

**Parishes of Stainton with Hemlington,
Hilton and Brookfield
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Welcome

“We may not all be gathered in the same building, but at this time, when we need each other so much, we are invited to worship together, from where we are, knowing that God can hear us all and can blend even distant voices into one song of worship.”

COLLECT

Most merciful God, who by the death and resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ delivered and saved the world: grant that by faith in him who suffered on the cross we may triumph in the power of his victory; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen

The book of the prophet Jeremiah.
ch31.31–34

The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt – a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the LORD. But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the LORD: I will put my law within them, and I will write it

on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, ‘Know the LORD,’ for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the LORD; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

Psalm 51.1–12

A clean heart create in me, O God.

1 Have mercy on me, O God,
according to your loving-kindness;
in your great compassion blot out my
offences.
2 Wash me through and through from
my wickedness and cleanse me from
my sin.
3 For I know my transgressions,
and my sin is ever before me.
4 Against you only have I sinned
and done what is evil in your sight.
5 And so you are justified when you
speak and upright in your judgement.
6 Indeed, I have been wicked from my
birth, a sinner from my mother’s
womb.
7 For behold, you look for truth deep
within me, and will make me
understand wisdom secretly.
8 Purge me from my sin and I shall be
pure; wash me and I shall be clean
indeed.
9 Make me hear of joy and gladness,
that the body you have broken may
rejoice.

10 Hide your face from my sins and
blot out all my iniquities.

11 Create in me a clean heart, O God,
and renew a right spirit within me.

12 Cast me not away from your
presence and take not your holy Spirit
from me.

The letter to the Hebrews. ch5.5–10

Christ did not glorify himself in becoming a high priest, but was appointed by the one who said to him, ‘You are my Son, today I have begotten you’; as he says also in another place, ‘You are a priest for ever, according to the order of Melchizedek.’ In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to the one who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission.

Although he was a Son, he learned obedience through what he suffered; and having been made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him, having been designated by God a high priest according to the order of Melchizedek.

Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John. ch12.20–33

Among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks.

They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and said to him, 'Sir, we wish to see Jesus.' Philip went and told Andrew; then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. Jesus answered them, 'The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. Those who love their life lose it, and those who hate their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also. Whoever serves me, the Father will honour. 'Now my soul is troubled. And what should I say – "Father, save me from this hour"? No, it is for this reason that I have come to this hour. Father, glorify your name.' Then a voice came from heaven, 'I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again.' The crowd standing there heard it and said that it was thunder. Others said, 'An angel has spoken to him.' Jesus answered, 'This voice has come for your sake, not for mine. Now is the judgement of this world; now the ruler of this world will be driven out. And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself.' He said this to indicate the kind of death he was to die.

This is the Gospel of the Lord

PRAYERS

Incarnate God, In our times of fear and uncertainty, remind us that before rising in triumph from death, you passed through desolation and darkness. As the days lighten, assure us of the hope you bring us; so that our trust and confidence in you may not waiver, but sustain us through whatever difficulties we face. Amen.

Canon Carol Wardman

Let us pray for our Church and for all who lead her. For Archbishop Stephen, Bishop Paul and Archdeacon Amanda we ask that feeling the promptings of the Holy Spirit their decisions may be made based on knowledge and compassion. *Lord, hear us.*

We pray for those who suffer discrimination, whether because of race, colour or creed, remembering that our Lord too suffered pain and death because of fear and pride. May He help those who are blinded by prejudice to recognise the humanity we all share, and the equal love God has for all mankind. *Lord, hear us.*

For all whose lives are spoiled by illness, fear, deprivation, poverty, famine, homelessness, and the tragedy of war. We remember the lives lost or damaged because of the pandemic. We pray for residents of Syria, Yemen, and parts of Ethiopia whose lives are made unbearable by continuing warfare. *Lord, hear us.*

As the trees start to burst into leaf, make us more aware of the beauty of your creation which is constantly renewing itself. May we act as worthy stewards of our world, treading lightly, reverently and considerately as we go about our daily tasks. *Lord, hear us.*

Let us pray for ourselves. May all the defeats and setbacks of our daily lives, small and large, be turned into sources of life learning and wisdom.

Lord, hear us.

Let us pray for all those who have died. As they lived in the hope of Christ may they now find forgiveness and eternal rest, face to face with Christ our Saviour. *Lord, hear us.*

*Faith means believing what is incredible or it is no faith at all,
Hope means hoping when things are hopeless or it is no virtue at all.
And charity means pardoning what is unpardonable or it is no virtue at all* G K Chesterton

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