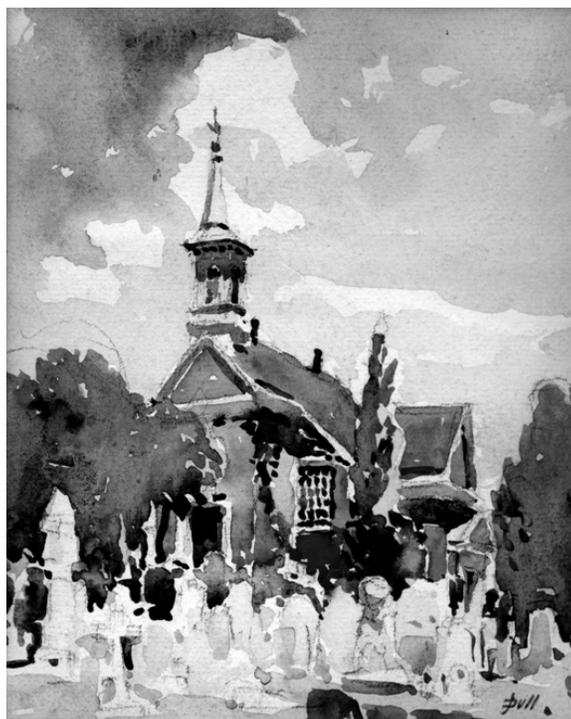


Gloria Dei (Old Swedes') Church



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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.

November 1, 2020
All Saints Sunday
In Memoriam
Holy Eucharist and Renewal of Baptismal Vows

In Memoriam

Remembrance of our loved ones who have died this past year

Howard Zuiker

Sid Saxton

Clayton Duink

Harry Pickup, Sr.

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Von Frankze

James Walker

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Rhonda Ann Homan

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Robert "Jake" Roak

Betsy Roak

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Michael C. Ward

Helga Cinalli

David Goltra

Van Winkle

Ann M. Keeley

Ministry Assistants Today:
Altar Guild/Server: *Jeanette Woehr*
Intercessor: *Christine Pickup*
Lector: *Eric Michael Sanchez*
Usher: *Jim Ufheil*

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

Welcome

+ Celebrant Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor be to our God forever and ever.

All With hearts and hands and voices let us praise the Lord.

Celebrant Let us pray. 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.

All Amen.

Celebrant Let us pray together

All Almighty God, you have knit your people together in one communion in the mystical body of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Grant us grace to follow your blessed saints in lives of faith and commitment, and to know the inexpressible joys you have prepared for those who love you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

We Listen To The Word of God

++ First Reading...Revelation 7:9-17

Eric Michael Sanchez

I looked again. I saw a huge crowd, too huge to count. Everyone was there—all nations and tribes, all races and languages. And they were *standing*, dressed in white robes and waving palm branches, standing before the Throne and the Lamb and heartily singing:

Salvation to our God on his Throne!

Salvation to the Lamb!

All who were standing around the Throne—Angels, Elders, Animals—fell on their faces before the Throne and worshiped God, singing:

Oh, Yes!
The blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving,
The honor and power and strength,
To our God forever and ever and ever!
Oh, Yes!

Just then one of the Elders addressed me: “Who are these dressed in white robes, and where did they come from?” Taken aback, I said, “O Sir, I have no idea—but you must know.” Then he told me, “These are those who come from the great tribulation, and they’ve washed their robes, scrubbed them clean in the blood of the Lamb. That’s why they’re standing before God’s Throne. They serve him day and night in his Temple. The One on the Throne will pitch his tent there for them: no more hunger, no more thirst, no more scorching heat. The Lamb on the Throne will shepherd them, will lead them to spring waters of Life. And God will wipe every last tear from their eyes.”

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God’s people.
All Thanks be to God

Psalm 34: 1-10, 22

- 1 I will bless the Lord at all times; *
his praise shall ever be in my mouth.
- 2 I will glory in the Lord; *
let the humble hear and rejoice.
- 3 Proclaim with me the greatness of the Lord; *
let us exalt his Name together.
- 4 I sought the Lord, and he answered me *
and delivered me out of all my terror.
- 5 Look upon him and be radiant, *
and let not your faces be ashamed.
- 6 I called in my affliction and the Lord heard me *
and saved me from all my troubles.
- 7 The angel of the Lord encompasses those who fear him, *
and he will deliver them.
- 8 Taste and see that the Lord is good; *
happy are they who trust in him!
- 9 Fear the Lord, you that are his saints, *
for those who fear him lack nothing.
- 10 The young lions lack and suffer hunger, *
but those who seek the Lord lack nothing that is good.
- 22 The Lord ransoms the life of his servants, *
and none will be punished who trust in him.

