Trinity Sunday The Great Thanksgiving Holy Eucharist, Rite II Eucharistic Prayer A BCP-361 June 16, 2019 Processional I Bind Unto Myself Today Hymn # 370 Sanctus S-129 The Lord's Prayer BCP-364 the Book of Common Prayer (BCP)-355 **Opening Acclamation** The Breaking of the Bread BCP-364 Collect for Purity BCP-355 Christ our Passover WLP #866 Fraction Anthem Gloria in excelsis S-280 Communion Hymns The Collect of the Day insert Holy God We Praise They Name H #366 Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31 First Reading insert For the Bread Which You Have Broken H #341 Psalm Psalm 8 insert Prayer of Thanksgiving BCP-366 Second Reading Romans 5:1-5 insert Recessional Holy, Holy Holy! Lord God Almighty! H #362 Sequence Hymn Round the Lord in Glory Seated H #367 Dismissal BCP-366 The Gospel John 16:12-15 insert The Sermon the Rev. Donna J. Gerold The flowers today are given to the glory of God The Nicene Creed BCP-358 Ministries for the Day Prayers of the People III BCP-387 Celebrant the Rev. Donna J. Gerold **Debbie Flowers** Acolyte The Peace BCP-360 **Healing Ministry** Kristin Anderson Chalice Dee Crusoe & Gloria Austin Welcome, Announcements and Offertory

Lectors

Prayers

Music

Greeters

Altar Guild

Hospitality

by Francis E. Aulbach

H#380 (v.3)

Unto Thee, O Lord

Doxology

Anthem

At the Presentation

Following the service please join us in Benedict Hall for a Trinity Sunday luncheon.

Randy Mims & Candace Springer

Kristin Anderson

Martha Gherardi

Penny's Worth

Charlie & Brenda Galloway

Jane Harris & Nancy Totman

June 16, 2019 Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31, Psalm 8, Romans 5:1-5, John 16:12-15

ENCOUNTER

"On the heights, beside the way, at the crossroads . . . , beside the gates in front of the town, at the entrance to the portals . . ." are likely places for us to encounter divine Wisdom, the Spirit of truth that Jesus promises in our gospel for today. In other words, where there is opportunity for change, when we are in times of transition, we may expect to meet God if we are open and alert to the possibility. God is there waiting at the threshold for us to notice the Divine Presence, but if our expectations of the Holy One are limited to a being looking something like the bearded old man on the ceiling of the Sistine Chapel, or a king on a golden throne, or a stern, black-robed judge in a celestial court, or some such, we may miss the encounter and what it has to offer us.

Our hearts are where these mystical encounters with the Trinity of Love occur. So long as our hearts are full of fear and resistance, content with the status



quo, unwilling to consider there is more to life than we are now living, we aren't likely to discover the place of encounter. When, however, we are ready to risk the unknown, trusting that the way before us is surrounded and upheld by the love

of God, we will be *en-couraged* by the Holy Spirit to step out in faith, finally to cross the threshold into what God has prepared for us from the beginning. The Divine Three-in-One, One-in-Three, whom we honor and celebrate today, invites us to join in the cosmic dance of Love, to recognize the Lover who enfolds us, the Beloved who leads us, the Love which indwells us every step of the way. As we move more deeply into this intimate relationship with the Trinity of Love, we will find our hearts opening as gently as a rose unfurls petal by petal. The encounter is just the beginning. The dance will make a difference in the world.

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