

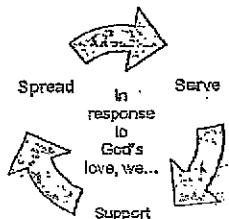
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FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

Order of Worship – 7:45 AM & 10:15 AM

AS WE GATHER – *When the Israelites were about to enter the Promised Land and Moses was about to die, he announced that the Lord had promised another prophet to follow him. While the people saw Joshua as that prophet, centuries later, Jesus was the complete fulfillment of the prophecy. When He spoke, all creation—including unclean spirits—obeyed, to the amazement of the people in today's Holy Gospel. Unfortunately, as Paul reminds us in the Epistle, we do not always hear a clear command from our Lord as we deal with one another. But Jesus' sacrifice for us frees us to put our neighbor's needs above our own.*

PRESERVICE MUSIC

"My Faith is Firmly Found"

by J. S. Bach

WELCOME

[Please fill out prayer request cards.]

[♩ Means please stand; ♪ Means please be seated]

♩ OPENING HYMN

Great Is Thy Faithfulness



1 Great is Thy faith - ful - ness, O God my Fa - ther;
2 Sum - mer and win - ter and spring - time and har - vest,
3 Par - don for sin and a peace that en - dur - eth,



There is no shad - ow of turn - ing with Thee.
Sun, moon, and stars in their cours - es a - bove
Thine own dear pres - ence to cheer and to guide;



Thou chang - est not: Thy com - pas - sions, they fail not;
Join with all na - ture in man - i - fold wit - ness
Strength for to - day and bright hope for to - mor - row,

(continued)

As Thou hast been, Thou for - ev - er wilt be.
 To Thy great faith - ful - ness, mer - cy, and love.
 Bless - ings all mine, with ten thou - sand be - side!

Refrain

Great is Thy faith - ful - ness! Great is Thy faith - ful - ness!

Morn - ing by morn - ing new mer - cies I see;
 All I have need - ed Thy hand hath pro - vid - ed;
 Great is Thy faith - ful - ness, Lord, un - to me!

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INVOCATION

- P** *In the name of the Father and of the ~~F~~ Son and of the Holy Spirit.*
C Amen.

CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

Psalm 111:1, 4-10

- P** *Brothers and sisters, today's Psalm teaches: "The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom; all those who practice it have a good understanding."*
C **We have not practiced it perfectly.**
P *Therefore, we cannot come into His presence as we are. "He has commanded His covenant forever. Holy and awesome is His name!"*
C **Because the Lord is gracious and merciful, let us go to Him, confessing our sins.**

[Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.]

- P** *"He provides food for those who fear Him; He remembers His covenant forever."*
C **We confess that we have not always shared our daily bread with others, O Lord, and we have failed to keep all our promises. Forgive us.**
P *"He has shown His people the power of His works, in giving them the inheritance of the nations."*
C **We confess that we have not always recognized the good gifts God has given us. Forgive us.**
P *"The works of His hands are faithful and just; all His precepts are trustworthy."*
C **We confess that the works of our hands, the words of our mouths, and the thoughts of our minds have been neither faithful nor just. We have not loved you, O Lord, with all that we are; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. Forgive us.**

(continued)

- P** "They are established forever and ever, to be performed with faithfulness and uprightness."
- C** **We confess that we have wavered in honesty. Forgive us.**
- P** *Brothers and sisters in Christ, "the Lord is gracious and merciful." Through Jesus' death and resurrection, "He sent redemption to His people." As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.*
- C** **"Praise the Lord! I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart, in the company of the upright, in the congregation. His praise endures forever!"**

KYRIE

- P** *In peace, let us pray to the Lord.*
- C** **Lord, have mercy.**
- P** *For the peace Christ spoke with authority and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.*
- C** **Lord, have mercy.**
- P** *For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of each brother and sister near us and for the Church of God around the world, let us pray to the Lord.*
- C** **Lord, have mercy.**
- P** *For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise in peace and unity, let us pray to the Lord.*
- C** **Lord, have mercy.**
- P** *Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.*
- C** **Amen.**

