

Parishes of Stainton, Hilton and Brookfield
First Sunday after Trinity – 14th June 20

WELCOME –

Thought for the day

We are called simply to love people into God's Kingdom where they can know the joy and hope of being at peace with God.

Susan Sayers

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 Exodus. Ch 19.2–8a

The people of Israel are given hope of becoming the treasured possession of God, of being a holy nation.

The Israelites had journeyed from Rephidim, entered the wilderness of Sinai, and camped in the wilderness; Israel camped there in front of the mountain. Then Moses went up to God; the LORD called to him from the mountain, saying, 'Thus you shall say to the house of Jacob, and tell the Israelites: You have seen what I did to the Egyptians, and how I bore you on eagles' wings and brought you to myself. Now therefore, if you obey my voice and keep my covenant, you shall be my treasured possession out of all the peoples. Indeed, the whole earth is mine, but you shall be for me a

priestly kingdom and a holy nation. These are the words that you shall speak to the Israelites.' So Moses came, summoned the elders of the people, and set before them all these words that the LORD had commanded him. The people all answered as one: 'Everything that the LORD has spoken we will do.'

PSALM 100

We are the people and the sheep of his pasture.

1 Be joyful in the Lord, all you lands; serve the Lord with gladness and come before his presence with a song.

2 Know this: The Lord himself is God; he himself has made us and we are his; we are his people and the sheep of his pasture.

3 Enter his gates with thanksgiving; go into his courts with praise; give thanks to him and call upon his name.

4 For the Lord is good; his mercy is everlasting; and his faithfulness endures from age to age.

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The letter of Paul to the Romans ch 5.1–8.

For Paul, hope isn't wishful thinking, but absolute certainty about the future because it is grounded in God's faithfulness to keep his promises.

Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us. For while we were still weak, at the

right time Christ died for the ungodly. Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person – though perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die. But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us.

The gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.ch 9.35 – 10.23

Then Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom, and curing every disease and every sickness.

When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd.

Then he said to his disciples, 'The harvest is plentiful, but the labourers are few; therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out labourers into his harvest.' Then Jesus summoned his twelve disciples and gave them authority over unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to cure every disease and every sickness.

These are the names of the twelve apostles: first, Simon, also known as Peter, and his brother Andrew; James son of Zebedee, and his brother John; Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas and Matthew the tax-collector; James son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus; Simon the Cananaean, and Judas Iscariot, the one who betrayed him. These twelve Jesus sent out with the following instructions: 'Go nowhere among the Gentiles, and enter no town of the Samaritans, but go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. As you go, proclaim the good news, "The kingdom of heaven has come near." Cure the sick, raise the dead, cleanse the lepers, cast out demons. You received without

payment; give without payment. Take no gold, or silver, or copper in your belts, no bag for your journey, or two tunics, or sandals, or a staff; for labourers deserve their food. Whatever town or village you enter, find out who in it is worthy, and stay there until you leave. As you enter the house, greet it. If the house is worthy, let your peace come upon it; but if it is not worthy, let your peace return to you. If anyone will not welcome you or listen to your words, shake off the dust from your feet as you leave that house or town. Truly I tell you, it will be more tolerable for the land of Sodom and Gomorrah on the day of judgement than for that town. See, I am sending you out like sheep into the midst of wolves; so be wise as serpents and innocent as doves. Beware of them, for they will hand you over to councils and flog you in their synagogues; and you will be dragged before governors and kings because of me, as a testimony to them and the Gentiles. When they hand you over, do not worry about how you are to speak or what you are to say; for what you are to say will be given to you at that time; for it is not you who speak, but the Spirit of your Father speaking through you. Brother will betray brother to death, and a father his child, and children will rise against parents and have them put to death; and you will be hated by all because of my name. But the one who endures to the end will be saved. When they persecute you in one town, flee to the next; for truly I tell you, you will not have gone through all the towns of Israel
This is the Gospel of the Lord. Glory be to you, O Christ.

PRAYERS *please add your own prayers and petitions*

We pray with Christians everywhere Heavenly Father we thank you for the gift of life and hope. Break down any barriers that prevent us from being at peace with you and fill your church with love for those who do not yet know the comfort of your hope and peace

Father at this time in these parishes we ask that a priest may be found to lead your people. We are like a flock without a shepherd. Lord hold us together in bonds of faith and service.

Father we thank you for the richness and diversity of our world. We ask for your help to resolve the protests in our cities. We pray for our police forces that they may respond with equity and justice. Lord each human life is precious in your eyes, help us to value and celebrate the differences between people.

Father we pray for all victims of our world's mistakes, injustices and evils. We pray for those who are hungry today, the homeless, refugees and victims of war and we ask your guidance and courage for our leaders and their advisors.

Father we thank you for the joy of our families and friends. We pray for those we love and worry about and who love and worry about us, commending one another to your loving care.

Father we thank you for the medical research that has brought healing and better quality of life to so many. We pray for all the scientists who are actively engaged in the search for a vaccine against Covid19.

We pray for all who work in our hospitals, clinics and care homes and we give you thanks for their devotion. We pray for the people in their care and for all who are ill at home,

We pray for all who have mental health problems, or who are anxious, worried, or depressed, who long for healing and for the peace of mind that eludes them.

Father we thank you for all who help others to know a right way to live. All who reach out as your hands in today's world.

Receive into the joy of heaven those whose work is done. All who have died in faith, whose strong hope in the living eternal God is now fulfilled.

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

Martin Luther had a friend who was also a monk, who felt as Martin did about the Christian faith. They came to an agreement that Luther would go out to fight the battle for the Reformation of the church in the world; the friend would stay in the Monastery upholding Luther in prayer. Then one night the friend had a dream. He saw a vast field of corn and one solitary man sent out to reap it. Then he caught a glimpse of the reaper's face; it was Martin Luther. The friend saw the truth in a flash " I must leave my prayers and get to work" So he left his pious solitude and went out into the world to labour in the harvest. It is the dream of Christ that everybody should be a Missionary and a Reaper

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