

Jesus Has Complete Authority

January 28, 2018 – Fourth Sunday in Epiphany

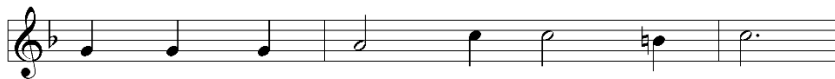
OPENING HYMN

Oh, that I Had a Thousand Voices

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1 Oh, that I had a thou - sand voic - es
 2 Dear Fa - ther, end - less praise I ren - der
 3 I praise you, Sav - ior, whose com - pas - sion
 4 Glo - ry and praise, still on - ward reach - ing,
 5 Shall I not then be filled with glad - ness?



To praise my God with thou - sand tongues!
 For soul and bod - y, no - bly joined;
 Has brought you down to ran - som me.
 Be yours, O Spir - it of all grace,
 Shall I not praise you ev - er - more



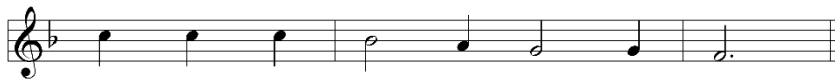
My heart, which in the Lord re - joic - es,
 I praise you, Guard - ian kind and ten - der,
 Your pit - ying heart sought my sal - va - tion;
 Whose ho - ly pow'r and faith - ful teach - ing,
 And tri - umph o - ver fear and sad - ness,



Would then pro - claim in grate - ful songs
 For all the dai - ly joys I find
 You bore the cross tri - um - phant - ly,
 Give me a - mong your saints a place.
 Al - though my cup of woe runs o'er?



To all, wher - ev - er I might be,
 So rich - ly spread on ev - 'ry side
 Brought me from bond - age full re - lease,
 What - ev - er good by me is done
 Though heav'n and earth shall dis - ap - pear,



What great things God has done for me.
 And free - ly your for my use sup - plied.
 Made me your own, and gave me peace.
 Is worked by grace di - vine a - lone.
 Your end - less love is ev - er near.

INVOCATION & GREETING

M: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

M: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you.

C: And also with you.

CONFESSION OF SINS

M: Dear friends, let us approach God with a true heart and confess our sins, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to forgive us.

C: I confess to almighty God and to you, my brothers and sisters,
that I have greatly sinned, in my thoughts, words, and actions
through my fault,
through my own fault,
through my own most grievous fault.

Therefore, I ask God to have mercy on me; forgive me all my sins; and bring me to eternal life.

M: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again. In his great mercy, God made us alive in Christ even when we were dead in our sins. Hear the word of Christ through his called servant: I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

LORD, HAVE MERCY – Kyrie

M: In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

For the well-being of all people everywhere, that they may receive from you all they need to sustain body and life, hear our prayer, O Lord.



C: Lord, have mer - cy.

The musical notation is on a single staff in treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#). The melody consists of five notes: D4, E4, F#4, G4, and A4. The first two notes (D and E) are beamed together, and the last two notes (G and A) are also beamed together. A slur covers the entire phrase. The lyrics "C: Lord, have mer - cy." are written below the staff, with hyphens under "mer" and "cy." to indicate the phrasing.

M: For the spread of your life-giving gospel throughout the world, that all who are lost in sin may be brought to faith in you, hear our prayer, O Christ.



C: Christ, have mer - cy.

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M: For patience and perseverance in this life, that we may not lose the hope of heaven as we await your return, hear our prayer, O Lord.



C: Lord, have mer - cy.

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M: Lord of life, live in us that we may live for you.




C: A - men.

The musical notation is on a single staff in treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#). The melody consists of four notes: D4, E4, F#4, and G4. The first two notes (D and E) are beamed together, and the last two notes (F# and G) are also beamed together. A slur covers the entire phrase. The lyrics "C: A - men." are written below the staff, with a hyphen under "men." to indicate the phrasing.

SONG OF PRAISE

M: The works of the Lord are great and glorious; his name is worthy of praise.



C: O Lord, our Lord, how glo - rious is your name in



all the earth. Al - might - y God, mer - ci - ful Fa - ther,



you crown our life with your love. You take a - way our sin;



you com - fort our spir - it; you make us pure and



ho - ly in your sight. You did not spare your on - ly Son,



but gave him up for us all. O Lord, our Lord,



how glo - rious is your name in all the earth.



O Son of God, e - ter - nal Word of the Fa - ther,

you came to live with us; you made your Fa - ther known;

you washed us from our sins in your own blood. You are the

King of glo - ry; you are the Lord! O Lord, our Lord,

how glo - rious is your name in all the earth.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: Lord God, you know that we are surrounded by many dangers and that we often stumble and fall. Strengthen us in body and mind, and bring us safely 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.

C: Amen.

FIRST LESSON

Deuteronomy 18:15-20

¹⁵The Lord your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among you, from your fellow Israelites. You must listen to him. ¹⁶For this is what you asked of the Lord your God at Horeb on the day of the assembly when you said, "Let us not hear the voice of the Lord our God nor see this great fire anymore, or we will die."

