



# “JESUS’ AUTHORITY AND POWER”

Sunday, January 31, 2021 9:00AM

Worship Service

## AS WE GATHER

In today’s Gospel from Mark 1, we are reminded of Jesus’ divine authority in His teaching to the people and also in His power over evil spirits. This power and authority was foretold by prophets such as Moses, pointing to the One who would fulfill all things as the long-awaited perfect prophet and Savior. In that power and authority, Christ has won our victory through His death and rising, and we are blessed with freedom in that faith to be used to His glory in service to others.

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## OPENING HYMN

“Blessed Jesus, at Your Word”

LSB 904 sts. 1-2

- 1 Blessed Jesus, at Your Word  
We are gathered all to hear You.  
Let our hearts and souls be stirred  
Now to seek and love and fear You,  
By Your teachings, sweet and holy,  
Drawn from earth to love You solely.
- 2 All our knowledge, sense, and sight  
Lie in deepest darkness shrouded  
Till Your Spirit breaks our night  
With the beams of truth unclouded.  
You alone to God can win us;  
You must work all good within us.

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## INVOCATION

- P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.  
**C** Amen.

## CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION (Psalm 32:1–2, 5–7, 10)

- P** Blessed is the one whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered.  
**C** Blessed is the man against whom the LORD counts no iniquity, and in whose spirit there is no deceit.
- P** As Moses speaks to the people through God, we confess those times we do not listen to Your words and close our hearts to You.  
**C** Forgive us, Lord.
- P** As Paul warns, we confess those times when our freedom in Christ causes one who is weak in faith to stumble.  
**C** Forgive us, Lord.
- P** As Jesus, the long-awaited Prophet and Savior, taught with and showed His authority and power, we confess those times when we allow the forces of evil to make us forget the deliverance and love of God we have in Christ.  
**C** Forgive us, Lord.

**P** With David the psalmist, we humbly come before the Lord.

*Silence for reflection*

**P** I acknowledged my sin to You, and I did not cover my iniquity;

**C** I said, “I will confess my transgressions to the LORD,” and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

**P** Therefore let everyone who is godly offer prayer to You at a time when You may be found; surely in the rush of great waters, they shall not reach him.

**C** You are a hiding place for me; You preserve me from trouble; You surround me with shouts of deliverance.

**HYMN**

“Blessed Jesus, at Your Word”

LSB 904 st. 3

3 Gracious Savior, good and kind,  
Light of Light, from God proceeding,  
Open now our heart and mind;  
Help us by Your Spirit’s pleading.  
Hear the cry Your Church now raises;  
Hear and bless our prayers and praises.

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**P** Almighty God, our heavenly Father, has had mercy upon us and given His only Son to die for us and for His sake forgives us all our sins. As a servant of Christ and by His authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit. To those who believe in His name He gives the power to become the children of God and has promised them His Holy Spirit. May the Lord, who has begun this good work in us, bring it to completion in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.

**C** Amen.

**P** Many are the sorrows of the wicked,

**C** but steadfast love surrounds the one who trusts in the LORD.

**HYMN**

“Blessed Jesus, at Your Word”

LSB 904 st. 4

△ 4 Father, Son, and Spirit, Lord,  
Praise to You and adoration!  
Grant that we may trust Your Word,  
Confident of our salvation,  
While we here below must wander,  
Till we sing Your praises yonder.

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**INTROIT**

**P** Many are the sorrows of the wicked,

**C** but steadfast love surrounds the one who trusts in the Lord.

**P** Blessèd is the one whose transgression is forgiven,

**C** whose sin is covered.

**P** Blessèd is the man against whom the Lord counts no iniquity,

**C** and in whose spirit there is no deceit.

**P** I acknowledged my sin to you, and I did not cover my iniquity;

**C** I said, “I will confess my transgressions to the Lord,” and you forgave the iniquity of my sin.

**P** Therefore let everyone who is godly offer prayer to you at a time when you may be found;  
**C** surely in the rush of great waters, they shall not reach him.

