

**Parishes of Stainton with Hemlington,
Hilton and Brookfield**
27th June,
4th Sunday after Trinity
Welcome to worship at home

Thought for the day

God's power can reach even into death
and draw life out *Susan Sayer*

COLLECT

O God, the protector of all who trust in
you, without whom nothing is strong,
nothing is holy: increase and multiply
upon us your mercy; that with you as our
ruler and guide we may so pass through
things temporal that we lose not our hold
on things eternal;
grant this, heavenly Father,
for our Lord Jesus Christ's sake,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Lamentations ch3.22-33

**R The Lord is good to those who wait
for him.**

22 The steadfast love of the LORD never
ceases, his mercies never come to an end.
23 They are new every morning;
great is your faithfulness.
24 'The LORD is my portion,' says my
soul, 'therefore I will hope in him.'
25 The LORD is good to those who wait for
him, to the soul that seeks him.
26 It is good that one should wait quietly
for the salvation of the LORD.
27 It is good for one to bear the yoke in
youth,

28 to sit alone in silence when the Lord
has imposed it,
29 to put one's mouth to the dust (there
may yet be hope),
30 to give one's cheek to the smiter,
and be filled with insults.
31 For the Lord will not reject for ever.
32 Although he causes grief,
he will have compassion according to the
abundance of his steadfast love;
33 for he does not willingly afflict or grieve
anyone.

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for him.**

**A reading from the second letter of
Paul to the Corinthians.ch 8.7-15**

7 You excel in everything –
in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in
utmost eagerness, and in our love for you –
so we want you to excel also in this
generous undertaking.
8 I do not say this as a command,
but I am testing the genuineness of your
love against the earnestness of others.
9 For you know the generous act of our
Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich,
yet for your sakes he became poor,
so that by his poverty you might become
rich.
10 And in this matter I am giving my
advice: it is appropriate for you who
began last year not only to do something
but even to desire to do something –
11 now finish doing it, so that your
eagerness may be matched by completing
it according to your means.
12 For if the eagerness is there, the gift is
acceptable according to what one has –
not according to what one does not have.

13 I do not mean that there should be
relief for others and pressure on you,
but it is a question of a fair balance
between
14 your present abundance and their
need, so that their abundance may be for
your need, in order that there may be a
fair balance.
15 As it is written, 'The one who had much
did not have too much, and the one who
had little did not have too little.'

**Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus
Christ according to Mark. ch5.21-43**

21 When Jesus had crossed again in the
boat to the other side, a great crowd
gathered around him; and he was by the
lake.
22 Then one of the leaders of the
synagogue named Jairus came
and, when he saw him,
23 fell at his feet and begged him
repeatedly, 'My little daughter is at the
point of death. Come and lay your hands
on her, so that she may be made well,
and live.'
24 So he went with him. And a large
crowd followed him and pressed in on him.
25 Now there was a woman who had been
suffering from haemorrhages for twelve
years.
26 She had endured much under many
physicians, and had spent all that she
had; and she was no better, but rather
grew worse.
27 She had heard about Jesus, and came
up behind him in the crowd and touched
his cloak,
28 for she said, 'If I but touch his clothes,
I will be made well.'

29 Immediately her haemorrhage stopped; and she felt in her body that she was healed of her disease.

30 Immediately aware that power had gone forth from him, Jesus turned about in the crowd and said, 'Who touched my clothes?'

31 And his disciples said to him, 'You see the crowd pressing in on you; how can you say, "Who touched me?"'

32 He looked all around to see who had done it.

33 But the woman, knowing what had happened to her, came in fear and trembling, fell down before him, and told him the whole truth.

34 He said to her, 'Daughter, your faith has made you well; go in peace, and be healed of your disease.'

35 While he was still speaking, some people came from the leader's house to say, 'Your daughter is dead.

Why trouble the teacher any further?'

36 But overhearing what they said, Jesus said to the leader of the synagogue, 'Do not fear, only believe.'

37 He allowed no one to follow him except Peter, James, and John, the brother of James.

38 When they came to the house of the leader of the synagogue, he saw a commotion, people weeping and wailing loudly.

39 When he had entered, he said to them, 'Why do you make a commotion and weep? The child is not dead but sleeping.'

40 And they laughed at him. Then he put them all outside, and took the child's father and mother and those who were

with him, and went in where the child was.

41 He took her by the hand and said to her, 'Talitha cum,' which means, 'Little girl, get up!'

42 And immediately the girl got up and began to walk about (she was twelve years of age). At this they were overcome with amazement.

43 He strictly ordered them that no one should know this, and told them to give her something to eat.

Prayers

God has called us by name into full and abundant life, so let us lay before him our concerns for the church and for the world. And so we pray for Christians everywhere meeting in small house groups, in rural and town churches and in great city cathedrals. Grant that we and all your people may be built up in our faith and show in our lives the love we see in Jesus. We pray for all who minister and preach and who enlarge and enrich our understanding of God and help us to respond to his love.

Holy God, we pray for Christians working in places of power and influence who make decisions which affect the lives of so many people. We ask you to bless those who work in politics, in the media, in advertising and in the financial markets. May they all know what to say and how to act for the benefit of all people and at all times to be true and faithful to you.

Father God we pray for those whom we love, family and friends who are the special people in our lives wherever they

may be. We pray for their hopes, their fears, their problems and their needs but most of all we thank you for each one of them and for what they give and mean to us.

Merciful God, today's gospel showed the tremendous faith of a sick woman. Help us to learn from this "that we should always pray and not give up" and that if we "ask it will be given to us." We raise before you now all those who we know who need to touch the hem of Jesus' garments and receive health and healing in their lives

Merciful God, into your caring hands we commit those who have died and we pray for all those who are mourning the loss of a loved one.

Gracious God, we have laid before you our concerns and now we offer you our thanks and praise for all the blessings and gifts you lavish on us. In the weeks ahead help us to keep the faith as deeply and passionately as Jairus and the woman at the lake.

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

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