¹⁷The Lord said to me: "What they say is good. ¹⁸I will raise up for them a prophet like you from among their fellow Israelites, and I will put my words in his mouth. He will tell them everything I command him. ¹⁹I myself will call to account anyone who does not listen to my words that the prophet speaks in my name. ²⁰But a prophet who presumes to speak in my

name anything I have not commanded, or a prophet who speaks in the name of other gods, is to be put to death.”

M: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God!**

SECOND LESSON

1 Corinthians 8:1-13

¹ Now about food sacrificed to idols: We know that “We all possess knowledge.” But knowledge puffs up while love builds up. ² Those who think they know something do not yet know as they ought to know. ³ But whoever loves God is known by God.

⁴ So then, about eating food sacrificed to idols: We know that “An idol is nothing at all in the world” and that “There is no God but one.” ⁵ For even if there are so-called gods, whether in heaven or on earth (as indeed there are many “gods” and many “lords”), ⁶ yet for us there is but one God, the Father, from whom all things came and for whom we live; and there is but one Lord, Jesus Christ, through whom all things came and through whom we live.

⁷ But not everyone possesses this knowledge. Some people are still so accustomed to idols that when they eat sacrificial food they think of it as having been sacrificed to a god, and since their conscience is weak, it is defiled. ⁸ But food does not bring us near to God; we are no worse if we do not eat, and no better if we do.

⁹ Be careful, however, that the exercise of your rights does not become a stumbling block to the weak. ¹⁰ For if someone with a weak conscience sees you, with all your knowledge, eating in an idol’s temple, won’t that person be emboldened to eat what is sacrificed to idols? ¹¹ So this weak brother or sister, for whom Christ died, is destroyed by your knowledge. ¹² When you sin against them in this way and wound their weak conscience, you sin against Christ. ¹³ Therefore, if what I eat causes my brother or sister to fall into sin, I will never eat meat again, so that I will not cause them to fall.

M: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God!**

²¹ They went to Capernaum, and when the Sabbath came, Jesus went into the synagogue and began to teach. ²² The people were amazed at his teaching, because he taught them as one who had authority, not as the teachers of the law. ²³ Just then a man in their synagogue who was possessed by an impure spirit cried out, ²⁴ "What do you want with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are—the Holy One of God!"

²⁵ "Be quiet!" said Jesus sternly. "Come out of him!" ²⁶ The impure spirit shook the man violently and came out of him with a shriek.

²⁷ The people were all so amazed that they asked each other, "What is this? A new teaching—and with authority! He even gives orders to impure spirits and they obey him." ²⁸ News about him spread quickly over the whole region of Galilee.

M: This is the Gospel of our Lord.

C: Praise be to you, O Christ!



1 Seek where you may To find a way
 2 Seek whom you may To be your stay;
 3 Seek him a - lone, Who did a - tone,
 4 My heart's de - light, My crown most bright,



That leads to your sal - va - tion. My heart is
 None can re - deem his broth - er. All help - ers
 Who did your souls de - liv - er; Oh, seek him
 Je - sus, you are for - ev - er. Not wealth or



stilled; On Christ I build— He is the
 failed; This man pre - vailed, The God - Man,
 first, All you who thirst For grace that
 pride Or aught be - side Our bond of



one foun - da - tion. His Word is sure; His
 and none oth - er. The Ser - vant - Lord Our
 fails you nev - er. In ev - 'ry need Seek
 love shall sev - er. You are my Lord; Your



works en - dure. He will o'er - throw My
 life re - stored. We're jus - ti - fied, For
 him in - deed; To ev - 'ry heart, He
 pre - cious Word Shall be my guide What -



ev - 'ry foe; Through him I more than con - quer.
 he has died, The guilt - less for the guilt - y.
 will im - part His bless - ings with - out mea - sure.
 e'er be - tide. Oh, teach me, Lord, to trust you!

APOSTLE'S CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.

I believe 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 is seated 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.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

P: Heavenly Father, your servant Moses promised that you would raise up a prophet like him from among your ancient people, putting your words into his mouth. We bless your name that you fulfilled that promise when you sent your Son with the words of eternal life for us to hear and to treasure. Make all ministers of your Church faithful in preaching that Word, and grant all your people grace to hear and welcome it with joy. We especially as that you be with our new church council as they work to promote the teaching, preaching, and sharing of your Word here. Lord, in your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

P: Your Son spoke with power and showed His authority to release from the oppression of the devil those whom the enemy had afflicted. Through our Savior's mighty Word, continue to free those in bondage to the powers of darkness, transferring them into the Kingdom of your Son, that with us they may marvel at your gracious love. Lord, in your mercy,

C: **Hear our prayer.**

P: Kind Master, you summon Your children to consider and weigh the impact of their actions on their weaker brothers and sisters and so not to live in ways that may cause offense. Help all the members of the church to be considerate of one another and not to put needless stumbling blocks in the way of each other's faith. Lord, in your mercy,

C: **Hear our prayer.**

P: Into Your merciful keeping, we commend all those entrusted with civil authority among us. Help them to serve our nation and communities with honor. Remember also all in our armed forces and all those who work day and night for public safety. Lord, in your mercy,

