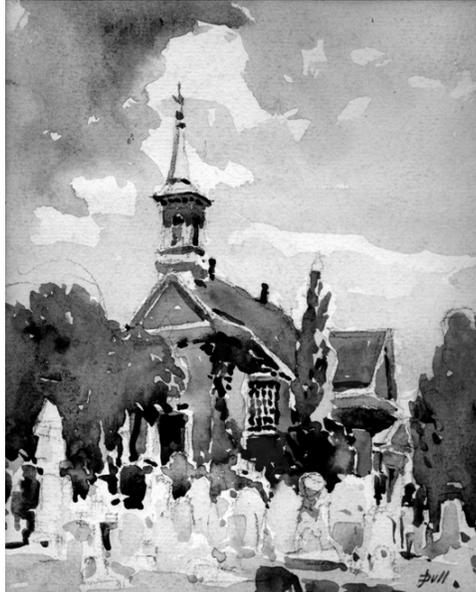


Gloria Dei (Old Swedes') Church



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The Rev. Dr. Koshy Mathews

We, the congregation of Gloria Dei (Old Swedes), existing by and for the glory of God, knowing that God, through this congregation, helps us find our way and to use our gifts, gather together, to honor and celebrate the acceptance of our differences and uniqueness, to be an inviting, welcoming, sustaining and loving community, to respond to the needs of others, to preserve and build upon the beauty, tradition and heritage of this sacred place.

October 18, 2020

Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

Ministry Assistants Today:
Altar Guild: *Cathy Ufheil*
Altar Server: *Cathy Ufheil*
Intercessor: *Candace Roberts*
Lector: *Nils vanAmmers*
Usher: *Jim Ufheil*

(Worshippers enter the church one by one and six feet apart from each other, except in the case of family members. All worshippers are required to wear a mask from beginning till the end of the service. Worshippers must use hand sanitizers provided by the usher and pick up their copy of the bulletin at the door and take an open pew, again keeping their distance unless they are family members.)

We Gather In God's Presence

[Silence for prayer and preparation]

(+As you are able standing; ++ sitting; +++ As you are able sitting or kneeling)

Prelude

+Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
People **And Blessed be God's kingdom, now and forever.**

Celebrant Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord.
People **Amen.**

Gloria

People **Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth.
Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer.
For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

Celebrant The Lord be with you
People **And also with you.**
Celebrant Let us pray

People **Almighty and everlasting God, in Christ you have revealed your glory among the nations: Preserve the works of your mercy, that your Church throughout the world may persevere with steadfast faith in the confession of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.**

We Listen To The Word of God

++First Reading – Isaiah 45:1-7

Nils vanAmmers

Thus says the Lord to his anointed, to Cyrus, whose right hand I have grasped to subdue nations before him and strip kings of their robes, to open doors before him--and the gates shall not be closed: I will go before you and level the mountains, I will break in pieces the doors of bronze and cut through the bars of iron, I will give you the treasures of darkness and riches hidden in secret places, so that you may know that it is I, the Lord, the God of Israel, who call you by your name. For the sake of my servant Jacob, and Israel my chosen, I call you by your name, I surname you, though you do not know me. I am the Lord, and there is no other; besides me there is no god. I arm you, though you do not know me, so that they may know, from the rising of the sun and from the west, that there is no one besides me; I am the Lord, and there is no other. I form light and create darkness, I make weal and create woe; I the Lord do all these things.

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People Thanks be to God

Psalm 96:1-9, (10-13)

- 1 Sing to the Lord a new song; *
sing to the Lord, all the whole earth.
- 2 Sing to the Lord and bless his Name; *
proclaim the good news of his salvation from day to day.
- 3 Declare his glory among the nations *
and his wonders among all peoples.
- 4 For great is the Lord and greatly to be praised; *
he is more to be feared than all gods.
- 5 As for all the gods of the nations, they are but idols; *
but it is the Lord who made the heavens.
- 6 Oh, the majesty and magnificence of his presence! *
Oh, the power and the splendor of his sanctuary!
- 7 Ascribe to the Lord, you families of the peoples; *
ascribe to the Lord honor and power.
- 8 Ascribe to the Lord the honor due his Name; *
bring offerings and come into his courts.
- 9 Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness; *
let the whole earth tremble before him.

