Acle and Bure to Yare Benefice

Prayer on a Page + hymn 1st Sunday after Trinity 6th June 2021

¶ Preparation

God of our days and years, we set this time apart for you. Form us in the likeness of Christ so that our lives may glorify you.

Hymn

- 1 Who would true valour see, let him come hither; one here will constant be, come wind, come weather; there's no discouragement shall make him once relent his first avowed intent to be a pilgrim.
- Whoso beset him round with dismal stories, do but themselves confound; his strength the more is, No lion can him fright; he'll with a giant fight, but he will have the right to be a pilgrim.
- 3 Hobgoblin nor foul fiend can daunt his spirit; he knows he at the end shall life inherit. Then, fancies, fly away; he'll fear not what men say; he'll labour night and day to be a pilgrim.

John Bunyan (1628-1688)

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 our Lord.

¶ Liturgy of the Word

First Reading: 1 Samuel 8.4-11 [12-15] 16-20

Psalm 138

Gospel Reading: Mark 3.20-end

Time for Reflection

Acclamation

Blessed are you, God of Israel, for ever and ever, for yours is the greatness, the power, the glory, the splendour and the majesty.

Everything in heaven and on earth is yours; yours is the kingdom, O Lord, and you are exalted as head over all.

Riches and honour come from you and you rule over all.

In your hand are power and might; yours it is to give power and strength to all.

And now we give you thanks, our God, and praise your glorious name.

For all things come from you, and of your own have we given you.

¶ Prayers

Penitence

God of mercy, we acknowledge that we are all sinners. We turn from the wrong that we have thought and said and done, and are mindful of all that we have failed to do. For the sake of Jesus, who died for us, forgive us for all that is past, and help us to live each day in the light of Christ our Lord.

May the God of love bring us back to himself, forgive us our sins, and assure us of his eternal love in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Intercession

Sovereign Lord,

your Son has revealed you as our heavenly Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named.

Father of all: hear your children's prayer.

You have made your Church a spiritual family, a household of faith.

Through baptism we are reborn as the brothers and sisters of Christ.

Deepen our unity and fellowship in him.

Father of all: hear your children's prayer.

You sent your Son to give his life as a ransom for the whole human family. Give justice, peace and racial harmony to the world he died to save.

Father of all: hear your children's prayer.

You gave your Son a share in the life of a family in Nazareth.

Help us to value our families, to be thankful for them, and to live sensitively within them.

Father of all: hear your children's prayer.

Your Son drew around him a company of friends.

Bring love and joy to all who are alone. Help us all to find in the brothers and sisters of Christ a loving family.

Father of all: hear your children's prayer.

You are the God of the dead as well as of the living. In confidence we remember those of the household of faith who have gone before us. Bring us with them to the joy of your home in heaven.

Father of all: hear your children's prayer.

The Lord's Prayer

¶ Conclusion

We are called and loved by God the Father and kept safe by Jesus Christ.

May mercy, peace and love be ours in abundance, from God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit.