

Epiphany 4 (January 30/31, 2021) Order of Worship

WELCOME:

SPECIAL MUSIC: "My Jesus, I Love Thee" - Ringing Praise

OPENING PRAYER: (inspired by Mark 1:21-28)

Speak with authority in our lives, Christ.

Speak to us, and to what is in us, so that we might be whole.

Speak to us, with love, with hope, and with strength, so that we might hear you, and know, deep inside, that we are your people, and that you are our God. Let it be so.

~ written by Richard Bott, and posted on Sharing Liturgy. http://liturgy.richardbott.com/

GATHERING SONG: "Christ Be Magnified"

Verse 1

Were creation suddenly articulate With a thousand tongues to lift one cry Then from north to south and east to west We'd hear Christ be magnified

Verse 2

Were the whole earth echoing His eminence His name would burst from sea and sky From rivers to the mountain tops We'd hear Christ be magnified

Chorus

O Christ be magnified Let His praise arise Christ be magnified in me O Christ be magnified From the altar of my life Christ be magnified in me

Verse 3

When ev'ry creature finds its inmost melody And ev'ry human heart its native cry O then in one enraptured hymn of praise We'll sing Christ be magnified

Chorus 2x

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FIRST READING: Psalm 111 Read by Cynthia Monroe

¹Praise the LORD!

I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart, in the company of the upright, in the congregation. ²Great are the works of the LORD, studied by all who delight in them. ³Full of honor and majesty is his work, and his righteousness endures forever. ⁴He has gained renown by his wonderful deeds; the LORD is gracious and merciful. ⁵He provides food for those who fear him; he is ever mindful of his covenant. ⁶He has shown his people the power of his works, in giving them the heritage of the nations. ⁷The works of his hands are faithful and just; all his precepts are trustworthy. ⁸They are established forever and ever, to be performed with faithfulness and uprightness. ⁹He sent redemption to his people;



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he has commanded his covenant forever. Holy and awesome is his name. ¹⁰The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom; all those who practice it have a good understanding. His praise endures forever.

L: The Word of the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: "Celtic Alleluia" ELW #174

Alelluia, alleluia. Alleluia, alleluia Alleluia, alleluia. Alleluia, alleluia

Text and music: Fintan O'Carrooll and Chirstopher Walker

GOSPEL: Mark 1:21-28

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

P: The Gospel of the Lord. **C: Praise to You, O Christ.**

SERMON: Pastor Andrea Cain

SERMON SONG: "Revelation Song"

Verse 1

Worthy is the Lamb Who was slain Holy holy is He Sing a new song to Him Who sits on Heaven's mercy seat **(Repeat)**

Chorus

Holy, holy, holy Is the Lord God Almighty Who was and is and is to come With all creation I sing Praise to the King of kings You are my ev'rything And I will adore You

Verse 2

Clothed in rainbows of living color Flashes of lightning rolls of thunder Blessing and honor strength and glory And power be to You the only wise King

Chorus

Verse 3

Filled with wonder awestruck wonder At the mention of Your name Jesus Your name is power breath and living water Such a marv'lous mystery

Chorus (2x)

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HEALING RITE:

INTRODUCTION:

Our Lord Jesus healed many as a sign of the reign of God come near and sent the disciples to continue this work of healing—with prayer, the laying on of hands, and anointing. In the name of Christ, the great healer and reconciler of the world, we now entrust to God all who are in need of healing.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION:

Let us pray: Merciful God, you sent your Son to be our peace. Help all those who suffer any pain or grief, hopelessness or anxiety.

Mighty God, mercifully grant strength to the weak and comfort to those who suffer, that their sickness and pain may be turned into health.

God of peace and reconciliation, bring an end to the sickness of the world, especially COVID-19, violence, racism, war, and their causes.

Holy God, Holy One, your Son prayed that your people may be one. May the gift of baptism be a power for healing the church's brokenness, mending broken relationships and bringing peace to our nation and the world.

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, Let us pray as Jesus taught us: 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.



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LAYING ON OF HANDS:

The peace of Christ be with you always. Sisters and brothers, I invite you to receive a sign of healing and wholeness in the name of the triune God.

(You are invited to receive the words of healing, say them to each other, lay hands on each person's head, and to anoint foreheads with olive oil or water with the sign of the cross.)

Name,

in the name of our Savior Jesus Christ, be strengthened and filled with God's grace, that you may know the healing power of the Spirit. Response: Amen.

Let us pray. Living God, through the laying on of hands and anointing, grant comfort in suffering to all who are in need of healing. Give them courage, patience, and hope; and assure them of the support of your holy people. We ask this through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

SENDING SONG: "Blessed Be Your Name"

Verse 1:

Blessed be Your name In the land that is plentiful Where Your streams of abundance flow Blessed be Your name

Verse 2:

Blessed be Your name When I'm found in the desert place Though I walk through the wilderness Blessed be Your name

Pre-Chorus:

Ev'ry blessing You pour out I'll Turn back to praise When the darkness closes in Lord Still I will say

Chorus:

Blessed be the name of the Lord Blessed be Your name Blessed be the name of the Lord Blessed be Your glorious name

Verse 3:

Blessed be Your name When the sun's shining down on me When the world's all as it should be Blessed be Your name

Verse 4:

Blessed be Your name On the road marked with suffering Though there's pain in the offering Blessed be Your name

Pre-Chorus:

Chorus:

Bridge:

You give and take away You give and take away My heart will choose to say Lord blessed be Your name **(Repeat)**

Sing Chorus Twice

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BENEDICTION:

God the creator strengthen you; Jesus the beloved fill you; And the Holy Spirit, the comforter + keep you in peace. Amen.

Musicians: Daniel Decker (vocalist), Michael Lottes (vocalist) and Ringin Praise