Second Reading – 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10

Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy, To the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ: Grace to you and peace. We always give thanks to God for all of you and mention you in our prayers, constantly remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labor of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ. For we know, brothers and sisters beloved by God, that he has chosen you, because our message of the gospel came to you not in word only, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction; just as you know what kind of persons we proved to be among you for your sake. And you became imitators of us and of the Lord, for in spite of persecution you

received the word with joy inspired by the Holy Spirit, so that you became an example to all the believers in Macedonia and in Achaia. For the word of the Lord has sounded forth from you not only in Macedonia and Achaia, but in every place your faith in God has become known, so that we have no need to speak about it. For the people of those regions report about us what kind of welcome we had among you, and how you turned to God from idols, to serve a living and true God, and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead-- Jesus, who rescues us from the wrath that is coming.

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.
People **Thanks be to God**

(Musical Interlude)

+Celebrant The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew (22:15-22)
People **Glory to you, Lord Christ**

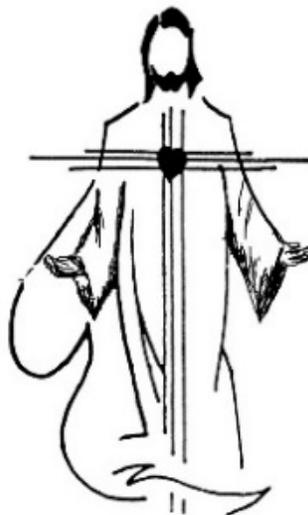
The Pharisees went and plotted to entrap Jesus in what he said. So they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, "Teacher, we know that you are sincere, and teach the way of God in accordance with truth, and show deference to no one; for you do not regard people with partiality. Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to the emperor, or not?" But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, "Why are you putting me to the test, you hypocrites? Show me the coin used for the tax." And they brought him a denarius. Then he said to them, "Whose head is this, and whose title?" They answered, "The emperor's." Then he said to them, "Give therefore to the emperor the things that are the emperor's, and to God the things that are God's." When they heard this, they were amazed; and they left him and went away.

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord
People **Praise to you, Lord Christ**

++Sermon

Our Unconscious Deadness

The Rev. Koshy Mathews



+An Affirmation of Faith

We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.
We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father.
Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven:
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
and was made man.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius

Pilate; he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven and is seated at the
right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living
and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.
We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the
giver of life, who proceeds from the Father
and the Son. With the Father and the Son he
is worshiped and glorified.
He has spoken through the Prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic
Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the
forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

We Ask God To Listen To Our Prayers *(sitting or kneeling as able)*

+++Prayers of the People - Form III

Candace Roberts

Celebrant Sisters and brothers in Christ, for the sake of the world that God so loves, let us pray.
Intercessor Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;
People That we all may be one.
Intercessor Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;
People That your Name may be glorified by all people.
Intercessor We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;
People That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.
Intercessor We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;
People That there may be justice and peace on the earth.
Intercessor Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;
People God's compassion does not fail, and his mercy is new every morning.
Intercessor Let us pray for healing for: **Raymond, Elaine, Steven, Linda, Barb, Luca, Amy, Jerry, Margie, Shaun, Edward and Susan.**
Also, for our own needs, and those of others. *(Silence)*
Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble.
People That they may be delivered from their distress.
Intercessor Give to the departed eternal rest. We pray especially for the souls of all who died in the Pandemic, and in the wildfires in the west coast.
People Let light perpetual shine upon them.
Intercessor We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;
People May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.
(silence)

Celebrant Bountiful God, source of the greatest good for all of us: Guide us in the right direction towards a better future for your creation. Help us to overcome our own limitations during this pandemic, and grant us steadfast love to look after each other. Give us humbleness of heart to accept that without you we cannot be real stewards of your creation. Show us ways to spread the gospel that will touch hearts and change minds for a better tomorrow for all humanity, the preservation of every creature, and the planet. In the name of your beloved Son, we ask it. *Amen.*

People Amen.