Second Reading...1 John 3:1-3

What marvelous love the Father has extended to us! Just look at it—we're called children of God! That's who we really are. But that's also why the world doesn't recognize us or take us seriously, because it has no idea who he is or what he's up to. But friends, that's exactly who we are: children of God. And that's only the beginning. Who knows how we'll end up! What we know is that when Christ is openly revealed, we'll see him—and in seeing him, become like him. All of us who look forward to his Coming stay ready, with the glistening purity of Jesus' life as a model for our own.

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

(musical interlude)

+ Celebrant The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew (5: 1-12)
All **Glory to you, Lord Christ**

When Jesus saw his ministry drawing huge crowds, he climbed a hillside. Those who were apprenticed to him, the committed, climbed with him. Arriving at a quiet place, he sat down and taught his climbing companions. This is what he said:

You're blessed when you're at the end of your rope. With less of you there is more of God and his rule.

"You're blessed when you feel you've lost what is most dear to you. Only then can you be embraced by the One most dear to you.

"You're blessed when you're content with just who you are—no more, no less. That's the moment you find yourselves proud owners of everything that can't be bought.

"You're blessed when you've worked up a good appetite for God. He's food and drink in the best meal you'll ever eat.

"You're blessed when you care. At the moment of being 'care-full,' you find yourselves cared for.

"You're blessed when you get your inside world—your mind and heart—put right. Then you can see God in the outside world.

"You're blessed when you can show people how to cooperate instead of compete or fight. That's when you discover who you really are, and your place in God's family.

"You're blessed when your commitment to God provokes persecution. The persecution drives you even deeper into God's kingdom.

"Not only that—count yourselves blessed every time people put you down or throw you out or speak lies about you to discredit me. What it means is that the truth is too close for comfort and they are uncomfortable. You can be glad when that happens—give a cheer, even!—for though they don't like it, *I* do! And all heaven applauds. And know that you are in good company. My prophets and witnesses have always gotten into this kind of trouble.

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

++ Sermon

Our Ordinary Saints

The Rev. Dr. Koshy Mathews

+ The Renewal of Baptismal Vows

- Celebrant Do you reaffirm your renunciation of evil and renew your commitment to Jesus Christ?
All I do.
- Celebrant Do you believe in God the Father?
All I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.
- Celebrant Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?
All I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.
- Celebrant Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?
All I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.
- Celebrant Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?
All I will, with God's help.
- Celebrant Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?
All I will, with God's help.
- Celebrant Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?
All I will, with God's help.
- Celebrant Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?
All I will, with God's help.
- Celebrant Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?
All I will, with God's help.
- Celebrant May Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has given us a new birth by water and the Holy Spirit, and bestowed upon us the forgiveness of sins, keep us in eternal life by his grace, in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.



We Ask God To Listen To Our Prayers

+++ Prayers of the People

Christine Pickup

Leader Come, Holy Spirit, the Creative power. Send the wind and flame of your transforming life to lift each of us up into your life, in these uncertain times. Give us wisdom and faith, that we may know the great hope to which we are called, even when the road signs ahead are dim and the pointers are unclear

People **Come, Holy Spirit.**

Leader Breath of life, you breathed, and humans and creation came alive. Today, people and nature gasp for breath. All around us voices, particularly the weak and the marginalized, cry out, "I cannot breathe". Confront us with our greedy consuming of your gifts. Stand before us as we pillage and destroy. Call us forth into new ways of caring that all may live and breathe and have their being.

People **Come, Holy Spirit.**

Leader Spirit of Love, in the groaning of your creatures, you too groan. Open our ears, that we may hear the weeping of the world. As Jesus, our Brother wept at the grave of his friend, and as the prophets of old lamented at the death of a nation, help us to cry out, 'how long O Lord, how long' at the death of over 228,000 men, women and children. So many have lost their spouses, parents and children and millions their job. In the midst of the continuing spread of COVID 19, help us to join you, "who intercedes with *'sigh too deep for words.'*"

People **Come, Holy Spirit.**

Leader Spirit of healing and wholeness, into the pain of those who suffer, especially **Abby, Raymond, Elaine, Steven, Linda, Barb, and Luca** persons who need our prayers) breathe wellness; into a nation gripped with disease, unemployment and racial violence, breathe hope; into the death of your creatures, breathe life; into the hunger of the very poor, breathe fullness; into those who are alone and long for relationships, breath yourself.

