



**Parishes of Stainton  
with Hemlington, Hilton  
and Brookfield  
20th June,  
3rd Sunday after  
Trinity**

**Welcome to worship at home**

**Thought for the day**

What kind of a person is this?  
Even the wind and waves obey him.  
He stilled the storm to a whisper.  
The waves of the sea were hushed

**COLLECT**

Almighty God,  
you have broken the tyranny of sin  
and have sent the Spirit of your Son into our  
hearts whereby we call you Father:  
give us grace to dedicate our freedom to your  
service, that we and all creation may be brought  
to the glorious liberty of the children of God;  
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 Job is the oldest book in the Bible. It appears that the book was written after the Tower of Babel but before Abraham was born. It deals with the question we still ask 'why do good people suffer'*

**A reading from the book of Job.**

1 The LORD answered Job out of the whirlwind:  
2 'Who is this that darkens counsel by words  
without knowledge?  
3 Gird up your loins like a man,  
I will question you, and you shall declare to me.  
4 Where were you when I laid the foundation of  
the earth? Tell me, if you have understanding.  
5 Who determined its measurements – surely you  
know! Or who stretched the line upon it?

6 On what were its bases sunk, or who laid its  
cornerstone  
7 when the morning stars sang together and all  
the heavenly beings shouted for joy?  
8 Or who shut in the sea with doors when it burst  
out from the womb? –  
9 when I made the clouds its garment, and thick  
darkness its swaddling band,  
10 and prescribed bounds for it, and set bars and  
doors,  
11 and said, "Thus far shall you come, and no  
farther, and here shall your proud waves be  
stopped"?"

**Psalm 107.1–3, 23–32**

1 Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good, and his  
mercy endures for ever.  
2 Let all those whom the Lord has redeemed  
proclaim that he redeemed them from the hand of  
the foe.  
3 He gathered them out of the lands;  
from the east and from the west,  
from the north and from the south.  
23 Some went down to the sea in ships and plied  
their trade in deep waters;  
24 They beheld the works of the Lord  
and his wonders in the deep.  
25 Then he spoke and a stormy wind arose,  
which tossed high the waves of the sea.  
26 They mounted up to the heavens  
and fell back to the depths; their hearts melted  
because of their peril.  
27 They reeled and staggered like drunkards and  
were at their wits' end.  
28 Then they cried to the Lord in their trouble,  
and he delivered them from their distress.  
29 He stilled the storm to a whisper  
and quieted the waves of the sea.

30 Then were they glad because of the calm, and  
he brought them to the harbour they were bound  
for.  
31 Let them give thanks to the Lord for his  
mercy and the wonders he does for his children.  
32 Let them exalt him in the congregation of the  
people and praise him in the council of the  
elders.  
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**A reading from the second letter of Paul to the  
Corinthians.**

1 As we work together with Christ, we urge you  
also not to accept the grace of God in vain.  
2 For he says,  
'At an acceptable time I have listened to you,  
and on a day of salvation I have helped you.'  
See, now is the acceptable time;  
see, now is the day of salvation!  
3 We are putting no obstacle in anyone's way,  
so that no fault may be found with our ministry,  
4 but as servants of God we have commended  
ourselves in every way: through great endurance,  
in afflictions, hardships, calamities,  
5 beatings, imprisonments, riots, labours,  
sleepless nights, hunger;  
6 by purity, knowledge, patience, kindness,  
holiness of spirit, genuine love,  
7 truthful speech, and the power of God;  
with the weapons of righteousness for the right  
hand and for the left;  
8 in honour and dishonour,  
in ill repute and good repute.  
We are treated as impostors, and yet are true;  
9 as unknown, and yet are well known;  
as dying, and see – we are alive;  
as punished, and yet not killed;  
10 as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing;

as poor, yet making many rich;  
as having nothing, and yet possessing everything.  
11 We have spoken frankly to you Corinthians;  
our heart is wide open to you.  
12 There is no restriction in our affections,  
but only in yours.  
13 In return – I speak as to children – open wide  
your hearts also.

**A reading from the gospel of our Lord Jesus  
Christ according to Mark.**

35 When evening had come, Jesus said to his  
disciples, ‘Let us go across to the other side.’  
36 And leaving the crowd behind, they took him  
with them in the boat, just as he was. Other boats  
were with him.  
37 A great gale arose, and the waves beat into  
the boat, so that the boat was already being  
swamped.  
38 But he was in the stern, asleep on the cushion;  
and they woke him up and said to him, ‘Teacher,  
do you not care that we are perishing?’  
39 He woke up and rebuked the wind, and said to  
the sea, ‘Peace! Be still!’ Then the wind ceased,  
and there was a dead calm.  
40 He said to them, ‘Why are you afraid? Have  
you still no faith?’  
41 And they were filled with great awe and said  
to one another, ‘Who then is this, that even the  
wind and the sea obey him?’

**Prayers**

Mighty God, when the waves of life  
threaten to overwhelm us forgive us if we  
blame you or others for our troubles.  
Teach us to find you in the storms of life  
and give us the faith those early disciples  
lacked to always believe that you will  
bring calm and peace.

Everlasting God we pray for your church.  
Let us provide a place of peace, comfort,  
friendship and support for one another  
and for those who feel threatened or  
alone, a place of welcome and acceptance  
a refuge from life’s troubled waters.

**Lord, in your Mercy: Hear our Prayer**  
Loving God, as we see the brokenness of  
our world we pray for healing among the  
nations; for food where there is hunger;  
for a fairer share in the worlds goods for  
those who have little; for freedom where  
there is oppression; for joy where there is  
pain; that your love may bring justice to  
all your children.

**Lord, in your Mercy: Hear our Prayer**  
Holy God, we thank you for the joy of  
human love, we ask your blessings for all  
those among whom we live and work. We  
especially pray for those of our friends and  
families who do not know you, or whose  
faith has been shaken. Help them to see  
that “We have an Anchor that keeps the  
soul, steadfast and sure while the billows  
roll, fastened to the Rock which cannot  
move, grounded firm and deep in the  
Saviour’s love!”

**Lord, in your Mercy: Hear our Prayer**  
Merciful God when our lives feel chaotic  
and desolate because of illness or sorrow,  
help us to hear your holy word for by that  
word Jesus calmed the storm and by it he  
healed and made people whole. We pray  
for those who have requested our prayers;  
and for those we know who need the  
power of prayer at this time.

**Lord, in your Mercy: Hear our Prayer**  
Loving God we pray for those saddened by  
the death of someone close and dear to  
them, for members of our families who

have died and whose anniversary we  
recall. Help us to experience the comfort  
of the Holy Spirit within us, and the  
fellowship of the church family around us  
until we are reunited once more in your  
heavenly kingdom.

**Lord, in your Mercy: Hear our Prayer**  
Gracious God, help us to know that the  
one who calmed the waves on the Sea of  
Galilee is present with us day by day and  
that he cares for us and can calm the  
waves of our lives. Help us to trust more  
fully and more deeply in you in all that we  
are involved with in the days to come.  
Merciful Father: **accept these prayers  
for the sake of your Son, our Saviour,  
Jesus Christ. Amen**

Sometimes God calms the storm.  
Sometimes he lets it rage and calms  
His child.

You will not be the same after the  
storms of life , you will be stronger.

I’d rather go through the storms with  
Jesus than sail through life without  
him

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