



**WELCOME**

# **Sherbrooke Mossspark Parish Church**

**4th. Sunday after the Epiphany  
Sunday 31<sup>st</sup>. January 2021**

## ORDER OF SERVICE

**Voluntary** Fugue in d ("Dorian"), BWV 538/2 – J. S. Bach

**Call to  
Worship** Jesus went throughout Galilee, teaching, proclaiming the good news, and healing every sickness among the people.  
(Book of Common Worship, PC, USA)

**Praise** 112 God, whose almighty word

1 God, whose almighty word  
chaos and darkness heard,  
and took their flight;  
hear us, we humbly pray,  
and where the gospel-day  
sheds not its glorious ray,  
let there be light.

2 Saviour, who came to bring,  
on your redeeming wing,  
healing and sight,  
health to the sick in mind,  
sight to the inly blind,  
now to all humankind  
let there be light.

3 Spirit of truth and love,  
life-giving, holy dove,  
speed forth your flight;  
move o'er the water's face,  
bearing the lamp of grace,  
and in earth's darkest place  
let there be light.

4 Blessèd and holy Three,  
glorious Trinity,  
Wisdom, Love, Might,  
boundless as ocean's tide  
rolling in fullest pride,  
through the world far and wide  
let there be light.

**Prayers** (Sung Kyrie) Ukrainian Setting

This is the ancient prayer of the Church asking for God's mercy upon us.

Kyrie eleison,  
Christe eleison  
Kyrie eleison

Lord have mercy,  
Christ have mercy  
Lord have mercy

**Prayer for  
the Day**

God of compassion, you have shown us in Christ that your love is never-ending. Enable us to love you with all our hearts and to love one another as Christ loved us. Grant this through our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen  
(**Book of Common Worship, PC, USA**)

**Reading**

Deuteronomy 18 15-20

(p.154 )

**15** "The LORD your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among you, from your brethren--him you shall heed-- **16** 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.' **17** And the LORD said to me, 'They have rightly said all that they have spoken. **18** I will raise up for them a prophet like you from among their brethren; and I will put my words in his mouth, and he shall speak to them all that I command him. **19** And whoever will not give heed to my words which he shall speak in my name, I myself will require it of him. **20** But the prophet who presumes to speak a word in my name which I have not commanded him to speak, or who speaks in the name of other gods, that same prophet shall die.'

**Anthem**      *Beati quorum via* – C. V. Stanford  
Words: Psalm 119 v.1

Beati quorum via integra est:  
qui ambulant in lege Domini.

Translation:  
*Blessed are the undefiled in the way,  
who walk in the law of the Lord.*

**Gospel**      Mark 1 21-28      (p.33 )

**21** And they went into Caper'na-um; and immediately on the sabbath he entered the synagogue and taught. **22** And they were astonished at his teaching, for he taught them as one who had authority, and not as the scribes. **23** And immediately there was in their synagogue a man with an unclean spirit; **24** and 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." **25** But Jesus rebuked him, saying, "Be silent, and come out of him!" **26** And the unclean spirit, convulsing him and crying with a loud voice, came out of him. **27** 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." **28** And at once his fame spread everywhere throughout all the surrounding region of Galilee.

**Praise**      352      O for a thousand tongues to sing

1 O for a thousand tongues, to sing  
my great Redeemer's praise,  
the glories of my God and King,  
the triumphs of his grace!

2 Jesus! the name that charms our fears,  
and bids our sorrows cease;  
'tis music in the sinner's ears,  
'tis life, and health, and peace.

3 He breaks the power of cancelled sin,  
he sets the prisoner free;  
his blood can make the foulest clean,  
his blood availed for me.

4 He speaks, and, listening to his voice,  
new life the dead receive,  
the mournful, broken hearts rejoice,  
the humble poor believe.

5 Hear him, ye deaf; his praise, ye dumb,  
your loosened tongues employ;  
ye blind, behold your Saviour come;  
and leap, ye lame, for joy!

6 My gracious Master and my God,  
assist me to proclaim,  
to spread through all the earth abroad  
the honours of thy name.

