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The 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Prayer of Preparation

Byrne/Hull

*Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;
naught be all else to me, save that thou art.
Thou my best thought, by day or by night,
waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.*

Welcome

The Chiming of the Trinity

Introit

Open My Eyes, That I May See

Clara H. Scott

Call to Worship

based on Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16

Faith is the assurance of things hoped for,
the convictions of things not seen.

**Like Abraham, let us follow God,
even when we don't know where we are going.**

By faith, let us look forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God.

**Let us worship the God whose promises
call and claim us.**

1 Live in - to hope of cap - tives freed, of sight re -
 2 Live in - to hope! The blind shall see with in - sight
 3 Live in - to hope of lib - er - ty, the right to
 4 Live in - to hope of cap - tives freed from chains of

gained, the end of greed. The op-pressed shall be the
 and with clar - i - ty, re - mov - ing shades of
 speak, the right to be, the right to have one's
 fear or want or greed. God now pro - claims our

first to see the year of God's own ju - bi - lee!
 pride and fear, a vi - sion of our God brought near.
 dai - ly bread, to hear God's word and thus be fed.
 full re - lease to faith and hope and joy and peace.

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

God of Hope and Promise, we confess we do not always believe. We confess our questions and complaints catch up to us. We cannot understand our suffering and the suffering of others. Forgive us when we give up on you and ourselves.

(we pause for a time of silent confession)

Return and restore us to the right relationship. Help us to not disengage but remain steadfast in faithful dialogues of grace. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Summary of the Law

Matthew 22:37-39

“‘You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.’ This is the greatest and the first commandment. And a second is like it, ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’”

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading

Mark 8:22-26

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

The Rev. Dr. Anna Pinckney Straight

Affirmation of Faith

The Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him, all things were made. For us and our salvation, he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary, and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day, he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Anthem

Christians, We Have Met to Worship

David Ashley White

The Lord's Supper

Invitation

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving and Lord's Prayer

Words of Institution

Communion of the People

Prayer after Communion

Benediction

Response

Jesus, Remember Me

Taizé/Berthier

(sung twice)

**Jesus, remember me, when you come into your kingdom,
Jesus, remember me, when you come into your kingdom,**

Organist: Vance Harper Jones

Ensemble: Members of the Daybreak and Sanctuary Choirs

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