

**Stainton with Hemlington, Hilton, and
Brookfield**
6th June 2021 1st Sunday after Trinity
Welcome to worship at home-

Thought for the day

Anyone who does God's will is
considered a close family member of
Jesus *Susan Sayer*

Collect

O God, the strength of all those who put
their trust in you, mercifully accept our
prayers and, because through the
weakness of our mortal nature
we can do no good thing without you,
grant us the help of your grace,
that in the keeping of your
commandments we may please you both
in will and deed;
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.

The book of Genesis ch 3.8–15.

The man and the woman heard the sound
of the LORD God walking in the garden at
the time of the evening breeze, and the
man and his wife hid themselves from the
presence of the LORD God among the
trees of the garden.

But the LORD God called to the man, and
said to him, 'Where are you?'

He said, 'I heard the sound of you in the
garden, and I was afraid, because I was
naked; and I hid myself.'

He said, 'Who told you that you were
naked? Have you eaten from the tree of
which I commanded you not to eat?'

The man said, 'The woman whom you
gave to be with me, she gave me fruit
from the tree, and I ate.'

Then the LORD God said to the woman,
'What is this that you have done?'

The woman said, 'The serpent tricked me,
and I ate.'

The LORD God said to the serpent,
'Because you have done this, cursed are
you among all animals and among all wild
creatures; upon your belly you shall go,
and dust you shall eat all the days of your
life. I will put enmity between you and the
woman, and between your offspring and
hers; he will strike your head, and you will
strike his heel.'

Psalms 130

**With the Lord there is mercy
and plenteous redemption.**

1 Out of the depths have I called to you, O
Lord;

Lord, hear my voice; let your ears consider
well the voice of my supplication.

2 If you, Lord, were to note what is done
amiss, O Lord, who could stand?

3 For there is forgiveness with you;
therefore you shall be feared.

4 I wait for the Lord; my soul waits for him; in
his word is my hope.

5 My soul waits for the Lord,
more than the night-watch for the morning,
more than the night-watch for the morning.

6 O Israel, wait for the Lord, for with the Lord
there is mercy;

7 With him there is plenteous redemption,
and he shall redeem Israel from all their sins.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to
the Holy Ghost. As it was in the beginning is
now and ever shall be, world without end
Amen

**A reading from the second letter of
Paul to the Corinthians. Ch 4.13 – 5.1**

Just as we have the same spirit of faith
that is in accordance with scripture –

'I believed, and so I spoke' –

we also believe, and so we speak,
because we know that the one who raised
the Lord Jesus will raise us also with
Jesus, and will bring us with you into his
presence. Yes, everything is for your
sake, so that grace, as it extends to more
and more people, may increase
thanksgiving, to the glory of God.

So we do not lose heart.

Even though our outer nature is wasting
away, our inner nature is being renewed
day by day. For this slight momentary
affliction is preparing us for an eternal
weight of glory beyond all measure,
because we look not at what can be seen
but at what cannot be seen;
for what can be seen is temporary,
but what cannot be seen is eternal.
For we know that if the earthly tent we
live in is destroyed, we have a building
from God, a house not made with hands,
eternal in the heavens.

**The gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
according to Mark. ch 3.20–35**

The crowd came together again,
so that Jesus and his companions could
not even eat. When his family heard it,
they went out to restrain him, for people
were saying, 'He has gone out of his
mind.' And the scribes who came down
from Jerusalem said, 'He has Beelzebul,
and by the ruler of the demons he casts
out demons. And he called them to him,
and spoke to them in parables,

'How can Satan cast out Satan?
 If a kingdom is divided against itself, that kingdom cannot stand.
 And if a house is divided against itself, that house will not be able to stand.
 And if Satan has risen up against himself and is divided, he cannot stand, but his end has come.
 But no one can enter a strong man's house and plunder his property without first tying up the strong man; then indeed the house can be plundered.
 Truly I tell you, people will be forgiven for their sins and whatever blasphemies they utter; but whoever blasphemes against the Holy Spirit can never have forgiveness, but is guilty of an eternal sin' for they had said, 'He has an unclean spirit.'
 Then his mother and his brothers came; and standing outside, they sent to him and called him. A crowd was sitting around him; and they said to him, 'Your mother and your brothers and sisters are outside, asking for you.'
 And he replied, 'Who are my mother and my brothers?' And looking at those who sat around him, he said, 'Here are my mother and my brothers! Whoever does the will of God is my brother and sister and mother.'

Prayers of Intercession

Almighty God we ask you to guide us and to inspire us with the desire to put aside our differences as we seek to serve you. Help us to reach out as the Body of Christ to all who remain outside, especially those who feel unworthy or too sinful. Give us

through your grace opportunities to invite them into our fellowship so that they may taste and see that the Lord is good.
 Lord in your Mercy: **Hear our prayer**

Creator God, We pray that those who lead our country and the other nations of the world will always try to solve issues in a just and caring way, and deal with the world's problems with forethought and common-sense.

Lord in your Mercy: **Hear our prayer**

Father God in today's Gospel your son Jesus gives us a hard teaching regarding families and so we ask you to help us to be gentle, with our families and friends who are not also part of our Christian family. Give us, we pray, the calm that makes for consideration and the respect for others that makes us courteous. Take from us hard words and the cynical look. Let us be to others as we would wish them to be to us.

Lord in your Mercy: **Hear our prayer**

Gracious God, we pray for all those who are afflicted by physical, emotional or mental illness. Comfort all who care for the mentally ill. Be with them, we pray, through the lonely watches of the night and the narrow tunnel of their pain and grief. Help them to keep their eyes fixed on you, and give them the courage to face the trials and temptations that may come.

Lord in your Mercy: **Hear our prayer**

Merciful God, your love reaches beyond the grave and so we bring before you those whose earthly life is now at an end. Receive their souls into your kingdom, we

pray, that redeemed by grace they may be forgiven for their sins, rest in peace and rise in glory.

Lord in your Mercy: **Hear our prayer**

And so Heavenly Father wherever nature's beauty or the daily miracles around help us to see your hand at work we thank you for the grace to live and enjoy it to the full.

Merciful Father: **Accept these prayers for the sake of your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen**

Adam blamed Eve, Eve blamed the serpent and the serpent didn't have a leg to stand on .

Adam was but human--this explains it all. He did not want the apple for the apple's sake, he wanted it only because it was forbidden. Mark Twain

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