

The Fourth Sunday after Epiphany

January 28, 2024



Gloria Dei
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Welcome to Gloria Dei!

The name *Gloria Dei* is a Latin phrase meaning *God's glory*. We pray that here you will find his glory and love chiefly revealed in our Savior Jesus. May your time in worship be edifying and enable you to focus on Jesus as the solution to your sin and as the certainty of eternal life in heaven.

Should you need a **restroom** during the service, you will find them in the Fellowship Hall directly beneath the sanctuary. Exit the sanctuary by the main doors, turn right and head down the stairs, turn right at the bottom of the stairs and enter the first door.

If you need anything during the service, please speak to one of the ushers.

To Those Visiting with Children

The members of Gloria Dei believe that families should be able to worship together. It is clear that some amount of noise will come with children being in worship. Any noise children make in worship is the sound of families doing what God has told them to do: bringing their children to sit at Jesus' feet. Should your family need a few moments away from the sanctuary, the Fellowship Hall located directly beneath the sanctuary is open and equipped with a closed circuit TV of the service.

The Theme of Today's Worship

Authority is the power to determine what happens, the ability to give direction or even commands. Authority is limited. Authority is limited in duration. Parents have authority over their children until they grow up and move out. Authority is limited in scope. A governor has authority over the people of his state only, not the neighboring state. Authority is limited by levels. A manager has authority over employees unless the company owner—a higher authority—demotes him. Authority is limited in duration and scope. It is limited by higher levels of authority.

This week we see that there is one man—only one!—who has absolute authority. There is no one, not even the demons, who is outside his authority. As the Son of God there is no higher authority than Jesus. And his authority is everlasting. But here is the best part of this epiphany: Jesus graciously uses his absolute authority for our benefit and blessing.

Serving Today

Presiding Minister & PreacherPastor Timothy Shrimpton
AccompanistKathy Lee
UshersMark Baushke and Tim Mann
Sunday School TeacherJanet Powers
Coffee Hour HostJanet Powers

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Morning Prayer

Matins

Opening Hymn

919 Blessed Jesus, at Your Word



1 Bless - ed Je - sus, at your Word we are gath - ered
2 All our knowl - edge, sense, and sight lie in deep - est
3 Gra - cious Sav - ior, good and kind, Light from Light, from
4 Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost, praise to you and



all to hear you. Let our hearts and souls be stirred
dark - ness shroud - ed till your Spir - it breaks our night
God pro - ceed - ing, o - pen now our heart and mind;
ad - o - ra - tion! Grant that we your Word may trust,



now to seek and love and fear you, by your teach - ings,
with the beams of truth un - cloud - ed. You a - lone to
help us by your Spir - it's plead - ing. Hear the cry your
con - fi - dent of our sal - va - tion, while we here be -



sweet and ho - ly, drawn from earth to love you sole - ly.
God can win us; you must work all good with - in us.
Church now rais - es; hear and bless our prayers and prais - es.
low must wan - der, till we sing your prais - es yon - der.

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Please stand



O Lord, o - pen my lips,



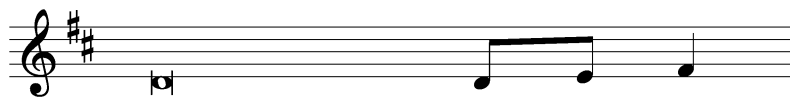
and my mouth shall de - clare your praise.



Has - ten to save me, O God;



O Lord, come quick - ly to help me.



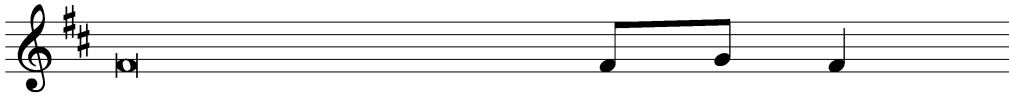
Epiphany The glory of Christ is re - vealed:



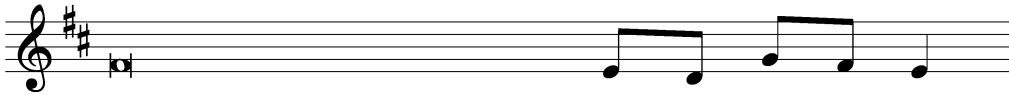
praise and thanks to God!