**P** You are a hiding place for me; you preserve me from trouble;  
**C** you surround me with shouts of deliverance.

**C** Glory be to the Father and to the Son  
and to the Holy Spirit;  
as it was in the beginning,  
is now, and will be forever. Amen.

#### SALUTATION

**P** The Lord be with you.  
**C** And also with you.

#### PRAYER OF THE DAY

**P** Let us pray.  
Almighty God, You know we live in the midst of so many dangers that in our frailty we cannot stand upright. Grant strength and protection to support us in all dangers and carry us 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.

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#### OLD TESTAMENT READING

**Deuteronomy 18:15–20**

<sup>15</sup>“The LORD your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among you, from your brothers—it is to him you shall listen—<sup>16</sup>just as you desired of the LORD your God at Horeb on the day of the assembly, when you said, ‘Let me not hear again the voice of the LORD my God or see this great fire any more, lest I die.’<sup>17</sup>And the LORD said to me, ‘They are right in what they have spoken. <sup>18</sup>I will raise up for them a prophet like you from among their brothers. And I will put my words in his mouth, and he shall speak to them all that I command him. <sup>19</sup>And whoever will not listen to my words that he shall speak in my name, I myself will require it of him. <sup>20</sup>But the prophet who presumes to speak a word in my name that I have not commanded him to speak, or who speaks in the name of other gods, that same prophet shall die.’”

**P** This is the Word of the Lord.  
**C** Thanks be to God.

#### EPISTLE

**1 Corinthians 8:1–13**

<sup>1</sup>Concerning food offered to idols: we know that “all of us possess knowledge.” This “knowledge” puffs up, but love builds up. <sup>2</sup>If anyone imagines that he knows something, he does not yet know as he ought to know. <sup>3</sup>But if anyone loves God, he is known by God.

<sup>4</sup>Therefore, as to the eating of food offered to idols, we know that “an idol has no real existence,” and that “there is no God but one.” <sup>5</sup>For although there may be so-called gods in heaven or on earth—as indeed there are many “gods” and many “lords”—<sup>6</sup>yet for us there is one God, the Father, from whom are all things and for whom we exist, and one Lord, Jesus Christ, through whom are all things and through whom we exist.

<sup>7</sup>However, not all possess this knowledge. But some, through former association with idols, eat food as really offered to an idol, and their conscience, being weak, is defiled. <sup>8</sup>Food will not commend us to God. We are no worse off if we do not eat, and no better off if we do. <sup>9</sup>But take care that this right of yours does not somehow become a stumbling block to the weak. <sup>10</sup>For if anyone sees you who have knowledge eating in an idol’s temple, will he not be encouraged, if his conscience is weak, to eat food offered to idols? <sup>11</sup>And so by your knowledge this weak person is destroyed, the brother for whom Christ died. <sup>12</sup>Thus, sinning against your

brothers and wounding their conscience when it is weak, you sin against Christ. <sup>13</sup>Therefore, if food makes my brother stumble, I will never eat meat, lest I make my brother stumble.

**P** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

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**HOLY GOSPEL**

**Mark 1:21–28**

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the first chapter.

**C** Glory to You, O Lord.

<sup>21</sup>They went into Capernaum, and immediately on the Sabbath [Jesus] entered the synagogue and was teaching. <sup>22</sup>And they were astonished at his teaching, for he taught them as one who had authority, and not as the scribes. <sup>23</sup>And immediately there was in their synagogue a man with an unclean spirit. And he cried out, <sup>24</sup>“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.” <sup>25</sup>But Jesus rebuked him, saying, “Be silent, and come out of him!” <sup>26</sup>And the unclean spirit, convulsing him and crying out with a loud voice, came out of him. <sup>27</sup>And they were all amazed, so that they questioned among themselves, saying, “What is this? A new teaching with authority! He commands even the unclean spirits, and they obey him.” <sup>28</sup>And at once his fame spread everywhere throughout all the surrounding region of Galilee.

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C** Praise to You, O Christ.

