

FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY
11:00 A.M.

Rev. Mark Piedmonte
Music Director – Gregory Fraser
** Congregation will stand*

PRELUDE with SILENT PRAYERS: Mozart’s Sonata in C 2nd Movement
GREETINGS & ANNOUNCEMENTS - During Covid, masks are required. There will be no singing other than by the minister and organist. At this time there is no need to stand during designated hymns. Hymn lyrics are provided as inserts so you may participate spiritually. We do not touch hymnals, friendship pads, Bibles, or offering plates. Place offering in plate upon entrance or when exiting.

INTROIT: “There is a Balm in Gilead” *(See Insert to follow along)*

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Come! Let us give thanks to the Lord with whole hearts.

All: Fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom.

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Leader: The Lord is gracious and full of compassion.

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Leader: The Lord feeds the righteous with truth.

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Leader: Come! Let us give thanks to God!

All: It is good and right to give God thanks and praise!

*OPENING PRAYER

Leader: Let us pray:

All: Almighty God, Light from Light, who commands the universe and all that is made, your Word is the power that makes whole what is broken, the force of good, and the food of peace. Teach us now as you taught in the synagogue. Heal us now so that in all that we say and do, the freedom we have in you may be for others, too; in Jesus’ name we pray. Amen.

*OPENING HYMN: “We Come to You for Healing, Lord” *(See Insert)*

CALL TO CONFESSION

Leader: The One who pardons, heals, and strengthens all who repent calls us to name our failings and our hopes. Let us now confess our sin in the presence of God and one another:

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

All: Holy and all-powerful God, who commands all spirits, comforts those in distress, and casts out destructive forces, we confess that we are unable to do your will. We protect what is familiar and reject what is unknown. We admire those with courage but excuse ourselves when we falter from the truth. We forget that you are always with us, and that with you all things are possible. Forgive us, lead us, make us new and show us your way; in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen.

MOMENT OF SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: The God who made you and knows your every thought hears you now and forgives you all your sin. **All: We are redeemed through Jesus Christ, God’s Son, our Savior, who is Alpha and Omega, all in all. Amen!**

*RESPONSE: GLORIA PATRI

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.

*PASSING OF THE PEACE: *(turn to extend signs of peace to neighbors from a distance)*

Leader: The peace of Christ be with all of you. **All: And also with you.**

YOUTH MESSAGE: “Who’s the Boss?”

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*SONG OF PRAISE: “A Grateful Heart” *(See Insert)*

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Leader: Let us pray asking for understanding of God’s word:

All: Holy Spirit, your people call out for understanding. Bring to our yearning hearts and minds the truth of your Word. In Jesus’ name, we pray. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Psalms 111

Mark 1:21-28

Response to the reading of God’s Word:

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord! **All: Thanks be to God!**

SERMON: “Waiting for Authorization”

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*HYMN: “Be Thou My Vision” *(See Insert)*

CONFESSION OF FAITH: The Apostles’ Creed (Traditional)

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 Ghost, 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 sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYERS FOR THE PEOPLE (Responsive)

Leader: Hear us, O God **All: Your Mercy is Great!**

THE LORD’S PRAYER (Unison)

OFFERING / OFFERTORY MUSIC

*SONG OF DEDICATION: “Doxology”

*CLOSING HYMN: “You are My All in All” *(See Insert)*

*BENEDICTION / RESPONSE: **Go now in peace. Never be afraid. God will go with you each hour of every day. Go now in faith, steadfast, strong, and true. Know He 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. Amen. Amen. Amen.**

POSTLUDE: Mozart’s Concerto 21 2nd Movement

ANNOUNCEMENTS

TODAY, January 31, 2021

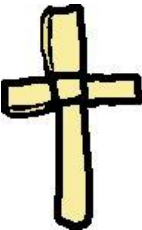
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- 2.As once you walked through ancient streets and reached toward those in pain,
we know you come among us still with power to heal again.
- 3.You touch us through physicians' skills, through nurses' gifts of care,
and through the love of faithful friends who lift our lives in prayer.
- 4.Through nights of pain and wakefulness, through days when strength runs low,
grant us your gift of patience, Lord, your calming peace to know.
- 5.We come to you, O loving Lord, in our distress and pain,
in trust that through our nights and days your grace will heal, sustain.

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- 1.A grateful heart is what I bring, a song of praise, my offering.
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- 2.Your name is known in all the lands. You feed the poor with gentle hands.
Your word is true, your works are just; in you, O God, the faithful trust.
- 3.With saving love you set us free, and still you dwell in mystery
With wisdom none can comprehend. Your praise, O God, will never end.

2ND HYMN: BE THOU MY VISION

- 1.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
- 2.Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true word;
I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord
Thou my soul's shelter, and thou my high tower;
raise thou me heavenward, O Power of my power.
- 3.Riches I heed not, nor vain, empty praise
Thou mine inheritance, now and always
Thou and thou only first in my heart
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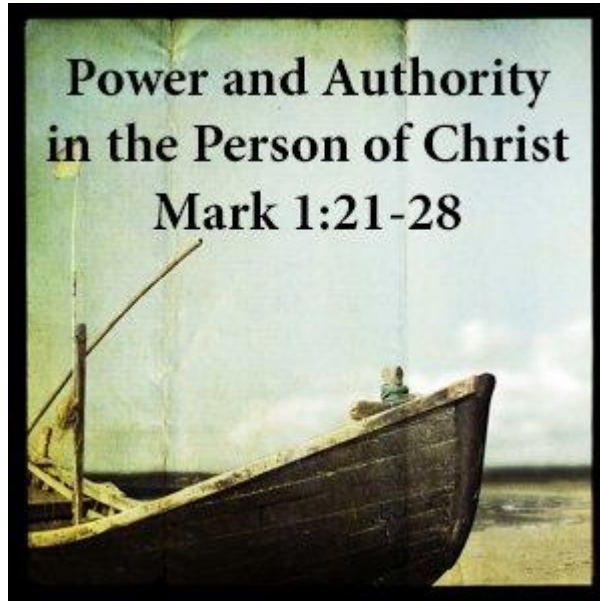
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You are the treasure that I seek
You are my all in all
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Taking my sin, my cross, my shame
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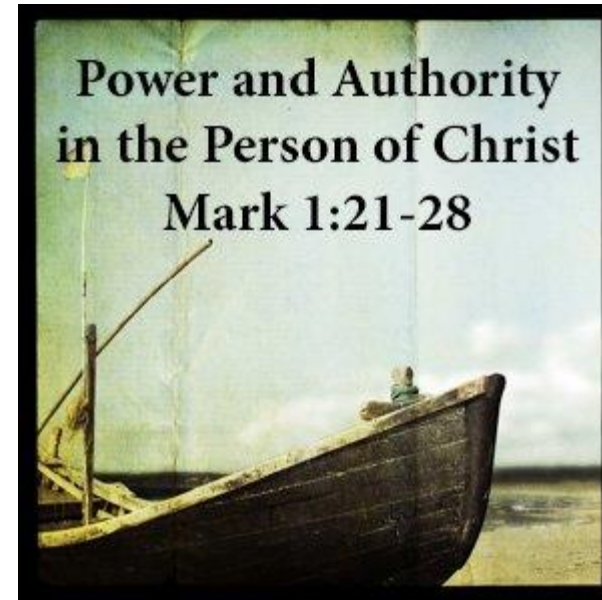
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