O Come, Let Us Sing to the Lord

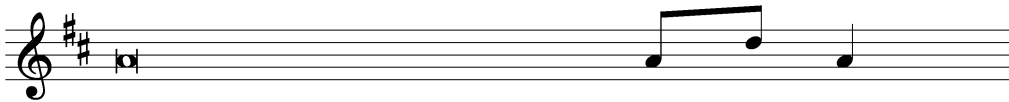
*Venite**



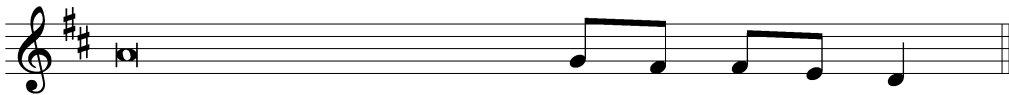
- 1 O come, let us sing to the Lord,
- 2 For the Lord is a great _____ God
- 3 The sea is his, for he made _____ it,



- 1 let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our sal - va - tion.
- 2 and a great king a - bove all gods.
- 3 and his hand formed the dry _____ land.



- 1 Let us come into his presence with thanks - giv - ing,
- 2 The deep places of the earth are in his hand;
- 3 O come, let us worship and bow _____ down,
- 4 For he is our God,



- 1 let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise.
- 2 the heights of the hills are al - so his.
- 3 let us kneel before the Lord our mak - er.
- 4 and we are the people of his
pasture and the sheep of his _____ hand.

Be seated

* This song of praise uses the words of **Psalm 95** to praise our Maker, the one who make the heavens and the earth. The traditional name of this song, *Venite*, is the first word of the song in Latin meaning *Come*.

First Reading

Deuteronomy 18:15–20

Moses prophesies that the LORD would raise up another prophet who would speak with all the authority of God himself.

The LORD your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among you, from your brother Israelites. Listen to him.

¹⁶That is exactly what you asked from the LORD your God at Horeb on the day of the assembly. You said, “Do not let me hear the voice of the LORD my God anymore, and do not let me see this great fire again, or I will die.”

¹⁷Then the LORD said to me, “They have done well by saying what they said. ¹⁸I will raise up a prophet for them from among their brothers, like you, and I will put my words in his mouth, and he will speak to them everything that I command him. ¹⁹Anyone who will not listen to my words that the prophet speaks in my name, I myself will call him to account. ²⁰Any prophet who presumes to speak something in my name that I have not commanded him to speak or who speaks something in the name of other gods—that prophet shall die.”

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm of the Day

Psalm 29B



1 The voice which shakes the earth till moun-tains heave and quake,
2 When God's ma - jes - tic voice round hill and val - ley rings,
3 At his e - ter - nal throne a - wait the sol - emn sound,



the voice which caus - es an - cient oaks to bend and break,
the des - ert blooms, the wood-land skips, the for - est sings:
for no - where else will great - er strength or peace be found.



the voice which thun - ders loud a - bove the crash - ing waves
his word pro - claims the truth like light - ning, sharp and bright,
Ex - alt the God of pow'r, and kneel in rev - 'rent fear—



be - longs to God, the Ho - ly One, the LORD who saves.
with pen - e - trat - ing clar - i - ty and ten - der might.
give glo - ry to the One whose voice we long to hear.

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Second Reading

Hebrews 3:1-6

As great as Moses was, Jesus is worthy of infinitely greater honor. For only Jesus has absolute authority.

Therefore, holy brothers, who share in the heavenly calling, focus your attention on Jesus, the apostle and high priest whom we confess. ²He was faithful to the one who appointed him, as also Moses was faithful in God's whole house. ³In fact, Jesus is worthy of greater glory than Moses, in the same way that the builder of a house has more honor than the house. ⁴For every house is built by someone, and God is the one who built everything.