## SERMON

**Offerings**

**Prayers of Dedication, Thanksgiving and Intercessions**

**Praise**

542 Lord speak to me, that I may speak

1 Lord, speak to me, that I may speak  
in living echoes of your tone;  
as you have sought, so let me seek  
your erring children lost and lone.

2 O lead me, Lord, that I may lead  
the wandering and the wavering feet;  
O feed me, Lord, that I may feed  
your hungering ones with manna sweet.

3 O strengthen me, that, while I stand  
firm on the rock, secure and free,  
I may stretch out a loving hand  
to wrestlers with the troubled sea.

4 O teach me, Lord, that I may teach  
the precious things which you impart;  
and wing my words, that they may reach  
the hidden depths of many a heart.

5 O fill me with your fullness, Lord,  
until my very heart o'erflow  
in kindling thought and glowing word,  
your love to tell, your praise to show.

6 O use me, Lord, use even me,  
just as you will, and when, and where,  
until at last your face I see,  
your rest, your joy, your glory share.

## BLESSING

**Voluntary** Toccata in d ("Dorian"), BWV 538/1 – J. S. Bach

**Additional Readings for each Sunday.** On any one Sunday there is actually four Readings: Old Testament, Psalm, Epistle and Gospel. All these readings would be used if we were having our “normal Service” so we have listed the Readings (not used) for this Sunday below. We will do this each week.

**Psalm 111 1-10** (p539)

**1** Praise the LORD. I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart, in the company of the upright, in the congregation. **2** Great are the works of the LORD, studied by all who have pleasure in them. **3** Full of honor and majesty is his work, and his righteousness endures for

ever. **4** He has caused his wonderful works to be remembered; the LORD is gracious and merciful. **5** He provides food for those who fear him; he is ever mindful of his covenant. **6** He has shown his people the power of his works, in giving them the heritage of the nations. **7** The works of his hands are faithful and just; all his precepts are trustworthy, **8** they are established for ever and ever, to be performed with faithfulness and uprightness. **9** He sent redemption to his people; he has commanded his covenant for ever. Holy and terrible is his name! **10** The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom; a good understanding have all those who practice it. His praise endures for ever!

### **1 Corinthians 8 1-13 (p.161)**

**1** Now concerning food offered to idols: we know that "all of us possess knowledge." "Knowledge" puffs up, but love builds up. **2** If any one imagines that he knows something, he does not yet know as he ought to know. **3** But if one loves God, one is known by him. **4** Hence, 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." **5** For although there may be so-called gods in heaven or on earth--as indeed there are many "gods" and many "lords" -- **6** 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. **7** However, not all possess this knowledge. But some, through being hitherto accustomed to idols, eat food as really offered to an idol; and their conscience, being weak, is defiled. **8** Food will not commend us to God. We are no worse off if we do not eat, and no better off if we do. **9** Only take care lest this liberty of yours somehow become a stumbling block to the weak. **10** For if any one sees you, a man of knowledge, at table in an idol's temple, might he not be encouraged, if his conscience is weak, to eat food offered to idols? **11** And so by your knowledge this weak man is destroyed, the brother for whom Christ died. **12** Thus, sinning against your brethren and wounding their conscience when it is weak, you sin against Christ. **13** Therefore, if food is a cause of my brother's falling, I will never eat meat, lest I cause my brother to fall.

## **Notes:**

**As we are no longer able, under the current regulations issued by the Scottish Government, to admit anyone who is not essential for the streaming of our Services the only people present each week is the organist the audio output person and the minister.**

This necessitates a very different Order from our usual 'Order of Service'

**The Readings** are printed

The Young Church talk is on the website each weekend and Messy Church will produce a video every month covering the topic for that month. This also will be on the church website.

**The Valentines Sing** – 7pm, 3/2/21 - While we wait for the day when we are reunited again in person, Alice is delighted to invite everyone of all ages and all abilities to virtually

come together to sing, including the AM Chorus, the Women's Group and Messy Church and anyone else who wants to join in. When we are singing, all participants will be muted so no one else will hear you, everyone will only hear Alice. So sing to away to your hearts content!

For those who also choose to take part in the homework recordings will submit by 10/2/21 and then the final result will be available on Valentine's Day via the YouTube channel and website. Full details of how to take part are available on the website page: Singing with Sherbrooke.

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