Unison Prayer for Illumination

Prepare our hearts, O God, to accept your word. Silence in us any voice but your own: that, hearing. we may also obey your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.

Old Testament Lesson: Isaiah 62 (page 621)

Responsive Reading: Psalm 48

Great is the LORD and greatly to be praised in the city of our God!

His holy mountain, beautiful in elevation, is the joy of all the earth,

Mount Zion, in the far north, the city of the great King.

Within her citadels God has made himself known as a fortress.

For behold, the kings assembled: they came on together.

As soon as they saw it, they were astounded: they were in panic; they took to flight.

Trembling took hold of them there, anguish as of a woman in labor.

By the east wind you shattered the ships of Tarshish.

As we have heard, so have we seen in the city of the LORD of hosts, in the city of our God,

which God will establish forever.

We have thought on your steadfast love, O God, in the midst of your temple.

As your name, O God, so your praise reaches to the ends of the earth.

Your right hand is filled with righteousness.

Let Mount Zion be glad! Let the daughters of Judah rejoice because of your judgments!

Walk about Zion, go around her,

number her towers,

consider well her ramparts, go through her citadels, that you may tell the next generation

that this is God, our God forever and ever.

He will guide us forever. (ESV)

Acts 2:42-47 (page 911) Epistle Lesson:

Gospel Lesson: Matthew 16:13-20 (page 822)

Reader: ...the Word of the Lord!

Congregation: Thanks be to God!

Devoted Church Members Sermon

> (text: Acts 2:42-47) The Rev. Thibault

*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

(continued...)

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

*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 #345 "Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken"

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

*Hymn #355

"We Are God's People"

Now blessed be the Lord our God, the God of Israel: For he alone does wondrous works in glory that excel, And blessed be his glorious name to all eternity; the whole earth let his glory fill. Amen, so let it be.

Postlude

Anna Abbey



Announcements

VISITORS: Welcome to El Camino! Please sign our guest book and join us for refreshments after the service.

TODAY WE WELCOME the Rev. David Thibault, pastor of Grace OPC, Costa Mesa, to the pulpit.

^{*}Benediction

^{*}Congregational Response Trinity Hymnal #11 (v. 1 & 2, to the tune *Dundee*, #105)

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Mon., Sept. 10: 6:30pm, the Search Committee meets at church.

WED., **SEPT. 12**: 12:15-12:45pm Lunchtime Bible Study meets at church. Visitors are welcome. Topic: Ephesians.

SUNDAY, SEPT. 16: The Rev. Johnathan Keenan, campus minister for Reformed University Fellowship (RUF) at UCSB, will conduct the morning worship service and lead adult Sunday School.



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Weekly Worship at 10:45am & 6pm Adult Sunday School at 9:45am

6:00 Evening Prayer and Praise

September 9th, 2018

*Call to Worship

*Hymn #372 "Praise Waits For Thee in Zion"

*Prayer of Invocation

Responsive Psalm 65 (Trinity Hymnal, p. 807)

Congregational Hymn Selections

Offering

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Lesson: Acts 1:12-14 & 2:42 (page 909)

Sermon Devoted to the Prayers

The Rev. Thibault

*Creed The Apostles' Creed

I BELIEVE in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth,

and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and is seated on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the living and the dead.

I BELIEVE in the Holy Spirit;

the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

Congregational Prayer

(concluding with the Lord's Prayer)

*Hymn #634

"Sweet Hour of Prayer"

*Benediction



Today's sermons will be available at our website, elcaminoopc.org, in our archive of recent sermons.

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The Lord's Day

September 9th, 2018 10:45AM Morning Worship

Prelude

Anna Abbey

*Greeting and Call to Worship

(*Congregation stands)

*Hymn #353 "I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord"

*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 #649

"More Love to Thee, O Christ"