HYMN OF PRAISE

God Has Spoken by His Prophets



1 God has spo - ken by His proph - ets, Spo - ken His un - chang - ing Word;
 2 God has spo - ken by Christ Je - sus, Christ, the ev - er - last - ing Son,
 3 God is speak - ing by His Spir - it, Speak - ing to our hearts a - gain,



Each from age to age pro - claim - ing God, the one, the righ - teous Lord.
 Bright - ness of the Fa - ther's glo - ry, With the Fa - ther ev - er one;
 In the age - less Word de - clar - ing His own mes - sage, now as then.



In the world's de - spair and tur - moil, One firm an - chor holds us fast:
 Spo - ken by the Word In - car - nate, God of God, be - fore time was;
 Through the rise and fall of na - tions One sure faith yet stand - ing fast;



God is king, His throne e - ter - nal; God the first, and God the last.
 Light of Light, to earth de - scend - ing, He re - veals our God to us.
 God a - bides, His Word un - chang - ing; God the first, and God the last.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P *The Lord be with you.* **C** **And also with you.**

P *Let us pray.*

All: Almighty God, You know we live in the midst of so many dangers that in our frailty we cannot stand upright. Grant strength and protection to support us in all dangers and carry us through all temptations; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, One God, now and forever. Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Deuteronomy 18:15–20

(lesson is on the last page of the bulletin)

L *This is the Word of the Lord.* **C** **Thanks be to God.**

EPISTLE LESSON

1 Corinthians 8:1–13

(lesson is on the last page of the bulletin)

L *This is the Word of the Lord.* **C** **Thanks be to God.**

ALLELUIA VERSE

Mark 1:22a

All: Alleluia. They were astonished at his teaching, for he taught them as one who had authority. Alleluia.

HOLY GOSPEL

Mark 1:21–28

P *The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the first chapter.*
(lesson is on the last page of the bulletin)

C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

P *This is the Gospel of the Lord.* **C** **Praise to You, O Christ.**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

[Prayer requests will be collected at this time.]

HYMN OF THE DAY

Jesus Has Come and Brings Pleasure



1 Je - sus has come and brings plea - sure e - ter - nal,
2 Je - sus has come! Now see bonds rent a - sun - der!
3 Je - sus has come as the might - y Re - deem - er.
4 Je - sus has come as the King of all glo - ry!



Al - pha, O - me - ga, Be - gin - ning and End;
Fet - ters of death now dis - solve, dis - ap - pear.
See now the threat - en - ing strong one dis - armed!
Heav - en and earth, O de - clare His great pow'r,



God - head, hu - man - i - ty, u - nion su - per - nal,
See Him burst through with a voice as of thun - der!
Je - sus breaks down all the walls of death's for - tress,
Cap - tur - ing hearts with the heav - en - ly sto - ry;

O great Re - deem - er, You come as our friend!
 He sets us free from our guilt and our fear,
 Brings forth the pris - 'ners tri - um - phant, un - harmed.
 Wel - come Him now in this fast - fleet - ing hour!

Heav - en and earth, now pro - claim this great won - der:
 Lifts us from shame to the place of His hon - or.
 Sa - tan, you wick - ed one, own now your mas - ter!
 Pon - der His love! Take the crown He has for you!

Je - sus has come and brings plea - sure e - ter - nall!
 Je - sus has come! Hear the roll of God's thun - der!
 Je - sus has come! He, the might - y Re - deem - er!
 Je - sus has come! He, the King of all glo - ry!

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SERMON

"WHO'S IN CHARGE HERE?"

