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Fourth Sunday after Epiphany| January 28, 2024

\*Please stand as you are able

**Welcome and Announcements**

Trinity Chimes

**Prelude** *Variations on FOUNDATION*

 Robert Lind

\*Call to Worship:

One:  A new teaching from one with authority!

**All: Christ comes among us with words of healing and grace.**

One: Casting out the spirits that hold us captive,

**All: Saving us from all that keeps us from God.**

One: Let us meet this teacher and healer,

**All: And spread word to all that God is here!**

\*Hymn of Praise 173 *Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies* RATISBON

1. Christ, whose glory fills the skies,
Christ, the true, the only light,
Sun of Righteousness, arise,
triumph o'er the shades of night;
Dayspring from on high, be near;
Daystar, in my heart appear.

2. Dark and cheerless is the morn
unaccompanied by thee;
joyless is the day's return,
till thy mercy's beams I see;
till they inward light impart,
cheer my eyes and warm my heart.

3. Visit then this soul of mine;
pierce the gloom of sin and grief;
fill me, Radiancy divine,
scatter all my unbelief;
more and more thyself display,
shining to the perfect day.

**Opening Prayer**

**Saving God, you pour out your grace upon us, strengthening us, guiding us, and making us whole. In our joy, in our struggle, in our hope and in our grief, you are there to give us all we need. Remind us you are there today and always. Amen.**

**Responsive Scripture Reading** 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 Honor and majesty is his work,**

**And his righteousness endures forever.**

He has gained renown by his wonderful deeds;

 the Lord is gracious and merciful.

**He provides food for those who fear him;**

**he is ever mindful of his covenant.**

He has shown his people the power of his works,

 in giving them the heritage of the nations.

**The works of his hands are faithful and just;**

 **All his precepts are trustworthy.**

They are established forever and ever,

 to be performed with faithfulness and uprightness.

**He sent redemption to his people;**

 **He has commanded his covenant forever**

 **Holy and awesome is his name.**

The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom;

**All those who practice it have a good understanding.**

**His praise endures forever.**

Music of Preparation *Be Thou My Vision*

 arr. Mark Hayes

 The Chancel Choir

Gospel Lesson Mark 1:21-28

Sermon A New Teaching

Music of Response

Prayers of the People

Prayer of Confession

**Holy Wisdom, it is in living that we understand the fullness of your ways, as you hear our prayers and rejoice at our praises. You send prophets and teachers to grow and help us, a savior to save us – and yet we do not understand. When your wholeness is not the way we want, your answers are not our answers, your way is not our way, we turn our backs in disbelief. Yet you are there, supporting us, casting out the demons that hold us back. Forgive us as you open wide before us the vista of your grace, the expanse of your love, the wonder of your healing power. Through Christ, we pray. Amen.**

Pastor:  Hear the Good News, Christ is among us renewing us for life with love.  In the name of Christ, you are forgiven!

**People: In the name of Christ you are forgiven!**

**All: Glory to God, Amen.**

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.

\*Passing of the Peace

Invitation to Offering

Offertory *Fairest Lord Jesus*

 arr. Mark Hayes

\*Doxology LASST UNS EFREUN

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;

Praise God, all creatures here below.

Alleluia! Alleluia!

Praise God, the source of all our gifts!

Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!

Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit,

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

\*Offertory Prayer

\*Sending Hymn 176 *Majesty, Worship His Majesty* MAJESTY

Majesty, worship is majesty; unto

Jesus be all glory, honor, and praise.

Majesty, kingdom authority, Flow

From his throne unto his own,

his anthem raise. So exalt, lift up on

high the name of Jesus. Magnify, come

Glorify Christ Jesus, the King.

Majesty, worship his majesty,

Jesus who died, now glorified,

King of all Kings.

Benediction

May the Lord bless you and keep you. May the Lord make his face to shine upon you and be gracious unto you. May the Lord lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace, Amen!

Postlude *A Medieval Toccata*

 Grimaldo Macchia

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“Majesty, Worship His Majesty”

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