

**Parishes of Stainton
with Hemlington,
Hilton and Brookfield**
**25th July –
8th Sunday after Trinity**



WELCOME TO WORSHIP AT HOME

Thought for the day

Great evil and great good both begin in small barely noticed incidents whose significance only becomes apparent once the evil or good has snowballed.

COLLECT- *the special prayer for Trinity 8*
Almighty Lord and everlasting God,
we beseech you to direct, sanctify and govern both our hearts and bodies in the ways of your laws and the works of your commandments; that through your most mighty protection, both here and ever, we may be preserved in body and soul; through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

The second book of Kings. Ch 4.42-44

42 A man came bringing food from the first fruits to Elisha, the man of God: twenty loaves of barley and fresh ears of grain in his sack. Elisha said, 'Give it to the people and let them eat.'

43 But his servant said, 'How can I set this before a hundred people?'
So he repeated, 'Give it to the people and let them eat, for thus says the LORD, "They shall eat and have some left."'

44 He set it before them, they ate, and had some left, according to the word of the LORD.

Psalm 145.10-19

R You open wide your hand, O Lord, and satisfy our needs.

10 All your works praise you, O Lord, and your faithful servants bless you.

11 They make known the glory of your kingdom and speak of your power;

12 That the peoples may know of your power and the glorious splendour of your kingdom

13 Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom; your dominion endures throughout all ages.

14 The Lord is faithful in all his words and merciful in all his deeds.

15 The Lord upholds all those who fall; he lifts up those who are bowed down

16 The eyes of all wait upon you, O Lord, and you give them their food in due season.

17 You open wide your hand and satisfy the needs of every living creature.

18 The Lord is righteous in all his ways and loving in all his works.

19 The Lord is near to those who call upon him, to all who call upon him faithfully.

The letter of Paul to the Ephesians. ch3.14-21

14 I bow my knees before the Father,
15 from whom every family in heaven and on earth takes its name.

16 I pray that, according to the riches of his glory, he may grant that you may be strengthened in your inner being with power through his Spirit,

17 and that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith, as you are being rooted and grounded in love.

18 I pray that you may have the power to comprehend, with all the saints, what is the breadth and length and height and depth,

19 and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, so that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.

20 Now to him who by the power at work within us is able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine,

21 to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, for ever and ever. Amen.

The gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John. ch 6.1-21

1 Jesus went to the other side of the Sea of Galilee, also called the Sea of Tiberias.

2 A large crowd kept following him, because they saw the signs that he was doing for the sick.

3 Jesus went up the mountain and sat down there with his disciples.

4 Now the Passover, the festival of the Jews, was near.

5 When he looked up and saw a large crowd coming towards him, Jesus said to Philip, 'Where are we to buy bread for these people to eat?'

6 He said this to test him, for he himself knew what he was going to do.

7 Philip answered him, 'Six months' wages would not buy enough bread for each of them to get a little.'

8 One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, said to Jesus,

9 'There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish. But what are they among so many people?'

10 Jesus said, 'Make the people sit down.' Now there was a great deal of grass in the place; so they sat down, about five thousand in all.

11 Then Jesus took the loaves, and when he had given thanks, he distributed them to those who were seated; so also the fish, as much as they wanted.

12 When they were satisfied, he told his disciples, 'Gather up the fragments left over, so that nothing may be lost.'

13 So they gathered them up, and from the fragments of the five barley loaves, left by those who had eaten, they filled twelve baskets.

14 When the people saw the sign that he had done, they began to say, 'This is indeed the prophet who is to come into the world.'

15 When Jesus realized that they were about to come and take him by force to make him king, he withdrew again to the mountain by himself.

16 When evening came, his disciples went down to the lake,

17 got into a boat, and started across the lake to Capernaum. It was now dark, and Jesus had not yet come to them.

18 The lake became rough because a strong wind was blowing.

19 When they had rowed about three or four miles, they saw Jesus walking on the lake and coming near the boat, and they were terrified.

20 But he said to them, 'It is I; do not be afraid.'

21 Then they wanted to take him into the boat, and immediately the boat reached the land towards which they were going.

INTERCESSIONS

Holy God out of your goodness, a great crowd was fed and satisfied from a small offering of food. In this time of prayer we thank you for supplying our needs and offer you the love of our hearts as we pray for our Church here in this plurality. for those of certain faith and for those who struggle with doubts.

Lord, in your Mercy: Hear our Prayer
Creator God we pray for those throughout the world who go hungry sometimes to the point of starvation. Help us to be diligent in prayer and generous in giving to those agencies which try to alleviate their suffering.

Lord, in your Mercy: Hear our Prayer
Father God, we raise before you our homes and our relationships for you to work in. We thank you for the community of which we are part; for those who share with us in its activities, for all who serve its varied interests. Help us, to make our own contribution to the community and to learn to be good neighbours at all times.

Lord, in your Mercy: Hear our Prayer
Loving God we place in your hands those who are sick. We ask that you ease their pain, and heal the damage they are suffering in body, mind or spirit. Be present with them through the support of friends and in the care of doctors and nurses.

Lord, in your Mercy: Hear our Prayer
Merciful God we offer our thanks for lives well lived but now come to an end. Be

close to those bereaved by their passing and console them with your unfailing love.
Lord, in your Mercy: Hear our Prayer
Faithful God, through these prayers we offer afresh our lives as well as our words; send us out into the world determined that each moment from now on becomes an offering of love for you.

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

Do all the good you can,
By all the means you can,
In all the ways you can,
At all the times you can,
To all the people you can,
As long as ever you can.
John Wesley

"If I cannot do great things, I can do small things in a great way." –

Martin Luther King Jr

"There is no saint without a past, no sinner without a future." – **Augustine of Hippo**

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