O God the King of glory, you have exalted your only Son Jesus

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.

FIRST READING

The reading from Acts must be used as either the first or second reading.

Either Acts 16:16-34

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

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 baptised 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.

Or Ezekiel 36:24-28

PSALM Psalm 97

R You, Lord, are most high over all the earth.

The Lord is king: let the earth rejoice; let the multitude of the isles be glad. Clouds and darkness are round about him; righteousness and justice are the foundation of his throne. R

Fire goes before him and burns up his enemies on every side. His lightnings lit up the world; the earth saw it and trembled. The mountains melted like wax at the presence of the Lord, at the presence of the Lord of the whole

The heavens declared his righteousness, and all the peoples have seen his glory. Confounded be all who worship carved images and delight in mere idols. Bow down before him, all you gods. Zion heard and was glad, and the daughters of Judah rejoiced, because of your judgements, O Lord. R

For you, Lord, are most high over all the earth;

you are exalted far above all gods. The Lord loves those who hate evil; he preserves the lives of his faithful and delivers them from the hand of the wicked. R

Light has sprung up for the righteous and joy for the true of heart. Rejoice in the Lord, you righteous, and give thanks to his holy name. R

SECOND READING

Revelation 22:12-14. 16-17. 20-end A reading from the book of Revelation.

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.

Or Acts 16:16-34

GOSPEL John 17:20-end

Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

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."

POST COMMUNION

Eternal God, giver of love and power, your Son Jesus Christ has sent us into all the world

to preach the gospel of his kingdom: confirm us in this mission, and help us to live the good news we proclaim;

through Jesus Christ our Lord.





SIGNPOST

the weekly newsletter of St George's, Tuffley with St Margaret's, Whaddon

Sharing God's Love

Welcome to all!

Diary Dates for w/c Sunday 1st June 2025

Sun I st	Easter 7		
	10.30am	St G	Parish Communion
			Welcomer: Margaret
			Crucifer: Roger
			Readers: Lynne & Paul
			Intercessions: Linda M
			Coffee: Joss & Glenice
	1.00pm	MH	Private Let
	5.00pm	St M	Evensong
Mon 2 nd	5.00pm	Zoom	Evening Prayer
Tue 3 rd	9.30am	SH	Coffee Pot
	10.00am	St G	Parish Communion
	1.30pm	MH	Fun & Free
	5.00pm	LC	Evening Prayer
	6.30pm	SH	CiT Extended Leaders
	6.30pm	MH	Cubs & Beavers
	8.00pm	MH	Karate
Wed 4 th	8.15am	Zoom	Morning Prayer
	9.30am	MH	Phonics with Robot Reg
	3.30pm		Slimming World also at
			5.00pm & 6.30pm
	5.00pm	LC	Evening Prayer
Thu 5 th	10.30am	St M	Parish Communion
	10.30am	SH	Thursday Club
	2.00pm	SH	Art Group
	5.00pm	LC	Evening Prayer
	6.30pm	MH	Clubbercise
	7.00pm	St G	Deanery Ascension
			Day Eucharist
	7.30pm	SH	Charter Band
Fri 6 th	7.30pm	SH	Entertainers
Sat 7 th	10.00am	St G	Spring Half Term
			Family Fun
	10.00am	MH	Karate
Sun 8 th			PENTECOST
	9.00pm	St M	Parish Communion
	10.30am	St G	Parish Communion:
			Welcomer: Erna
			Crucifer: Sylvia C
			Readers: Jonathan T &
			Sylvia E
			Intercessions: Gioia
			Coffee: Glenice &
			Hillary

St G = St George's, St M = St Margaret's, MH = Main Hall, SH = Small Hall, SL = Softley Lounge, LC = Lady Chapel.

Thanks very much to everyone who supported our Ascension Day Service and Spring Family Fun!

We pray for:

Peter, George, Terry, Phil. Malcolm, Stella, Hugh, John, Caroline, Tim, and Sarah

Hymns at St George's: -

255 Hail the day that sees him rise

37 Angel voices ever singing

God forgive my sinAlleluia, sing to Jesus

Notices

Holiday Club Full Team Briefing - Tuesday 29th July

From 2.00pm until 4.00pm for essential safeguarding information, to hear the songs and try out the crafts!

Open Garden: Sunday Ist June from 11.00am until 4.00pm

Tuffley Gardens, GL4 0DT are open on as part of the national open gardens scheme where gardens are open for charity. See www.ngs.org.uk for more information.

Foodbank

There is a collection tray at the back of the Church. The Foodbank are in URGENT need of: TINNED RICE PUDDING and SHAMPOO as well as long life fruit juice and milk. Thank you.

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