⁵Moses was faithful as a servant within God’s whole house by testifying to the things that would be spoken. ⁶But Christ is faithful as a Son over God’s house. We are his house, if we hold on firmly to our confidence and the hope about which we boast until the end.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

*Please stand**

Gospel

Mark 1:21-28

Jesus demonstrates absolute authority. Even his enemies, the demons, have to obey him.

Then they went into Capernaum.

On the next Sabbath day, Jesus went into the synagogue and began to teach. ²²They were amazed at his teaching, because he was teaching them as one who has authority and not as the experts in the law. ²³Just then there was a man with an unclean spirit in their synagogue. It cried out, ²⁴“What do we have to do with you, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are—the Holy One of God!”

²⁵Jesus rebuked the spirit, saying, “Be quiet! Come out of him!”

²⁶The unclean spirit threw the man into convulsions, and after crying out with a loud voice, it came out of him. ²⁷Everyone was so amazed that they began to discuss this with each other. They said, “What is this? A new teaching with authority! He even commands the unclean spirits, and they obey him!” ²⁸News about him spread quickly through all the region of Galilee.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to you, O Christ!

Be seated

* We stand in respect for the words and life of Jesus, our King.

Hymn of the Day

744 Rise, Shine, You People



1 Rise, shine, you peo - ple! Christ the Lord has en - tered
2 See how he sends the pow'rs of e - vil reel - ing;
3 Come, cel - e - brate, your ban - ners high un - furl - ing,
4 Tell how the Fa - ther sent his Son to save us.



our hu - man sto - ry; God in him is cen - tered.
he brings us free - dom, light and life and heal - ing.
your songs and prayers a - gainst the dark - ness hurl - ing.
Tell of the Son, who life and free - dom gave us.



He comes to us, by death and sin sur -
All men and wom - en, who by guilt are
To all the world go out and tell the
Tell how the Spir - it calls from ev - 'ry



round - ed, with grace un - bound - ed.
driv - en, now are for - giv - en.
sto - ry of Je - sus' glo - ry.
na - tion his new cre - a - tion.

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Sermon

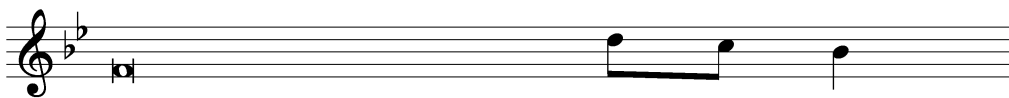
Listen to Him!

Deuteronomy 18:15-20

Please stand

We Praise You, O God

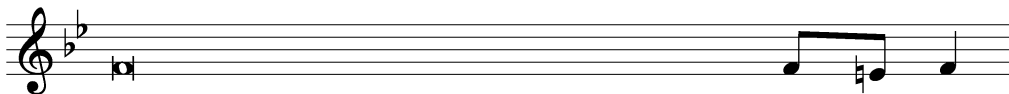
*Te Deum Laudamus**



- 1 We praise you, O God, we acclaim you as Lord;
- 2 Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of heav'n - ly hosts,
- 3 The white-robed army of martyrs praise ___ you.



- 1 all creation worships you, Fa - ther ev - er - last - ing.
- 2 heaven and earth are full ___ of your glo - ry.
- 3 Throughout the world the ho - ly Church ac - claims you:



- 1 To you all angels, all the pow'rs of heav'n,
- 2 The glorious company of apostles praise ___ you.
- 3 Father of majesty unbounded; your glorious, true, and on - ly Son;



- 1 cherubim and seraphim, sing in end - less praise:
- 2 The noble fellowship of proph - ets praise ___ you.
- 3 and the Holy Spirit, ad - vo - cate and guide.

