whom be praise for ever and ever. **Amen**

PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

God our Father, we confess before you and our own ingratitude and wickedness.
When we should have been thankful, we have forgotten you;
When we should have worked for you, we have given our energies to our own concerns.
We have neglected our duty as children of God:
We have been lukewarm in our worship,
Fainthearted in our prayers,
And lazy in the study of your word.
Help us, Lord, to change our sinful natures
And be born again to a new life of service and dedication to you.
May we be rooted in Christ, built up in him,
And established through him in the faith;
Through him who took our sins and nailed them to his Cross-
Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.

THANKSGIVING AND DEDICATION

Almighty God, we give thanks for all your blessings, and especially at this time for the life on earth of your Son Jesus Christ, who refused to avoid his destiny but chose to endure the Cross, and to glorify his Father in heaven. We give thanks for the truth of the great paradox that those who love their life shall lose it, but whoever loses their lives for Christ's sake shall find it. Take us to be your servants Lord, and help us to know this truth in our lives. May we follow the example of him who was lifted up on the Cross, who was raised from the dead, and who is exalted to your hand in glory. Make us steadfast in your service, Lord, and may our own lives be an example to others of your love for everyone.
We ask it through him who set his face towards Calvary – Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

SOME BRIEF THOUGHTS

I tell you the truth, unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains only a seed. But if it dies it produces many seeds (John 12:24)

No cross – no resurrection. No death – no life. No cross – no crown.

1. The cross breaks down barrier
2. The Cross is Divine victory
3. So, let us hold on to the Cross
In days of crisis, in good days, in times of joy and of sorrow

A great Methodist hymn: 4 questions and a statement.

And Can it be that I should gain
An Interest in the Saviour's blood?
Died he for me who caused his pain?
For me, who him to death pursued?
Amazing Love! How can it be
That thou, my God, should die for me?