Sunday 14th September

13th after Trinity (SMP2)

Praise to the Lord - Hymn 365

1 Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!

O my soul, praise him, for he is thy health and salvation!

All ye who hear now to his temple draw near,

joining in glad adoration.

2 Praise to the Lord, who o’er all things so wondrously reigneth, shieldeth thee gently from harm, or when fainting sustaineth:

hast thou not seen how thy heart’s wishes have been

granted in what he ordaineth?

3 Praise to the Lord,

who doth prosper thy work, and defend thee;

surely his goodness and mercy shall daily attend thee;

ponder anew what the Almighty can do,

who with love doth befriend thee.

4 Praise to the Lord!

O let all that is in me adore him!

All that hath life and breath,

come now with praises before him!

Let the Amen sound from his people again:

gladly for aye we adore him.

The Greeting - Hello and welcome

The Lord be with you

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

Father, forgive us:

save us and help us

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.

Psalm 19:7-14 - please be seated

7 The law of the Lord is perfect, refreshing the soul.

The statutes of the Lord are trustworthy, making wise the simple.

8 The precepts of the Lord are right, giving joy to the heart. The commands of the Lord are radiant, giving light to the eyes.

9 The fear of the Lord is pure, enduring forever.

The decrees of the Lord are firm, and all of them are righteous.

10 They are more precious than gold, than much pure gold; they are sweeter than honey, than honey from the honeycomb.

11 By them your servant is warned; in keeping them there is great reward.

12 But who can discern their own errors?  Forgive my hidden faults.

13 Keep your servant also from willful sins;may they not rule over me. Then I will be blameless, innocent of great transgression.

14 May these words of my mouth and this meditation of my heart  be pleasing in your sight, Lord, my Rock and my Redeemer.

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.

Children's Spot

God forgave my sin - Hymn 480

God forgave my sin in Jesus' name;

I've been born again in Jesus' name,

and in Jesus' name I come to you

to share his love as he told me to.

*He said: 'Freely, freely, you have received,*

*freely, freely give;*

*go in my name, and because you believe,*

*others will know that I live'.*

2 All power is given in Jesus' name,

in earth and heaven in Jesus' name;

and in Jesus' name I come to you

to share his power as he told me to.

3 God gives us life in Jesus' name,

he lives in us in Jesus' name;

and in Jesus' name I come to you,

to share his peace as he told me to.

Numbers 13:17-14:9- please be seated

17 When Moses sent them to explore Canaan, he said, “Go up through the Negev and on into the hill country. 18 See what the land is like and whether the people who live there are strong or weak, few or many. 19 What kind of land do they live in? Is it good or bad? What kind of towns do they live in? Are they unwalled or fortified? 20 How is the soil? Is it fertile or poor? Are there trees in it or not? Do your best to bring back some of the fruit of the land.” (It was the season for the first ripe grapes.)

21 So they went up and explored the land from the Desert of Zin as far as Rehob, toward Lebo Hamath. 22 They went up through the Negev and came to Hebron, where Ahiman, Sheshai and Talmai, the descendants of Anak, lived. (Hebron had been built seven years before Zoan in Egypt.) 23 When they reached the Valley of Eshkol, they cut off a branch bearing a single cluster of grapes. Two of them carried it on a pole between them, along with some pomegranates and figs. 24 That place was called the Valley of Eshkol because of the cluster of grapes the Israelites cut off there. 25 At the end of forty days they returned from exploring the land.

Report on the Exploration

26 They came back to Moses and Aaron and the whole Israelite community at Kadesh in the Desert of Paran. There they reported to them and to the whole assembly and showed them the fruit of the land. 27 They gave Moses this account: “We went into the land to which you sent us, and it does flow with milk and honey! Here is its fruit. 28 But the people who live there are powerful, and the cities are fortified and very large. We even saw descendants of Anak there.29 The Amalekites live in the Negev; the Hittites, Jebusites and Amorites live in the hill country; and the Canaanites live near the sea and along the Jordan.”

