EPIPHANY 4 SUNDAY January 31, 2021

Organ Prelude: Prelude in C major

J. S. Bach

Welcome, Announcements & Worship Theme

CALL TO WORSHIP:

They went to Capernaum; and when the sabbath came, Jesus entered the synagogue and taught. They were astounded as this teaching, for he taught as one having authority, and not as the scribes. (Mark 1:21-22).

We come to worship to open ourselves to Christ's teaching and authority, both for our own lives and for those in our community.

But Jesus rebuked him saying, "Be silent, and come out of him!" And then the unclean spirit, convulsing him and crying with a loud voice, came out of him. (Mark 1:25-26).

We come to worship to find healing and liberation. We come to instil in ourselves a compassion that comes through the authority of Christ; a compassion that leads to wholeness and human flourishing.

Let us worship God together!

Hymn: "God, whose giving knows no ending" soloist Chris Tanaka-Mann with organist Bruce Nasmith No. 663

1. God, whose giving knows no ending, from your rich and endless store, nature's wonder, Jesus' wisdom, costly cross, grave's shattered door: gifted by you, we turn to you, offering up ourselves in praise; thankful song shall rise forever, gracious donor of our days.

2. Skills and time are ours for pressing toward the goals of Christ, your Son: all at peace in health and freedom, races joined, the church made one. Now direct our daily labour, lest we strive for self alone; born with talents, make us servants fit to answer at your throne. 3. Treasure too you have entrusted,gain through pow'rs your Grace conferred:Ours to use for home and kindred,and to spread the gospel word.

Open wide our hands in sharing, as we heed Christ's ageless call. healing, teaching, and reclaiming, serving you by loving all.

Prayer of Approach, Confession & The Lord's Prayer 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, the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

The Peace of Christ be with you all; And also with you.

Children's Theme for Church School

Special Music: He will carry you

soloist Erin Stone with pianist Bruce Nasmith

by Scott Wesley Brown

Scripture Readings: Psalm 111; Mark 1:21-28

Psalm 111

1 Praise the Lord!

I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart,

- in the company of the upright, in the congregation. 2 Great are the works of the Lord,
- studied by all who delight in them.
- 3 Full of honour and majesty is his work, and his righteousness endures forever.
- 4 He has gained renown by his wonderful deeds; the Lord is gracious and merciful.
- 5 He provides food for those who fear him; he is ever mindful of his covenant.
- 6 He has shown his people the power of his works, in giving them the heritage of the nations.
- 7 The works of his hands are faithful and just; all his precepts are trustworthy.
- 8 They are established forever and ever, to be performed with faithfulness and uprightness.

9 He sent redemption to his people;
he has commanded his covenant forever.
Holy and awesome is his name.

10 The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom; all those who practice it have a good understanding. His praise endures forever.

Mark 1:21-28

21 They went to Capernaum; and when the sabbath came, he entered the synagogue and taught. 22 They were astounded at his teaching, for he taught them as one having authority, and not as the scribes. 23 Just then there was in their synagogue a man with an unclean spirit, 24 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." 25 But Jesus rebuked him, saying, "Be silent, and come out of him!" 26 And the unclean spirit, convulsing him and crying with a loud voice, came out of him. 27 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." 28 At once his fame began to spread throughout the surrounding region of Galilee.

We are listening, O God; Speak to us!

Sermon:	AUTHORITY, POWER AND COMPASSION	Rev. Rebecca
Special Music: Hosanna	soloist Shaun Alphonso with pianist Bruce Nasmith	Hillsong
Prayers of Thanksgiving & Pastoral Concern		
Hymn: "Be thou my vision" soloist Anna Bateman with organist Bruce Nasmith		No. 461
1. Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart; naught be all else to me, save that thou art, thou my best thought in the day and the night, waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.	and though with me, Lord though my great Father,	

3. Be thou my breastplate, my sword for the fight; be thou my ar and be thou my might; though my soul's shelter and thou my high tower, raise thou me heavenward, O Power of my power.

4. Riches I heed not, nor vain earthly praise, thou my inheritance, through all my days;

Benediction

Threefold Amen

Organ Postlude: Fugue in C major

thou and thou only, the first in my heart, high King of heaven, my treasure thou art!

5. High King of heaven, when the battle is done, grant heaven's joy to me, O bright heaven's Sun; heart of my own heart, whatever befall, still be my vision, O ruler of all.

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