



RIPLEY ST THOMAS
CHURCH OF ENGLAND ACADEMY

FOUNDERS' DAY

Wednesday 14th July 2021, 11.30am
Lancaster Priory

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION

Mr Michael Reynolds, School Chaplain

THE GENERAL COLLECT FOR THOSE WHO HAVE LED CHRISTIAN LIVES

Almighty Father,
you have built up your Church
through the love and devotion of your saints:
inspire us to follow the example of Julia and Thomas Ripley,
whom we commemorate today,
that we in our generation may rejoice with them in the vision of your glory;
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

THE FIRST READING: Isaiah 51:1-8

Read by Mrs Jackie Garnett, Chair of Governors

“Listen to me, you who pursue righteousness and who seek the Lord: Look to the rock from which you were cut and to the quarry from which you were hewn; look to Abraham, your father, and to Sarah, who gave you birth. When I called him he was only one man, and I blessed him and made him many. The Lord will surely comfort Zion and will look with compassion on all her ruins; he will make her deserts like Eden, her wastelands like the garden of the Lord. Joy and gladness will be found in her, thanksgiving and the sound of singing. “Listen to me, my people; hear me, my nation: Instruction will go out from me; my justice will become a light to the nations. My righteousness draws near speedily, my salvation is on the way, and my arm will bring justice to the nations. The islands will look to me and wait in hope for my arm. Lift up your eyes to the heavens, look at the earth beneath; the heavens will vanish like smoke, the earth will wear out like a garment and its inhabitants die like flies. But my salvation will last forever, my righteousness will never fail. “Hear me, you who know what is right, you people who have taken my instruction to heart: Do not fear the reproach of mere mortals or be terrified by their insults. For the moth will eat them up like a garment; the worm will devour them like wool. But my righteousness will last forever, my salvation through all generations.”

For the Word of the Lord:

Thanks be to God.

THE SECOND READING: Matthew 18:10-14

Read by Alaina Guthrie (Head Girl) and Kwame Otoo (Head Boy)

“See that you do not despise one of these little ones. For I tell you that their angels in heaven always see the face of my Father in heaven. “What do you think? If a man owns a hundred sheep, and one of them wanders away, will he not leave the ninety-nine on the hills and go to look for the one that wandered off? And if he finds it, truly I tell you, he is happier about that one sheep than about the ninety-nine that did not wander off. In the same way your Father in heaven is not willing that any of these little ones should perish.

For the Word of the Lord:

Thanks be to God.

HOMILY

The Revd Carol Backhouse, Vicar of Christ Church, Lancaster

PRAYERS

Mrs Catherine Walmsley, Principal

Let us pray.

Father God

On this special day, we thank you for the example of our Founders, Thomas and Julia Ripley. We thank you for their generosity and for their legacy of service. We praise you for the heritage into which we have entered and pray that you make us worthy to maintain and strengthen all that is good in our traditions.

Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

And we pray for our school community – for pupils, parents, staff, and governors and for all who have its wellbeing at heart. Give to all who work as part of the Ripley family the true love of knowledge which makes study a discovery and a joy. We pray for your blessing, for your guidance and wisdom for those leaving our school this summer and for those who will join us in September, both pupils and staff, asking that you be with them and be close to them on their journey. May they always know your love and peace in their lives.

Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

As we look to the future, we ask that your wisdom may guide and prosper our work, that we may grow in the love of all that is true and honest and of good report. And

when we go out into the world may we carry with us the ideal and the power of service. We pray that all who teach and all who learn at Ripley, together with all those who support its work and ethos, may always have within them the mind of Christ our Saviour to inspire and to guide from day to day and forever.

In Jesus' name we pray,

Amen.

Let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us:

**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name;
thy kingdom come;
thy will be done;
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation;
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
the power and the glory,
for ever and ever.
Amen.**

THE ANTHEM: *Beati quorum via* (Charles Villiers Stanford)

Sung by members of the Chapel Choir, past and present

*Beati quorum via integra est:
qui ambulant in lege Domini*

Blessed are they whose road is straight,
who walk in the law of the Lord.

Words from Psalm 119 v.1

¶ *During the anthem, the Head Boy and Girl will lay flowers on the grave, on behalf of the school community.*

BLESSING AND DISMISSAL

The Revd Carol Backhouse, Vicar of Christ Church, Lancaster