



Old Testament Lesson: Isaiah 9:1-7 (page 573)  
Responsive Reading: Insert: "Walking in the Light"  
Epistle Lesson: Romans 13:8-14 (page 948)  
Gospel Lesson: John 9:1-12 (page 895)  
Reader: ...the Word of the Lord!  
Congregation: **Thanks be to God!**  
Sermon *How Can I Know? . . . Having A Real Assurance.*  
Text: 1 John 1 The Rev. Parker

\*Creed The Nicene Creed

**WE BELIEVE in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible. AND IN ONE Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of his Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father; through whom all things were made; who for us and for our salvation came down from heaven, and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary, and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate; he suffered and was buried; and the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures, and ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father; and he shall come again, with glory, to judge both the living and the dead; whose kingdom shall have no end.**

**AND WE BELIEVE in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son; who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified; who spoke by the prophets; and we believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church; we acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins; and we look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

Prayer of Thanksgiving & Intercession

(concluding with the Lord's Prayer)

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

(including special Deacons' Offering today--see Announcements)

\*The Doxology Trinity Hymnal #731  
**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise him, all creatures here below;  
Praise him above, ye heav'nly host:  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen**

\*Offertory Prayer

Hymn #585 "Take My Life, and Let It Be"

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

\*Hymn #642 "Be Thou My Vision"

\*Benediction

\*Congregational Response Trinity Hymnal #267 (v. 3)

**Now let the heav'ns be joyful, Let earth her song begin;  
Let the round world keep triumph, And all that is therein;  
Invisible and visible, Their notes let all things blend,  
For Christ the Lord hath risen, Our Joy that hath no end.  
Amen.**

Postlude

Anna Abbey



ON OUR BANNER, the cross set against the background of the spreading heavenly light speaks of the glorious triumph of Christ over sin and death and all the powers of hell! Christ has defeated all his and our enemies:

*Hallelujah, Christ is risen! He is risen, indeed!*