

**Parishes of Stainton with Hemlington,
Hilton and Brookfield
29th May 2022 --Easter 7
Sunday after Ascension
WELCOME TO WORSHIP AT HOME**

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

At His Ascension our Lord entered Heaven, and He keeps the door open for humanity to enter..

COLLECT

O God the King of glory,
you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ
with great triumph to your kingdom in
heaven: we beseech you, leave us not
comfortless, but send your Holy Spirit to
strengthen us and exalt us to the place
where our Saviour Christ is gone before,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Amen

The Acts of the Apostles.ch 16.16–34

One day, as we were going to the place of
prayer, we met a slave-girl who had a spirit
of divination and brought her owners a
great deal of money by fortune-telling.
While she followed Paul and us, she would
cry out, 'These men are slaves of the Most
High God, who proclaim to you a way of
salvation.' She kept doing this for many
days. But Paul, very much annoyed, turned
and said to the spirit, 'I order you in the
name of Jesus Christ to come out of her.'
And it came out that very hour. But when
her owners saw that their hope of making
money was gone, they seized Paul and Silas
and dragged them into the market-place
before the authorities. When they had
brought them before the magistrates, they
said, 'These men are disturbing our city;
they are Jews and are advocating customs
that are not lawful for us as Romans to
adopt or observe.' The crowd joined in

attacking them, and the magistrates had
them stripped of their clothing and ordered
them to be beaten with rods. After they had
given them a severe flogging, they threw
them into prison and ordered the jailer to
keep them securely. Following these
instructions, he put them in the innermost
cell and fastened their feet in the stocks.
About midnight Paul and Silas were praying
and singing hymns to God, and the
prisoners were listening to them. Suddenly
there was an earthquake, so violent that the
foundations of the prison were shaken; and
immediately all the doors were opened and
everyone's chains were unfastened. When
the jailer woke up and saw the prison doors
wide open, he drew his sword and was
about to kill himself, since he supposed that
the prisoners had escaped. But Paul shouted
in a loud voice, 'Do not harm yourself, for
we are all here. The jailer called for lights,
and rushing in, he fell down trembling
before Paul and Silas. Then he brought them
outside and said, 'Sirs, what must I do to be
saved?' They answered, 'Believe on the Lord
Jesus, and you will be saved, you and your
household.' They spoke the word of the Lord
to him and to all who were in his house.
At the same hour of the night he took them
and washed their wounds; then he and his
entire family were baptized without delay.
He brought them up into the house and set
food before them; and he and his entire
household rejoiced that he had become a
believer in God. *This is the word of the Lord*

**Psalm 97 The Lord is king, most high
over all the earth.**

1 The Lord is king; let the earth rejoice;
let the multitude of the isles be glad.
2 Clouds and darkness are round about him,
righteousness and justice are the
foundations of his throne.
3 A fire goes before him and burns up his

enemies on every side.

4 His lightnings light up the world;
the earth sees it and is afraid.

5 The mountains melt like wax at the
presence of the Lord, at the presence of the
Lord of the whole earth.

6 The heavens declare his righteousness,
and all the peoples see his glory.

7. Confounded be all who worship carved
images and delight in false gods! Bow down
before him, all you gods.

8 Zion hears and is glad and the cities of
Judah rejoice, because of your judgements,
O Lord.

9 For you are the Lord: most high over all
the earth; you are exalted far above all
gods.

10 The Lord loves those who hate evil; he
preserves the lives of his saints and delivers
them from the hand of the wicked.

11 Light has sprung up for the righteous,
and joyful gladness for those who are true-
hearted.

12 Rejoice in the Lord, you righteous,
and give thanks to his holy name.

The book of Revelation. ch 22

I, John, heard a voice saying to me:
'See, I am coming soon; my reward is with
me, to repay according to everyone's work.
I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and
the last, the beginning and the end.'
Blessed are those who wash their robes,
so that they will have the right to the tree of
life and may enter the city by the gates.
'It is I, Jesus, who sent my angel to you
with this testimony for the churches. I am
the root and the descendant of David, the
bright morning star.' The Spirit and the
bride say, 'Come.' And let everyone who
hears say, 'Come.' And let everyone who is
thirsty come. Let anyone who wishes take
the water of life as a gift. The one who
testifies to these things says, 'Surely I am

coming soon.' Amen. Come, Lord Jesus!
The grace of the Lord Jesus be with all the saints. Amen.

The gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John. ch17.20-26

Jesus looked up to heaven and prayed: 'Holy Father, I ask not only on behalf of these, but also on behalf of those who will believe in me through their word, that they may all be one. As you, Father, are in me and I am in you, may they also be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me. The glory that you have given me I have given them, so that they may be one, as we are one, I in them and you in me, that they may become completely one, so that the world may know that you have sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me. Father, I desire that those also, whom you have given me, may be with me where I am, to see my glory, which you have given me because you loved me before the foundation of the world. Righteous Father, the world does not know you, but I know you; and these know that you have sent me. I made your name known to them, and I will make it known, so that the love with which you have loved me may be in them, and I in them.' *This is the Gospel of the Lord*

“Thy Kingdom Come”. The Archbishops of Canterbury and York invited every church in The Church England to join the global wave of prayer calling all Christians to pray between Ascension and Pentecost for more people to come to know the love and peace of Jesus Christ. May 26th – 5th June 2022. “Thy Kingdom Come” is in its sixth year and we pray for every Christian throughout the world to receive new confidence and joy in sharing this life-transforming faith.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Lord, we pray for all people who follow your way in their lives. Let all Christian communities speak your word of truth with confidence so that those who are searching and listening will be able to see and hear your message of love and peace clearly. We pray this week for all who will lead prayer meetings and acts of worship and for all who pray at home, at work or while travelling.

Lord, in your mercy: hear our prayer

Jesus Christ you call everyone to follow you..
We pray for decision-makers and leaders of the Government of this country and abroad, for all who have the power to bring about change. As the war continues in Ukraine we pray for her people and for others in many areas of our world who are denied the good things we take for granted. Bring about your gift of the peace that passes all understanding. We pray for Queen Elizabeth and her family in this time of celebration. We give thanks that in her time we have enjoyed a largely peaceful society..

Lord, in your mercy: hear our prayer

Jesus Christ you call everyone to follow you. So we pray for our family members and friends who are not Christians. Those who feel no need of God in their lives who find no comfort in faith or in prayer. Please work in us so that we can share your love, your life and message with them and reveal your love to them, so that they might know, follow and witness to you.

Lord, in your mercy: hear our prayer

Jesus Christ, you call everyone to follow you. .
We pray for those, who through illness, disability or infirmity are unable to feel the presence, the comfort and support of the Holy Spirit and who find it difficult pray for themselves or for others. Help them to be aware of the faithful prayer and love that surrounds them and those who care for them.

Lord, in your mercy: hear our prayer

Jesus Christ, you call everyone to follow you. Give us ears to hear and minds to understand the good news of eternal life for your followers: that we may look forward with confidence to that time when we will join in the peace of eternity. We especially pray for any we know who have recently died and are on that journey to you.

Lord, in your mercy: hear our prayer

Lord Jesus Christ we offer you thanks and praise for your constant love and kindness and for the promise of Salvation.
Merciful father: **accept these prayers for the sake of your Son, our Saviour, Jesus Christ. Amen**

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