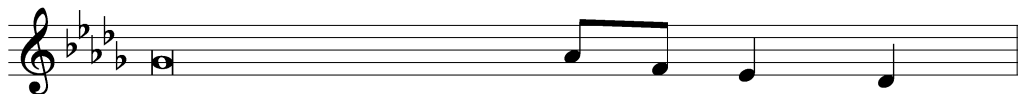


- 4 You, Christ, are the King of glo - ry, the eternal Son of the Fa - ther.

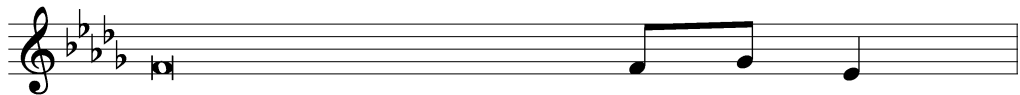


- 5 When you became man to set us free,
- 6 You sit at the right hand of God

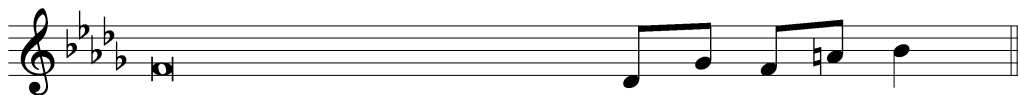
* This song serves as the congregation's confession of faith in the service of Morning Prayer. This ancient canticle is a joyful response to the message of forgiveness proclaimed in the Lessons and Sermon. The traditional name of the song, *Te Deum Laudamus*, is the first phrase of the song in Latin, *We Praise You, God*.



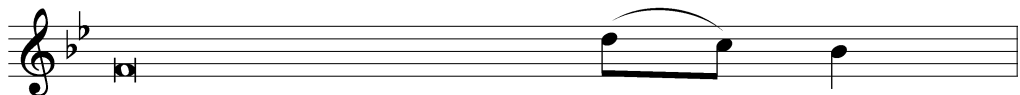
5 you humbled yourself to be born of a vir - gin.
6 in the glory of the Fa - ther.



5 You overcame the sting of death
6 We believe that you will come



5 and opened the kingdom of heaven to all be - liev - ers.
6 to be our judge.



7 Come then, Lord, and help your peo - ple,



7 bought with the price of your own blood,



7 and bring us with your saints to glory ev - er - last - ing.

Be seated

Offering

The members of Gloria Dei give their offerings out of thanks to God for his unending love. These offerings are used to support our work locally and around the world. Our guests may give, but should not feel compelled to do so. If you wish to give a gift electronically, please visit www.gdluth.org/giving or scan the code to the right.



If you are a guest with us today, please fill out the “Connection Card” in the racks at the end of each pew and leave the card with an usher, in the offering plate, or with the pastor.

As the offering plates are brought forward, please stand for prayer.

Lord, Have Mercy

Kyrie



Hear my voice when I call, O Lord; be merciful and answer me.



Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, look with mercy on our weaknesses, and in all our dangers and needs stretch out the right hand of your majesty to help and defend us; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Prayer

O Lord, our heavenly Father, almighty and everlasting God, you have brought us safely to this new day. Defend us with your mighty power, and grant that this day we neither

fall into sin nor run into any kind of danger. And in all we do, direct us to what is right in your sight; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord.

Amen.

Lord's Prayer*

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

Blessing



Let us praise the Lord.



Thanks be to God.



The grace of our Lord + Je - sus Christ and the love of God



and the fellowship of the Holy Spir - it be with you all.



A - men.

* When [Jesus] finished [praying], one of his disciples said to him, "Lord, teach us to pray, just as John also taught his disciples." He said to them, "When you pray, say, 'Our Father in heaven...'" (Luke 11:1-2).

