Stainton, Hilton and Brookfield parishes 10th SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY Sunday 16th August 20

Let the peoples praise you, O God, Let all the peoples praise you

WELCOME- The readings and Collect on this sheet will also be used at our service of Holy Communion at 11am.

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

The good news of salvation is not limited to a particular group or nation but is available for the whole world

COLLECT (the special prayer for Trinity 10)
Let your merciful ears, O Lord,
be open to the prayers of your
humble servants; and that they may
obtain their petitions make them to
ask such things as shall please you;
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.

This following reading from Isaiah tells us that there is no such thing as a people living outside the realm of God's love. His kingdom is open to foreigners and outcasts and to all who by their faithfulness and righteous living show their desire to be included among the people of God.

The prophet Isaiah.ch 56.1, 6–8 Thus says the LORD:

Maintain justice, and do what is right, for soon my salvation will come and my deliverance be revealed. And the foreigners who join themselves to the LORD, to minister to him, to love the name of the LORD, and to be his servants, all who keep the Sabbath, and do not profane it, and hold fast my covenant - these I will bring to my holy mountain, and make them joyful in my house of prayer; their burnt-offerings and their sacrifices will be accepted on my altar; for my house shall be called a house of prayer for all peoples. Thus says the Lord GOD, who gathers the outcasts of Israel, I will gather others to them besides those already gathered.

PSALM 67

Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.

- 1 May God be merciful to us and bless us, show us the light of his countenance and come to us.
 2 Let your ways be known upon
- 2 Let your ways be known upon earth, your saving health among all nations.
- 3 Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.
- 4 Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, for you judge the peoples with

equity and guide all the nations upon earth.

5 Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.

6 The earth has brought forth her increase; may God, our own God, give us his blessing.

7 May God give us his blessing, and may all the ends of the earth stand in awe of him.

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

Paul was a Jew with a passion for spreading the good news of Jesus to the Gentiles. But he was equally strong in proclaiming hope for his own people; the people of promise. He could even see how God could bring blessing out of their rejection of Jesus

The letter of Paul to the Romans ch11.1-2a, 29-32.

I ask, then, has God rejected his people? By no means! I myself am an Israelite, a descendant of Abraham, a member of the tribe of Benjamin. God has not rejected his people whom he foreknew. For the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable. Just as you were once disobedient to God but have now received mercy because of their disobedience,

so they have now been disobedient in order that, by the mercy shown to you, they too may now receive mercy. For God has imprisoned all in disobedience so that he may be merciful to all.

In our gospel reading, a gentile woman belonging to a country which was the traditional enemy to God's ways impressed Jesus with her perseverance, trust, hope and faith. So unlike the Pharisees who with all their background of promise are still blinded to the truth

The gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew

ch 15: 21-28

Jesus went away to the district of Tyre and Sidon.

A Canaanite woman from that region came out and started shouting, 'Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David; my daughter is tormented by a demon.' But he did not answer her at all. And his disciples came and urged him, saying, 'Send her away, for she keeps shouting after us.' He answered, 'I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.' But she came and knelt before him, saying, 'Lord, help me.' He answered, 'It is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs.' She said, 'Yes, Lord, yet

even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table.'

Then Jesus answered her, 'Woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish.' And her daughter was healed instantly

This is the Gospel of the Lord; Praise to you O Christ

LET US PRAY

In faith pray to the God who is Lord of all the earth:for the worldwide Church.

For Christians in troubled areas where there is insecurity, confusion bewilderment and fear. Pray especially for Christians in Lebanon and Belarus.

Ask the Lord to bring peace and goodness, righteousness and hope, in our world, in our society and in our homes.

Faithful God whose good news is for all people we thank you for your patience with us and your refusal to give up on us.

Pray for loved ones and friends especially any who need our prayers.

Thank God for the joy of human love.

Pray for people in our community for young people setting out on life's journey.

Pray for all whose backgrounds make belief in a living God laughable or terrifying. Pray for all who suffer mental or emotional anguish or despair. Thank God for all who gave up so much to bring the good news to our country and pray that with us their efforts will not be wasted but may continue to spread.

LET US SAY THE LORD'S PRAYER



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for Individual private prayer each Wednesday 2.30 – 3.30pm

And for SUNDAY SERVICES AT 11.00am

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