

Old Testament Lesson: Isaiah 1:27-31 (page 567)

Responsive Reading: Psalm 32

Blessed is the one whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered.

Blessed is the man against whom the LORD counts no iniquity, and in whose spirit there is no deceit.

For when I kept silent, my bones wasted away through my groaning all day long.

For day and night your hand was heavy upon me; my strength was dried up as by the heat of summer.

I acknowledged my sin to you, and I did not cover my iniquity;

I said, “I will confess my transgressions to the LORD,” and you forgave the iniquity of my sin.

Therefore let everyone who is godly offer prayer to you at a time when you may be found;

surely in the rush of great waters, they shall not reach him.

You are a hiding place for me;

you preserve me from trouble; you surround me with shouts of deliverance.

I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go;

I will counsel you with my eye upon you.

Be not like a horse or a mule, without understanding, which must be curbed with bit and bridle, or it will not stay near you.

Many are the sorrows of the wicked, but steadfast love surrounds the one who trusts in the LORD.

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Be glad in the Lord, and rejoice, O righteous, and shout for joy, all you upright in heart!

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Epistle Lesson: Romans 1:18-31 (page 939)

Gospel Lesson: John 3:1-21 (page 887)

Reader: ...the Word of the Lord!

Congregation: **Thanks be to God!**

Sermon *Christmas or Hell?* John 3:16-21 & 36
the Rev. Stephen 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;

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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 #225 "As with Gladness Men of Old"

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper
(cups in the outside ring contain wine)

*Hymn #230 "Thou Who Wast Rich beyond All Splendor"

*Benediction

*Congregational Response Trinity Hymnal #196

**Come, thou long-expected Jesus, (v. 1)
born to set thy people free;
from our fears and sins release us;
let us find our rest in thee.
Israel's strength and consolation,
hope of all the earth thou art,
dear Desire of ev'ry nation,
joy of ev'ry longing heart. Amen.**

Postlude

Anna Abbey





Announcements

VISITORS: Welcome to El Camino! Please sign our guest book and enjoy a refreshment after the service.

TODAY WE WELCOME to the pulpit the Rev. Stephen Parker, retired from Bonita OPC, near San Diego.

ALSO TODAY there is a brief congregational meeting following the morning service in the Fellowship Hall.

OUR ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING is set for January 27, 2019, at 12:45pm after a Fellowship Lunch. Members may nominate members for the ordained offices of *Elder* and *Deacon*, as well as for the unordained offices of *Trustee* and *Deaconess*. All nominations are due by December 30th and should be presented in writing to Keith Mougeotte, Clerk of Session, except *Trustee* nominations, which go to Rienco DeJong, President of the Board of Trustees.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

MON., DEC. 17: 6:30pm Search Committee meets.

WED., DEC. 19: 12:15-12:45pm Lunchtime Bible Study.

SUN., DEC. 23: 6:00 pm Christmas “Lessons in Carols”

SUN., JAN. 27: Annual Congregational Meeting.



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Weekly Worship at 10:45am & 6pm

Adult Sunday School at 9:45am

6:00 Evening Prayer and Praise

December 16th, 2018

*Call to Worship

*Hymn #213

“What Child Is This”

*Prayer of Invocation

Responsive Psalm 146

(Hymnal, p. 839)

Congregational Hymn Selections

Offering

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Lessons:

Isaiah 9:4-7 (page 573)

Matthew 2:1-12 (page 807)

Sermon

Who Is This Child?

the Rev. Stephen Parker

*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 #217

“All My Heart This Night Rejoices”

*Benediction



Today’s sermon will be available at elcaminoopc.org.

El Camino Presbyterian Church

The Lord’s Day

December 16th, 2018

10:45AM Morning Worship

Prelude

Anna Abbey

*Greeting and Call to Worship

(*Congregation stands)

*Hymn #193

“Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence”

*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 #196

“Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus”

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.**