Closing Hymn

538 Jesus, My Great High Priest



1 Je - sus, my great High Priest, of - fered his blood and
2 To Christ, my sub - sti - tute, will I com - mit my
3 My ad - vo - cate ap - pears for my de - fense on
4 Should all the hosts of death and pow'rs of hell un -



died; my guilt - y con - science seeks no sac - ri -
cause; he an - swers and ful - fills his Fa - ther's
high; a gra - cious Fa - ther hears and lays his
known put their most dread - ful forms of rage and



fice be - side. His pow'r - ful blood did once a -
bro - ken laws. Be - hold my soul at free - dom
thun - der by. Not all that hell or sin can
mis - chief on, I shall be safe, for Christ dis -



tone, and now it pleads be - fore the throne.
set— my Je - sus paid the dread - ful debt!
say shall turn his heart, his love, a - way.
plays su - pe - rior pow'r and guard - ian grace.

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Calendar & Announcements

Sunday

Sunday School [Grades PreK-5th] and Bible Class [Life of Abraham]	9:15 am
Worship	10:30 am
Coffee Hour	11:30 am
Catechism Class.....	12:00 pm

Tuesday

In-Person Midweek Bible Class [Luke]	10:30 am
Online Midweek Bible Class [Luke].....	7:30 pm

Thursday

Senior Care Center Worship Service [The Abigail, Redwood City]	10:00 am
Bible Information Class	4:30 pm
Member Care Committee Meeting.....	7:00 pm

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Different Midweek Lent Service Schedule

Beginning February 14

This year we are experimenting with a different setup for our Wednesday Lenten services. We will once again be partnering with our brothers and sisters at Peace in Santa Clara, but **we will exclusively hold in-person worship in Santa Clara, NOT in Belmont**. Pastor Chung and Pastor Shrimpton will share preaching roles during these midweek services.

We encourage everyone that is able to join in-person for these services in Santa Clara. If you cannot make it to Santa Clara on Wednesday evenings, the services will be live streamed as well and resources will be provided for that as they are for Sunday services.

Note: In this arrangement, our Holy Week schedule will not change. We will still have Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and Easter Sunday services in Belmont. Lent begins with Ash Wednesday on February 14.

Congregational Voters' Meeting

February 18, 12pm

Our next congregational voters' meeting will be held on Sunday, February 18 at 12pm (or as close to that after worship as we can). All members of Gloria Dei are encouraged to attend to get an update on our ministry plans and share any thoughts or ideas you might have for the future work we embark on together. If you have any items that you would like to have brought up for that meeting, please let Pastor Shrimpton or Steve Hansen know.

If you cannot attend in person but would be able to connect online via Zoom, please let Pastor Shrimpton know before the 18th so that we can make arrangements to have the necessary equipment setup and running for the meeting.

Every Member Visits

As we start a new year, Pastor Shrimpton would like to begin a new round of visits with every member. These visits can take place in your home, at church, at a coffee shop, or online—whatever would be easiest and best for you and your family. You should have received an email early in the week with a link to schedule these visits, but you can also scan the code at the right to do so from your mobile device. If you have any questions, please speak with Pastor.



Hosting Coffee Hour

It has been a true joy to have more people able to worship with us regularly and to join together in fellowship at coffee hour on Sundays after worship. We would love to be able to spread out the joy of hosting coffee hour moving forward. This doesn't need to be an elaborate, fancy spread of things; the goal is to facilitate fellowship time with our brothers and sisters over some coffee and a snack. If you have any questions or would be interested in helping out, please speak with Donna DaSanBiagio or Pastor Shrimpton. Thank you!

Bible Information Classes Available

If you are new to the Christian faith, new to Gloria Dei, or just want to review what the Bible teaches, Pastor Shrimpton offers Bible Information Classes as requested to review the teachings of the Bible. If you would like more information on these classes, please speak with Pastor after worship or email him at pastor@gdluth.org.

Text Messages Reminders from Gloria Dei

We have added the ability to send out brief text message reminders ahead of worship services, classes, or meetings as a light reminder. Those that are already signed up have said they really appreciate it as a way to stay connected to the events of the congregation, and through that, our Savior's Word. To register you can go to this address (<http://gdLuth.360members.com/opt-in/texting>) or scan the code to the right. Let Pastor Shrimpton know if you have any questions.



Service and Sermon Notes



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