Sunday 17th August

The Ninth Sunday after Trinity

Come, let us praise the Lord - Hymn 687

**1** Come, let us praise the Lord,

with joy our God proclaim,

his greatness tell abroad and bless his saving name.

Lift high your songs before his throne

to whom alone all praise belongs.

**2** Our God of matchless worth,

our King beyond compare,

the deepest bounds of earth, the hills, are in his care.

He all decrees, who by his hand

prepared the land and formed the seas.

**3** In worship bow the knee, our glorious God confess;

the great creator, he, the Lord our righteousness.

He reigns unseen: his flock he feeds

and gently leads in pastures green.

**4** Come, hear his voice today, receive what love imparts;

his holy will obey and harden not your hearts.

His ways are best; and lead at last,

all troubles past, to perfect rest.

The Greeting - Hello and welcome

O Lord, open our lips

**and our mouth will proclaim your praise.**

Let us worship the Lord.

**All praise to his name.**

Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

Blessed be God for ever.

Penitence - saying sorry

Heavenly Father,

we have sinned against you and against our neighbour

in thought and word and deed,

through negligence, through weakness,

through our own deliberate fault;

by what we have done and

by what we have failed to do.

We are truly sorry and repent of all our sins.

For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ

who died for us,

forgive us all that is past;

and grant that we may serve you in newness of life

to the glory of your name. Amen.

Forgiveness - a reminder of God's gift

Preparing to hear God's word

Let us hear the word of the Lord.

So may the light of your presence shine into our hearts.

First Reading - please be seated

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God

Our God is a great big God - T & P 117

Our God is a great big God, our God is a great big God,

our God is a great big God and he holds us in his hands.

Our God is a great big God, our God is a great big God,

our God is a great big God and he holds us in his hands.

He's higher than a skyscraper

and he's deeper than a submarine.

He's wider than the universe

and beyond my wildest dreams.

And he's known me and he's loved me

since before the world began.

How wonderful to be a part of God's amazing plan.

Our God is a great big God, our God is a great big God,

our God is a great big God and he holds us in his hands.

And he holds us in his hands.

Psalm 80 - we stand to say

1 Hear, O Shepherd of Israel,

you that led Joseph like a flock;

2 Shine forth, you that are

enthroned upon the cherubim,

**before Ephraim, Benjamin and Manasseh.**

9 You brought a vine out of Egypt;

**you drove out the nations and planted it.**

10 You made room around it,

**and when it had taken root, it filled the land.**

11 The hills were covered with its shadow

**and the cedars of God by its boughs.**

12 It stretched out its branches to the Sea

**and its tendrils to the River.**

13 Why then have you broken down its wall,

**so that all who pass by pluck off its grapes?**

14 The wild boar out of the wood tears it off,

**and all the insects of the field devour it.**

15 Turn again, O God of hosts,

**look down from heaven and behold;**

16 Cherish this vine which your right hand has planted,

**and the branch that you made**

**so strong for yourself.**

17 Let those who burnt it with fire, who cut it down,

**perish at the rebuke of your countenance.**

18 Let your hand be upon the man

at your right hand,

**the son of man you made so strong for yourself.**

19 And so will we not

go back from you;

**give us life, and we shall call upon your name.**

20 Turn us again, O Lord God of hosts;

**show the light of your countenance,**

**and we shall be saved.**

Glory to the Father, and to the Son,

and to the Holy Spirit;

as it was in the beginning, is now,

and shall be for ever. Amen.

Second Reading

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God

Breathe on me, Breath of God - Hymn 293

**1** Breathe on me, Breath of God, fill me with life anew,

that I may love what thou dost love,

and do what thou wouldst do.

**2** Breathe on me, Breath of God,

until my heart is pure,

until with thee I will one will to do and to endure.

**3** Breathe on me, Breath of God,

till I am wholly thine;

until this earthly part of me glows with Thy fire divine.

**4** Breathe on me, Breath of God, so shall I never die,

but live with Thee the perfect life of thine eternity.

The Sermon

Lord of the Church - Hymn 303 - Offering hymn

**1** Lord of the church, we pray for our renewing:

Christ over all, our undivided aim.

Fire of the Spirit, burn for our enduing,

wind of the Spirit, fan the living flame!

We turn to Christ amid our fear and failing,

the will that lacks the courage to be free,

the weary labours, all but unavailing,

to bring us nearer what a church should be.

**2** Lord of the church, we seek a Father’s blessing,

a true repentance and a faith restored,

a swift obedience and a new possessing,

filled with the Holy Spirit of the Lord!

We turn to Christ from all our restless striving,

unnumbered voices with a single prayer:

the living water for our souls’ reviving,

in Christ to live, and love and serve and care.

**3** Lord of the church, we long for our uniting,

true to one calling, by one vision stirred;

one cross proclaiming and one creed reciting,

one in the truth of Jesus and his word!

So lead us on; till toil and trouble ended,

one Church triumphant one new song shall sing,

to praise his glory, risen and ascended,

Christ over all, the everlasting King!

Declaring Faith - affirming our belief

We believe in God the Father,

from whom every family

in heaven and on earth is named.

We believe in God the Son, who lives in our hearts

through faith, and fills us with his love.

We believe in God the Holy Spirit,

who strengthens us with power from on high.

We believe in one God; Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.

Praying Together - Intercessions

Lord, in your mercy

hear our prayer

Merciful Father,

accept these our prayers for the sake of your Son,

our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

Sunday Collect

Daily Collect - for Guidance

Heavenly Father,

in whom we live and move and have our being:

We humbly pray that your Holy Spirit may so guide

and govern us that in all the cares

and occupations of our daily life,

we may never forget your presence

but may remember that we are always walking in your sight, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

The Lord's Prayer - we pray with Jesus

The Blessing

There is a higher throne - T & P 150

There is a higher throne than all this world has known,

Where faithful ones from ev’ry tongue

will one day come.

Before the Son we’ll stand,

made faultless through the Lamb;

Believing hearts find promised grace; salvation comes.

*Hear heaven’s voices sing;*

*their thund’rous anthem rings.*

*Through em’rald courts and sapphire skies*

*their praises rise.*

*All glory, wisdom, pow’r,*

*strength, thanks, and honour are*

*to God our King who reigns on high forevermore.*

**2** And there we’ll find our home,

our life before the throne.

We’ll honour him in perfect song where we belong.

He’ll wipe each tear-stained eye

as thirst and hunger die.

The Lamb becomes our Shepherd-King;

we’ll reign with him.

DISMISSAL

We go into the world to walk in God's light,

to rejoice in God's love and to reflect God's glory.