+++The Confession

Celebrant Let us confess our sins to God.
(Silence)

People God of all mercy, we confess that we have sinned against you, opposing your will in our lives. We have denied your goodness in each other, in ourselves, and in the world you have created. We repent of the evil that enslaves us, the evil we have done, and the evil done on our behalf. Forgive, restore, and strengthen us through our Savior Jesus Christ, that we may abide in your love and serve only your will. Amen.

Celebrant Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through the grace of Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.

People Amen.

+The Peace *(Worshippers turn to each other and acknowledge their presence by a peace sign or Namaste)*

Invitation for Offering

Celebrant Walk in love as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God.

(Musical Interlude)

We Share Holy Communion

All things come of you, O Lord, and of your own have we given you.

The Holy Communion – Eucharistic Prayer B

(Facing the congregation and standing behind the altar table)

+Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.
People We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People It is right to give our thanks and praise

Celebrant It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. Through Jesus Christ our Lord; who on the first of the week overcame death and the Grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. Therefore, we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

People Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are filled with Your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

++Celebrant We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life. On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me." After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me." Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

People We remember his death, We proclaim his resurrection, We await his coming in glory.

Celebrant And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine. We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with Mary, and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and forever.

People Amen.

Celebrant And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

<p>People 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,</p>	<p>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, For ever and ever. Amen.</p>
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The Breaking of the Bread

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

Celebrant The Gifts of God for the People of God.

(All persons are invited to the Lord's supper one by one, keeping a distance of six feet from the person ahead of you and wearing a mask. Remove the mask only to ingest the bread.)

+The Post-Communion Prayer

Celebrant Let us pray

People Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

God Sends Us Out To Love and Serve Each Other

The Blessing

++Announcements, Birthday & Anniversary Prayers

+Dismissal

Celebrant Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia, Alleluia!

People Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia!

(Worshippers exit the church one by one keeping the social distancing of six feet and wearing mask)

Postlude

SS Poet Sunday October 25, 2020

On Sunday, October 25, we will again be joined by the families of those lost when the SS Poet disappeared 40 years ago.

Crew members left their homes that day to sail on a ship laden with grain and bound for Egypt and were never heard from again.

Lottie Zukier Fredette, one of Gloria Dei's congregants, lost her son, Hans, in this tragedy and she and the other families wanted a place to memorialize their loved ones. They chose our church for its maritime connection and the warmth and caring we've shown.

As we do each year, we will pause to remember the 34 lives lost to us that day under circumstances that no one then, or now, could have predicted.

"O hear us when we cry to Thee, for those in peril on the sea"

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Announcements

Evensong on Zoom, followed by "coffee hour"

Every Tuesday at 6:30pm

To participate, you can:

1. email Jaime at jaimelkonowal@gmail.com for a Zoom link.
2. Use Meeting ID: 834 5987 6076 and Passcode: 988017
3. Sign up on our website www.old-swedes.org, and a link will be automatically emailed to you every week.

Weekly Book Study How to be an Antiracist by Ibram X. Kendi

Beginning on Wednesday, October 7:00 – 8:30 pm, for six weeks. See the "events" section on our website to have the Zoom link emailed to you.

SS Poet Remembrance Service

Sunday, October 25 at 10:00am

All Saints' Sunday

Sunday, November 1st is All Saints' Sunday. If you would like to submit the name of a loved one who has passed, please fill out the form and drop it in the collection basket. You may also call the office and leave a message (215-389-1513) or email info@old-swedes.org.

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Pigs, stars, candles, almond cake trays, pewter pins
...everything you need to celebrate God Jul!!!

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