6:00PM Evening Prayer and Praise

*Call to Worship

*Hymn #197 "Comfort, Comfort Ye My People"

*Prayer of Invocation

Congregational Hymn Selections

Offering

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Lesson: 1 John 2 (page 1021)

Sermon How Can I Know? . . . By What I Am Doing

The Rev. Parker

*Creed The Apostles' Creed (concluding with the Lord's Prayer)

*Hymn #338 "Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart"

*Benediction

Announcements

VISITORS: Welcome to El Camino! Please join us for refreshments after the service.

WE WELCOME the Rev. Stephen Parker to the pulpit today from Bonita, CA, near San Diego. Mr. Parker pastored Bonita OPC for 15 years and just retired in January.

DIACONAL NEED: We have a member with an ongoing diaconal need but the Deacons' Fund is depleted. Please consider a designated gift to the Deacons' Fund.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

WED., **APRIL 25:** 12:15–12:45pm, Lunchtime Bible Study meets at church. Bring your own lunch. Topic: Galatians.

SAT., APRIL 28: 9am–12pm, Work Day at church. See insert.

SUN., APRIL 29: The Rev. Dale Hanaoka, from Branch of Hope OPC in Torrance, CA., will conduct Morning Worship.

Mon., April 30: 6:30pm, the Search Committee meets.

DATES TBD: "Supper for Six." Groups are being formed for small-group fellowship. See insert for details.

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The Lord's Day

April 22nd, 2018 10:45ам Morning Worship

Prelude Anna Abbey

*Greeting and Call to Worship

(*Congregation stands)

*Hymn #208

"O Come, All Ye Faithful"

*Prayer of Adoration and Invocation

*The Gloria Patri

Trinity Hymnal #735

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, Amen.

Unison Prayer of Confession

Most Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your name. Amen.

*Assurance of Pardon

Minister: ...you are forgiven.

Congregation: Amen!

*Call to Grateful Obedience

Minister: ...this is God's will for you in Christ.

Congregation: Amen!

*Hymn #476 "The Light of the World Is Jesus"

Unison Prayer for Illumination

O Lord our God, your Word is a lamp to our feet and a light to our path. Give us grace to receive your truth in faith and love, that we may be obedient to your will and live always for your glory; through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen. 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"

*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!

^{*}Benediction