Mark 1:21-28

Rev. Roger Krause

♩ APOSTLE'S 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, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From there He will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

♩ OFFERING

"Offertory in D"

by H. Rinck

♩ OFFERTORY

May We Thy Precepts, Lord, Fulfill

1 May we Thy pre - cepts, Lord, ful - fill And do on
 2 So may we join Thy name to bless, Thy grace a -
 3 Spir - it of life, of love and peace, U - nite our

earth our Fa - ther's will As an - gels do a - bove;
 dore, Thy pow'r con - fess, From sin and strife to flee.
 hearts, our joy in - crease, Thy gra - cious help sup - ply.

(continued)

Still walk in Christ, the liv - ing way, With all Thy
 One is our call - ing, one our name, The end of
 To each of us the bless - ing give In Chris - tian

chil - dren and o - bey The law of Chris - tian love.
 all our hopes the same, A crown of life with Thee.
 fel - low - ship to live, In joy - ful hope to die.

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PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

- P** *Let us pray for all people in their various needs, for the Church wherever it is planted, and for ourselves, gathered in worship. Lord of the Church, whose Word is power at work for all who call out to You in faith, guide and protect clergy and lay leaders here and around the world. Give them compassionate hearts, clear minds, appropriate words, and the wisdom to use them so that the Church grows stronger in faith and closer to You and one another in love. Lord, in Your mercy,* **C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** *Heavenly Father, giver of life and health and peace, open our hearts and minds to share Your bounty with one another, among our neighbors, and through the agencies of the Church and government, with any people in need. Raise up leaders in our nation and around the world so that poverty and hunger will be lessened and health and human dignity increased. Protect and guide all who order society across the globe, and give patience and resolve to forces deployed for peace across national borders. Lord, in Your mercy,* **C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** *O Holy Spirit, who bestows precious gifts throughout the Church, open the eyes of Your people to see avenues of peace and reconciliation, paths of concord and joy. We remember our brothers and sisters who call out to You for healing of all sorts, [including . . .]. Use the talents You have placed in counselors, health-care workers, medical personnel, first responders, and all who are called to work as Your instruments of care. Grant peace, health, and comfort according to Your gracious plans. Lord, in Your mercy,* **C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** *Although we in no way deserve Your gracious hearing of these our petitions, Lord, grant them for the sake of the sacrifice of our Lord Jesus, who has promised that what we ask in His name will be heard at Your throne of grace. Lord, in Your mercy,* **C** **hear our prayer.**

LORD'S PRAYER

- P** *O Lord Jesus Christ, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:* **C** **Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven; give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.**

BENEDICTION

- P** *The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you His peace.*
- C** **Amen.**

CLOSING HYMN

Son of God, Eternal Savior



1 Son of God, e - ter - nal Sav - ior, Source of life and
 2 As You, Lord, have lived for oth - ers, So may we for
 3 Come, O Christ, and reign a - mong us, King of love and
 4 Son of God, e - ter - nal Sav - ior, Source of life and



truth and grace, Word made flesh, whose birth a - mong us
 oth - ers live. Free - ly have Your gifts been grant - ed;
 Prince of Peace; Hush the storm of strife and pas - sion,
 truth and grace, Word made flesh, whose birth a - mong us



Hal - lows all our hu - man race, You our Head, who, throned in
 Free - ly may Your ser - vants give. Yours the gold and Yours the
 Bid its cru - el dis - cords cease. By Your pa - tient years of
 Hal - lows all our hu - man race: By Your pray - ing, by Your



glo - ry, For Your own will ev - er plead: Fill us with Your
 sil - ver, Yours the wealth of land and sea; We but stew - ards
 toil - ing, By Your si - lent hours of pain, Quench our fe - vered
 will - ing That Your peo - ple should be one, Grant, O grant our



love and pit - y, Heal our wrongs, and help our need.
 of Your boun - ty Held in sol - emn trust will be.
 thirst of plea - sure, Stem our self - ish greed of gain.
 hope's fru - i - tion: Here on earth Your will be done.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

POSTLUDE

“Postlude in C Major”

Felix Mendelssohn

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