C: **Hear our prayer.**

P: Father, you invite everyone to offer prayer to you at a time when you may be found. Hear the cries of your children who call to you in their time of need: those who are ill, hospitalized, injured, grieving, lonely or frightened. Have mercy on them all, O Lord, and let them take comfort in your steadfast love that surrounds those who trust in You. Lord, in your mercy,

C: **Hear our prayer.**

P: Lord, you are our hiding place. You preserve your children from trouble and surround them with shouts of deliverance. Receive our thanks for all the faithful departed who have gone before us and now rest in Christ. Bring us with all your saints to the joys of the resurrection. Lord, in your mercy,

C: **Hear our prayer.**

P: Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C: **Amen.**

OFFERING

The members of Christ the King have joined together to do the Lord's work in their community and around the world. Visitors should not feel obligated to participate in this offering.

RITE OF INSTALLATION OF CHRIST THE KING'S OFFICERS

Pastor: In Holy Baptism, our Lord Jesus Christ liberated you from sin and death and made you members of his body, the Church. Through Word and Sacrament, you have been nurtured in faith. You have now been selected for positions of leadership to serve our Lord on behalf of this congregation. The Lord has entrusted you an office which you are to carry out as his servants and according to his Word. St. Paul writes concerning service in the church: *"We have different gifts, according to the grace given us. If a man's gift is prophesying, let him use it in proportion to his faith. If it is serving, let him serve; if it is teaching, let him teach; if it is encouraging, let him encourage; if it is contributing to the needs of others, let him give generously; if it is leadership, let him govern diligently; if it is showing mercy, let him do it cheerfully."*

One thing which the Lord seeks above all from those who serve is faithfulness: *"It is required that those who have been given a trust must prove faithful."* The Lord does not seek from us what he has not given to us. But when he does give a gift, his will is that we use it faithfully to his glory and for the benefit of his people.

You are also, as servants of Jesus Christ and workers in this congregation, to set for your own families and the whole church the example of a Christian life. Make the Word of God your foundation and guide. Search it daily for comfort and instruction.

Pastor: So that the congregation may be assured of your willingness to serve, I ask you, in the presence of God and this congregation:

Will you diligently and faithfully carry out the office entrusted to you, according to the ability which God gives you? Then answer: I will, and I ask God to help me.

Officers: I will, and I ask God to help me.

Pastor: Sandy Mammel, I now install you as Financial Secretary of Christ the King Lutheran Church in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Mark Mammel, I now install you as Treasurer; Andrew Myers, I now install you as Vice President; Philip Remmele, I now install you as President and as the church council of Christ the King Lutheran Church in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

May the Lord guide and direct you by his Holy Spirit. May he strengthen and help you in every way, so that you are able to fulfill your duties with complete faithfulness.

In the name of the congregation, we sincerely thank those members who in the past years have served the Lord and his Church in positions of leadership. We thank John Hammermeister for his service as President and Dan Verner for his service as Treasurer and Trustee. May the Lord our God graciously reward them for all they have done to his glory and for the benefit of his Church.

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
and the power and the glory
forever and ever. Amen.

CLOSING PRAYER

M: Almighty God, grant to your Church the Holy Spirit and the wisdom that comes from above. Let nothing hinder your Word from being freely proclaimed to the joy and edifying of Christ's holy people, so that we may serve you in steadfast faith and confess your name as long as we live, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

BLESSING

M: The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look on you with favor and give you peace.

C: Amen.



1 Christ is our cor - ner - stone; On him a - lone we
 2 Oh, then, with hymns of praise These hal - lowed courts shall
 3 Here, gra - cious God, do now And ev - er - more draw
 4 Here may we gain from heav'n The grace which we im -



build. With his true saints a - lone The courts of
 ring! Our voic - es we will raise The Three in
 near; Ac - cept each faith - ful vow And all your
 plore, And may that grace, once giv'n, Be with us



heav'n are filled. On his great love Our hopes we
 One to sing And thus pro - claim In joy - ful
 chil - dren hear, And more and more day On those who
 ev - er - more Un - til that day When all the



place Of pres - ent grace And joys a - bove.
 song, Both loud and long, That glo - rious name.
 pray Each ho - ly day Your bless - ing pour.
 blest To end - less rest Are called a - way!



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Welcome!

Welcome to Cristo Rey Lutheran Church! We are a Christian church centered on Jesus Christ. Our mission is to share the good news of eternal life through Christ with you.

We are both an established, yet new church. We have been serving Bell Gardens since the 1970s. At the same time, we are revitalizing our efforts to serve as an active and involved church in our community.

Upcoming Events

Council Meeting..... Today at 12:00pm
Voters Meeting..... February 18 at 12:00pm

Worship Schedule

Divine Service in English..... Sundays at 10:45am
English Bible Study..... Sundays at 10:00am

Worship Acknowledgements

We thank our guest musician, Rachel Gehlhar, and our pianist, Beth Behmer, for edifying our worship service today.

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