

WE GATHER
“A DIFFERENT KIND OF POWER AND AUTHORITY”
FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY:
JANUARY 31ST 2021

Introduction:

Music:

Territorial Acknowledgment:

Lighting of the Christ Candle

WE ENTER INTO GOD’S PRESENCE

***Call to Worship & Opening Prayer**

Creator of Life,
we gather in your presence,
seeking wisdom and insight.
Author of love and life, meet us,
heal our hearts, so that we can bear witness to your
healing power.
Empower to call out evil in the world
for the sake of the liberation of those who are oppressed.

You who form us and transform us by your love,
search our hearts,
expose ways in which we have used power to divide
rather than affirm.
Form us in your love,
so that we might be your agents of grace and mercy
in your hurting world.
May your love find a humble dwelling in our hearts.
We praise you God, for you meet us in this place.
Amen.

Opening Hymn: “O Worship the King” VU#235
verses 1, 2, and 5

Psalm 111

Praise the Lord!
I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart,
in the company of the upright, in the congregation.
Great are the works of the Lord,

studied by all who delight in them.
Full of honour and majesty is God’s work,
and God’s righteousness endures for ever.
He has gained renown by his wonderful deeds;
the Lord is gracious and merciful.
Creator provides food for those who fear him;
the Holy One is ever mindful of his covenant.

God has shown God’s people the power of his works,
in giving them the heritage of the nations.
The works of God’s hands are faithful and just;
all God’s precepts are trustworthy.
They are established for ever and ever,
to be performed with faithfulness and uprightness.
God sent redemption to God’s people;
The Holy One has commanded his covenant for ever.
Holy and awesome is God’s name.
The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom;
all those who practise it have a good understanding.
God’s praise endures for ever.

May it be so!

THE WORD

One: Your Word is a lamp to our feet;

All: And a light on our path.

*Give us grace to receive your truth in faith and love.
Amen.*

Gospel Reading Mark 1: 21-28

The Man with an Unclean Spirit

They went to Capernaum; and when the Sabbath came, he entered the synagogue and taught. They were astounded at his teaching, for he taught them as one having authority, and not as the scribes. Just then there was in their synagogue a man with an unclean spirit, and he cried out, ‘What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are, the Holy One of God.’ But Jesus rebuked him, saying, ‘Be silent, and come out of him!’ And the unclean spirit, throwing him into convulsions and crying with a loud

voice, came out of him. They were all amazed, and they kept on asking one another, 'What is this? A new teaching-with authority! He commands even the unclean spirits, and they obey him.' At once his fame began to spread throughout the surrounding region of Galilee.

One: This is the Good News of Jesus Christ.

ALL: Glory to you O Christ.

Prayer of Invocation: "Spirit of Life, Come unto me" VU#381

Reflection: "Life-affirming Power and Authority"

Hymn of Ascription: Love Divine, All Love's Excelling VU#333
(piano solo)

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

Announcements:

Invitation to offer of ourselves:

Offertory Blessing:

**Creator God transform our offerings,
so they may become instruments of your compassion,
for the sake of your kingdom.
Help us to bless your world.
In Jesus's name we pray,
Amen.**

The Memory Candle:

Prayers of the People:

SENT TO SHOW CHRIST'S LOVE

Hymn: "Guide Me O Thou Great Jehovah" VU#651

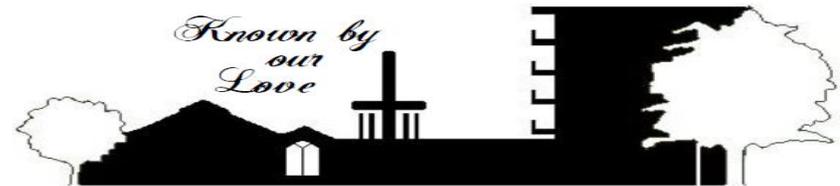
Benediction:

Go with the blessing of the Triune God:
Now may the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
the love of God,
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you,
this day and always.
Amen.

Go now in peace:

**Go now in peace. Never be afraid.
God will go with you each hour of every day.
Go now in faith, stead-fast, strong and true.
Know God will guide you in all you do.
Go now in love, and show you believe.
Reach out to others so all the world can see.
God will be there watching from above.
Go now in peace, in faith, and in love.**

Postlude



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Fourth Sunday After



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