Sunday 24th August

Saint Bartholomew's Day

Praise, my soul, the King of heaven- Hymn 366

**1** Praise, my soul, the King of heaven;

to his feet thy tribute bring.

Ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven,

who like me his praise should sing?

Praise him! Praise him! Praise the everlasting King.

**2** Praise him for his grace and favour

to his people in distress;

praise him still the same for ever,

slow to chide, and swift to bless:

Praise him! Praise him! glorious in his faithfulness.

**3** Father-like, he tends and spares us;

well our feeble frame he knows;

in his hands he gently bears us,

rescues us from all our foes.

Praise him! Praise him! Widely as his mercy flows.

**4** Angels, help us to adore him;

ye behold him face to face;

sun and moon, bow down before him;

dwellers all in time and space.

Praise him! Praise him! Praise with us the God of grace.

The Greeting - Hello and welcome

Grace, mercy and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you all

**and also with you**

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

O God, our loving Father in heaven,

we confess that we have sinned against you;

we have broken your commandments;

we have often been selfish,

and we have not loved you as we should.

For these and all our sins, forgive us, we pray:

through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. 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 God's presence shine into our hearts.

Hebrews 12:18-29 - please be seated

18 You have not come to a mountain that can be touched and that is burning with fire; to darkness, gloom and storm; 19 to a trumpet blast or to such a voice speaking words that those who heard it begged that no further word be spoken to them, 20 because they could not bear what was commanded: “If even an animal touches the mountain, it must be stoned to death.”21 The sight was so terrifying that Moses said, “I am trembling with fear.”22 But you have come to Mount Zion, to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem. You have come to thousands upon thousands of angels in joyful assembly, 23 to the church of the firstborn, whose names are written in heaven. You have come to God, the Judge of all, to the spirits of the righteous made perfect, 24 to Jesus the mediator of a new covenant, and to the sprinkled blood that speaks a better word than the blood of Abel. 25 See to it that you do not refuse him who speaks. If they did not escape when they refused him who warned them on earth, how much less will we, if we turn away from him who warns us from heaven? 26 At that time his voice shook the earth, but now he has promised, “Once more I will shake not only the earth but also the heavens.”27 The words “once more” indicate the removing of what can be shaken—that is, created things—so that what cannot be shaken may remain.28 Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, let us be thankful, and so worship God acceptably with reverence and awe, 29 for our “God is a consuming fire.”

This is the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God**

Jesus’ love is very wonderful - T & P 75

Jesus’ love is very wonderful,

Jesus’ love is very wonderful,

Jesus’ love is very wonderful,

Oh, wonderful love!

It’s so high you can’t get over it,

so low you can’t get under it,

so wide you can’t get round it,

Oh, wonderful love!

Jesus’ love is very wonderful,

Jesus’ love is very wonderful,

Jesus’ love is very wonderful,

Oh, wonderful love!

Psalm 71 - we stand to say

1 In you, O Lord, do I seek refuge;

let me never be put to shame.

2 In your righteousness, deliver me and set me free;

**incline your ear to me and save me.**

3 Be for me a stronghold to which I may ever resort;

**send out to save me, for you are my rock and my fortress.**

4 Deliver me, my God, from the hand of the wicked,

**from the grasp of the evildoer and the oppressor.**

5 For you are my hope, O Lord God,

**my confidence, even from my youth.**

6 Upon you have I leaned from my birth,

**when you drew me from my mother’s womb; my praise shall be always of you.**

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.**

Luke 13: 10-17 - please be seated

Jesus Heals a Crippled Woman on the Sabbath10 On a Sabbath Jesus was teaching in one of the synagogues, 11 and a woman was there who had been crippled by a spirit for eighteen years. She was bent over and could not straighten up at all.12 When Jesus saw her, he called her forward and said to her, “Woman, you are set free from your infirmity.” 13 Then he put his hands on her, and immediately she straightened up and praised God. 14 Indignant because Jesus had healed on the Sabbath, the synagogue leader said to the people, “There are six days for work. So come and be healed on those days, not on the Sabbath.”15 The Lord answered him, “You hypocrites! Doesn’t each of you on the Sabbath untie your ox or donkey from the stall and lead it out to give it water? 16 Then should not this woman, a daughter of Abraham, whom Satan has kept bound for eighteen long years, be set free on the Sabbath day from what bound her?” 17 When he said this, all his opponents were humiliated, but the people were delighted with all the wonderful things he was doing.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God

Meekness and majesty - Hymn 228

Meekness and majesty, manhood and deity,

in perfect harmony, the man who is God:

Lord of eternity dwells in humanity,

kneels in humility and washes our feet.

***O what a mystery meekness and majesty:***

***bow down and worship, for this is your God,***

***this is your God!***

2 Father’s pure radiance, perfect in innocence,

yet learns obedience to death on a cross:

suffering to give us life, conquering through sacrifice,

and, as they crucify, prays, “Father, forgive.”

3 Wisdom unsearchable, God the invisible,

love indestructible in frailty appears:

Lord of infinity, stooping so tenderly,

lifts our humanity to the heights of his throne.

The Sermon

I stand amazed - T & P 57 - Offertory hymn

**1** I stand amazed in the presence of Jesus the Nazarene,

and wonder how he could love me,

a sinner, condemned, unclean.

***How marvellous! How wonderful!***

***and my song shall ever be: how marvellous!***

***How wonderful is my Saviour's love to me!***

2 For me it was in the garden

he prayed - 'Not my will, but thine';

he shed both tears for his own griefs, and

sweat-drops of blood for mine.

3 ﻿﻿In pity angels beheld him,

and came from the world of light

to comfort him in the sorrows

he bore for my soul that night.

4 He took my sins and my sorrows,

he made them his very own;

he bore my burden to Calvary,

and suffered and died alone.

5 When with the ransomed in glory

his face I at last shall see,

my joy will be through the ages

to sing of his love for me.

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 - St Bartholomew

Daily Collect - For peace

O God, the author of peace and lover of concord,

to know you is eternal life,

and to serve you is perfect freedom:

Defend us in all assaults of our enemies,

that we, surely trusting in your protection,

may not fear the power of any adversaries;

through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Lord's Prayer - we pray with Jesus

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,

your kingdom come, your will be done,

on earth as in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins

as we forgive those who sin against us.

Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours

now and for ever. Amen.

A Thanksgiving - we give thanks to God

Let us bless the Lord **Thanks be to God. Amen**

The Blessing

From heav'n you came - Hymn 219

**1** From heav'n you came, helpless babe, entered our world, your glory veiled;

not to be served but to serve,

and give your life that we might live.

***This is our God, the Servant King,***

***he calls us now to follow him,***

***to bring our lives as a daily offering***

***of worship to the Servant King.***

2 There in the garden of tears,

my heavy load he chose to bear;

his heart with sorrow was torn,

'Yet not my will but yours', he said.

3 Come see his hands and his feet,

the scars that speak of sacrifice,

hands that flung stars into space

to cruel nails surrendered.

4 So let us learn how to serve,

and in our lives enthrone him;

each other's needs to prefer,

for it is Christ we're serving.

Dismissal

Let us go in peace to love and serve the Lord

In the name of Christ. Amen.