People **Come, Holy Spirit.**

Leader Spirit of peace, you break down the barriers of race, color and class, we call upon you today, as we witness violent outbursts in several places. Let those in power recognize that uprising is the voice of the vulnerable. Convert those who seek revenge, to a pursuit of peace; Lead us all from seeking forceful quick fixes but work toward lasting racial justice through reconciliation. Take away from this nation hate-speeches and violet actions in the name of security and peace. Grant us wisdom, courage, and discernment in choosing wise leaders for our nation in the election on Tuesday. Help us show forth tangibly your love that seeks to embrace all your children across all that divide us.

People **Come, Holy Spirit.**

Celebrant Spirit of Hope, grant us the wisdom to hold to what we need to be your church. Give us grace to lay down those things that you can do without. May the vision of the breadth, length and height of your love for us challenge our smallness of heart and narrowness of goals. Disturb the churches everywhere out of their routine. Like the refiner's fire, burn away the cobwebs of our stubborn past and myths unfit to last so that the prophetic words of judgment may be heard, and your saving grace may shine through. Come, Holy Spirit, and make us new creations in Jesus Christ for your praise and glory, Triune God. **Amen.**

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

The Offertory

(Musical Interlude)

We Share Holy Communion

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

The Holy Communion

(Facing the congregation and standing behind the altar table)

+ Celebrant The Lord be with you.
All And also with you.

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

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

Celebrant We offer you praise, dear God, and hearts lifted high, for in the communion of your love Christ comes close to us and we come close to Christ. Therefore, with the whole realm of nature around us, with earth, sea and sky, we sing to you. With angels of light who envelop us, with all the saints before us and beside us, with brothers and sisters, east and west, north and south, we sing to you. And with our loved ones, separate from us now, who yet in this mystery are close to us, we join in the song of your unending greatness:

**All Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are full of your glory, Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord, Hosanna in the highest.**

++ Celebrant The table of bread and wine is now made ready.

All It is the table of company with Jesus, and all who love him. It is the table of sharing with the poor of the world, with whom Jesus identified himself. It is the table of communion with the earth, in which Christ became incarnate.

Celebrant So come to this table, you who have much faith, and you who would like to have more; you who have been here often, and you who have not been for a long time, or ever; you who have tried to follow Jesus, and you who have failed. Come.

All It is Christ who invites us to meet him here.

Celebrant Blessed is our brother Jesus, who walks with us the road of the world's suffering, and who is known to us in the breaking of the bread. On the night of his arrest Jesus took bread, and having blessed it and given thanks for it, he broke the bread and gave it to his friends, saying, This is my body, given to you, given for you. Take this and share it, in remembrance of me. In the same way he took wine and having given thanks for it he poured it out and gave the cup to his disciples, saying, This cup is the new relationship with God, sealed with my blood. Take this and share it, in remembrance of me.

All We proclaim the mystery of Christ among us. Made one with him, and one with each other, we offer these gifts and with them, ourselves.

Celebrant Hear us, O Christ, and breathe your Spirit upon us, and upon this bread and wine. May they become for us your body, vibrant with your life, healing renewing, and making us whole.

All As the bread and wine which we now eat and drink are changed into us, may we be changed again into you, bone of your bone, flesh of your flesh, loving and caring in the world.

Celebrant We ask these things in the name of Jesus, by whom, with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor is yours, almighty God, world without end.

All Amen.

Celebrant Because you are one with us, O Christ, make us one with you as we pray the prayer you taught us:

All

**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.
Save us from the time of trial,
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen.**

Fraction

Celebrant Look. The Body of Christ is broken for the life of the world.

All Here is Christ, coming to us in bread and in wine.

Invitation *(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.)*

+ Post Communion Prayer

All **God of grace, you renew us at your table with the bread of life and the cup of salvation. May this food strengthen us in love, and help us to serve you in each other. We ask this in the name of Jesus, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

A Prayer attributed to St. Francis

Lord, make us instruments of your peace. Where there is hatred, let us sow love; where there is injury, pardon; where there is discord, union; where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light; where there is sadness, joy. Grant that we may not so much seek to be consoled as to console; to be understood as to understand; to be loved as to love. For it is in giving that we receive; it is in pardoning that we are pardoned; and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life. *Amen.*

God Sends Us Out To Love and Serve Each Other

Blessing

++Announcements, Birthday & Anniversary Prayers

+ Dismissal

Celebrant Grant, O Lord, that what we have said with our lips,
All **We may believe in our hearts,**

Celebrant And that what we believe in our hearts,
All **We may practice in our lives**

Celebrant Let us go in peace, to love and serve the Lord.
All **Thanks be to God.**

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

Postlude

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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.

Meditation

Beginning Sunday, November 1 at 9:30am

A time for meditation (20 minutes) will be offered on the church premises. Those who are interested, please join Koshy in Riverside Hall. Weather permitting, we will meet outside. Of course, we will maintain social distancing and mask-wearing protocols.

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