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**HYMN of the DAY**

**“Son of God, Eternal Savior”**

**LSB 842**

- 1 Son of God, eternal Savior,  
Source of life and truth and grace,  
Word made flesh, whose birth among us  
Hallows all our human race,  
You our Head, who, throned in glory,  
For Your own will ever plead:  
Fill us with Your love and pity,  
Heal our wrongs, and help our need.
- 2 As You, Lord, have lived for others,  
So may we for others live.  
Freely have Your gifts been granted;  
Freely may Your servants give.  
Yours the gold and Yours the silver,  
Yours the wealth of land and sea;  
We but stewards of Your bounty  
Held in solemn trust will be.
- 3 Come, O Christ, and reign among us,  
King of love and Prince of Peace;  
Hush the storm of strife and passion,  
Bid its cruel discords cease.  
By Your patient years of toiling,  
By Your silent hours of pain,  
Quench our fevered thirst of pleasure,  
Stem our selfish greed of gain.

4 Son of God, eternal Savior,  
Source of life and truth and grace,  
Word made flesh, whose birth among us  
Hallows all our human race:  
By Your praying, by Your willing  
That Your people should be one,  
Grant, O grant our hope's fruition:  
Here on earth Your will be done.

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## SERMON

### CREEDAL HYMN

### "We All Believe in One True God"

LSB 953

1 We all believe in one true God,  
Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,  
Ever-present help in need,  
Praised by all the heav'nly host;  
All He made His love enfolds,  
All creation He upholds.

2 We all believe in Jesus Christ,  
Son of God and Mary's son,  
Who descended from His throne  
And for us salvation won;  
By whose cross and death are we  
Rescued from all misery.

3 We all confess the Holy Ghost,  
Who from both in truth proceeds,  
Who sustains and comforts us  
In all trials, fears, and needs.  
Blessèd, holy Trinity,  
Praise forever be to Thee!

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### PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

**P** Let us pray for the Church of God and for all people according to their needs.

Gracious Lord, we give You thanks for the gift of the Holy Scriptures, both Law and Gospel, in which we see our sin and see Your love in our Savior. As Christ is true Prophet and Savior of this world, give us faith to continue to hear His voice and find comfort in His work of salvation. Bless the proclamation of the Word, and raise faithful servants who will share Your commands and the forgiveness that comes through Christ. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

**P** Ever-giving Lord, grant continued faith by Your Holy Spirit through the hearing of Your Word that we be fed and nourished. Produce in us good fruit for the sake of selves and others, that we not cause others to stumble but to walk firmly in Your ways. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

**P** All-powerful Lord, at whose Word and authority even unclean and evil spirits submit and obey, hinder the work of Satan in our lives that Your kingdom and victory be known to all. Give Your peace and presence

to those who suffer any affliction, [*including . . .*]. Enable us to be a blessing to those in their time of need.  
Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** hear our prayer.

*Additional petitions may follow.*

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

**C** Amen.

### LORD'S PRAYER

**C** 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.

### BENEDICTION

Psalm 32:10

**P** Many are the sorrows of the wicked,

**C** but steadfast love surrounds the one who trusts in the LORD.

**P** The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.

The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and ✠ give you peace.

**C** Amen.

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### CLOSING HYMN

“Abide, O Dearest Jesus”

LSB 919

1 Abide, O dearest Jesus,  
Among us with Your grace  
That Satan may not harm us  
Nor we to sin give place.

2 Abide, O dear Redeemer,  
Among us with Your Word,  
And thus now and hereafter  
True peace and joy afford.

3 Abide with heav'nly brightness  
Among us, precious Light;  
Your truth direct and keep us  
From error's gloomy night.

4 Abide with richest blessings  
Among us, bounteous Lord;  
Let us in grace and wisdom  
Grow daily through Your Word.

5 Abide with Your protection  
Among us, Lord, our strength,  
Lest world and Satan fell us  
And overcome at length.

6 Abide, O faithful Savior,  
Among us with Your love;  
Grant steadfastness and help us  
To reach our home above.

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