

**SJM, 11<sup>th</sup> June, 8.30am**

**Trinity Sunday**

**Isaiah 40 v12-17, 27-end**

**2Cor 13 v11-13**

**Psalm 8**

**Matthew 28 v16-end**

When you think about God, what's the first thing that comes to mind? If you were asked to describe him, how would you do it?

We often talk about what God wants from us, how we're expected to live or behave but rarely about what God is like. Perhaps because it's too difficult. Just the reading from Isaiah paints a picture of one aspect of God – the creator, and it's magnificent, as far as it goes.

Should we even try to describe the indescribable; understand the unfathomable; pray to the omnipresent? He knows everything already!

So although human language fails us when we talk about God, it shouldn't stop us. Have you ever been in a position where you really, really wanted to say something to someone –how much you love them or to apologise for something you've done or something they've experienced – but not quite managed to do it; to leave it unsaid? Then one day it's too late, you never get the chance and all you're left with is the regret that you didn't open your mouth.

Same with God. We're never going to be able to encompass God in words – but that doesn't mean we shouldn't talk about him at all. We don't want to be left regretting that God wasn't on our lips at every possible moment.

In church it's quite easy to talk about God because some very theologically astute people have got together and developed our creed which we can use to form our conversations about God – and they're a good start. But that's all they are, a starting point. We need to talk about God, his character and his love for us, for God is love, in our standing, in our sitting; to paraphrase Deuteronomy: God on our heads, on our hands, on the doorposts of our houses and on our gates – the first thing and the last thing we say each day.

So where better to go now than to sing together that which we believe in.

#### **THE CREED**

We believe in God the Father, God Almighty, by whose plan earth and heaven sprang to being, all created things began.

We believe in Christ the Saviour,

Son of God in human frame,

virgin-born, the child of Mary upon whom the Spirit came.

Christ, who on the cross forsaken, like a lamb to slaughter led, suffered under Pontius Pilate, he descended to the dead.

We believe in Jesus risen,

heaven's king to rule and reign,

to the Father's side ascended till as judge he comes again.

We believe in God the Spirit; in one church, below, above; saints of God in one communion, one in holiness and love.

So by faith, our sins forgiven,

Christ our Saviour, Lord and Friend,

we shall rise with him in glory to the life that knows no end.