30 Then Caleb silenced the people before Moses and said, “We should go up and take possession of the land, for we can certainly do it.”

31 But the men who had gone up with him said, “We can’t attack those people; they are stronger than we are.” 32 And they spread among the Israelites a bad report about the land they had explored. They said, “The land we explored devours those living in it. All the people we saw there are of great size. 33 We saw the Nephilim there (the descendants of Anak come from the Nephilim). We seemed like grasshoppers in our own eyes, and we looked the same to them.”

The People Rebel

14 That night all the members of the community raised their voices and wept aloud. 2 All the Israelites grumbled against Moses and Aaron, and the whole assembly said to them, “If only we had died in Egypt! Or in this wilderness! 3 Why is the Lord bringing us to this land only to let us fall by the sword? Our wives and children will be taken as plunder. Wouldn’t it be better for us to go back to Egypt?” 4 And they said to each other, “We should choose a leader and go back to Egypt.”5 Then Moses and Aaron fell facedown in front of the whole Israelite assembly gathered there.6 Joshua son of Nun and Caleb son of Jephunneh, who were among those who had explored the land, tore their clothes 7 and said to the entire Israelite assembly, “The land we passed through and explored is exceedingly good. 8 If the Lord is pleased with us, he will lead us into that land, a land flowing with milk and honey, and will give it to us. 9 Only do not rebel against the Lord. And do not be afraid of the people of the land, because we will devour them. Their protection is gone, but the Lord is with us. Do not be afraid of them.”

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God

Break thou the bread of life - Hymn 379

1 Break thou the bread of life dear Lord to me,

as thou didst break the loaves beside the sea;

beyond the sacred page I seek thee, Lord,

my spirit longs for thee, O living Word.

2 Bless thou the truth, dear Lord, to me, to me,

as thou didst bless the bread by Galilee;

then shall all bondage cease, all fetters fall,

and I shall find my peace, my all in all.

The Sermon

Mr Wilson Beare - The Bible Society

Your words to me - Thanks & Praise 174

1 Your words to me are life and health;

put strength into my soul; enable, guide, and teach my heart to reach its perfect goal.

2 Your words to me are light and truth;

from day to day I know their wisdom, passing human thought, as in their truth I grow.

3 Your words to me are full of joy,

of beauty, peace and grace;

from them I learn your perfect will,

through them I see your face.

4 Your words are perfected in one,

yourself, the living Word;

print your own image in my heart

in clearest lines, my Lord.

Declaring Faith - affirming our belief

Praying Together - Intercessions

Let us pray to the Lord

Lord, have mercy.

Sunday Collect - 13th Sunday after Trinity

Daily Collect - For God's leading

Go before us, Lord, in all our doings,

with your most gracious favour,

and further us with your continual help;

that in all our works begun,

continued and ended in you,

we may glorify your holy name,

and finally by your mercy attain everlasting life;

through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Lord's Prayer - we pray with Jesus

The Benediction

God has spoken by his prophets

Hymn 381

1 God has spoken - by his prophets,

spoken his unchanging word,

each from age to age proclaiming

God, the one, the righteous Lord;

in the world’s despair and turmoil

one firm anchor still holds fast:

God is King, his throne eternal,

God the first and God the last.

2 God has spoken - by Christ Jesus,

Christ, the everlasting Son,

brightness of the Father’s glory,

with the Father ever one:

spoken by the Word incarnate,

Life, before all time began,

Light of light to earth descending,

God revealed as Son of Man.

3 God is speaking - by his Spirit

speaking to our hearts again;

in the age-long word expounding

God’s own message, now as then.

Through the rise and fall of nations

one sure faith is standing fast:

God abides, his word unchanging,

God the first and God the last.

Dismissal

We go into the world

to walk in God's light,

to rejoice in God's love

and to reflect God's glory.