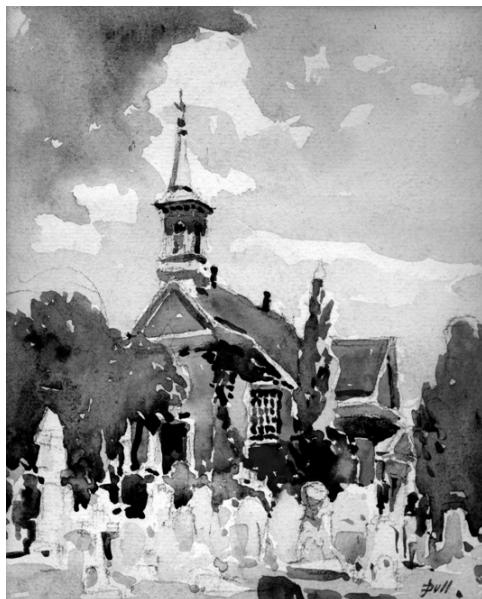


Gloria Dei (Old Swedes') Church



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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.

February 7, 2021
Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany
Morning Prayer, Rite 2

Lector: *Jeanette Woehr*
Intercessor: *Julie Daye*
Officiant: *The Rev. Koshy Mathews*

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Prelude

Opening Sentence

I will give you as a light to the nations, that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth.

-*Isa 49:6*

Invitation to Confession

Officiant: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Confession and Absolution

People: Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

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

Invitatory and Psalter

Officiant: Lord, open our lips.

People: And our mouths shall proclaim your praise.

Glory 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.

The Lord has shown forth his glory: Come let us adore him.



Venite

Come, let us sing to the Lord; *
 let us shout for joy to the Rock of our salvation.
Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving *
 and raise a loud shout to him with psalms.
For the Lord is a great God, *
 and a great King above all gods.
In his hand are the caverns of the earth, *
 and the heights of the hills are his also.
The sea is his, for he made it, *
 and his hands have molded the dry land.
Come, let us bow down, and bend the knee, *
 and kneel before the Lord our Maker.
For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand. *
 Oh, that today you would hearken to his voice!
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.

The Lord has shown forth his glory: Come let us adore him.

Psalm 147:1-12, 21c

- 1 Hallelujah! How good it is to sing praises to our God! *
 how pleasant it is to honor him with praise!
- 2 The LORD rebuilds Jerusalem; *
 he gathers the exiles of Israel.
- 3 He heals the brokenhearted *
 and binds up their wounds.
- 4 He counts the number of the stars *
 and calls them all by their names.
- 5 Great is our LORD and mighty in power; *
 there is no limit to his wisdom.
- 6 The LORD lifts up the lowly, *
 but casts the wicked to the ground.
- 7 Sing to the LORD with thanksgiving; *
 make music to our God upon the harp.
- 8 He covers the heavens with clouds *
 and prepares rain for the earth;
- 9 He makes grass to grow upon the mountains *
 and green plants to serve mankind.
- 10 He provides food for flocks and herds *
 and for the young ravens when they cry.
- 11 He is not impressed by the might of a horse; *
 he has no pleasure in the strength of a man;

12 But the LORD has pleasure in those who fear him, *
in those who await his gracious favor.

21 Hallelujah!

Glory 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.

First Reading - Isaiah 40:21-31

Jeanette Woehr

Have you not known? Have you not heard? Has it not been told you from the beginning?
Have you not understood from the foundations of the earth? It is he who sits above the circle of the earth,
and its inhabitants are like grasshoppers; who stretches out the heavens like a curtain, and spreads them
like a tent to live in; who brings princes to naught, and makes the rulers of the earth as nothing.
Scarcely are they planted, scarcely sown, scarcely has their stem taken root in the earth,
when he blows upon them, and they wither, and the tempest carries them off like stubble.
To whom then will you compare me, or who is my equal? says the Holy One.
Lift up your eyes on high and see: Who created these? He who brings out their host and numbers them,
calling them all by name; because he is great in strength, mighty in power, not one is missing.
Why do you say, O Jacob, and speak, O Israel, "My way is hidden from the Lord, and my right is
disregarded by my God"? Have you not known? Have you not heard? The Lord is the everlasting God,
the Creator of the ends of the earth. He does not faint or grow weary; his understanding is unsearchable.
He gives power to the faint, and strengthens the powerless. Even youths will faint and be weary,
and the young will fall exhausted; but those who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength,
they shall mount up with wings like eagles, they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint.

Reader: Hear what the Spirit saying to God's people

People: Thanks be to God

Canticle 11 - The Third Song of Isaiah

Isaiah 60:1-3, 11a, 14c, 18-19

Arise, shine, for your light has come, *
and the glory of the Lord has dawned upon you.

For behold, darkness covers the land; *
deep gloom enshrouds the peoples.

But over you the Lord will rise, *
and his glory will appear upon you.

Nations Will stream to your light, *
and kings to the brightness of your dawning.

Your gates will always be open; *
by day or night they will never be shut.

They will call you, The City of the Lord, *
The Zion of the Holy One of Israel.

Violence will no more be heard in your land, *
ruin or destruction within your borders.

You will call your walls, Salvation, *
and all your portals, Praise.

The sun will no more be your light by day; *
by night you will not need the brightness of the moon.

Second Reading - 1 Corinthians 9:16-23

If I proclaim the gospel, this gives me no ground for boasting, for an obligation is laid on me, and woe to me if I do not proclaim the gospel! For if I do this of my own will, I have a reward; but if not of my own will, I am entrusted with a commission. What then is my reward? Just this: that in my proclamation I may make the gospel free of charge, so as not to make full use of my rights in the gospel.

For though I am free with respect to all, I have made myself a slave to all, so that I might win more of them. To the Jews I became as a Jew, in order to win Jews. To those under the law I became as one under the law (though I myself am not under the law) so that I might win those under the law. To those outside the law I became as one outside the law (though I am not free from God's law but am under Christ's law) so that I might win those outside the law. To the weak I became weak, so that I might win the weak. I have become all things to all people, that I might by all means save some. I do it all for the sake of the gospel, so that I may share in its blessings.

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

People: **Thanks be to God**

Hymn 438 Tell out my Soul



1 Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord!
2 Tell out, my soul, the greatness of his Name!
3 Tell out, my soul, the greatness of his might!
4 Tell out, my soul, the glories of his word!



Un - num - bered bless - ings give my spi - rit voice;
Make known his might, the deeds his arm has done;
Powers and do - min - ions lay their glo - ry by.
Firm is his prom - ise, and his mer - cy sure.



ten - der to me the prom - ise of his word;
his mer - cy sure, from age to age the same;
Proud hearts and stub - born wills are put to flight,
Tell out, my soul, the great - ness of the Lord



in God my Sa - vior shall my heart re - joice.
his ho - ly Name— the Lord, the Might - y One.
the hun - gry fed, the hum - ble lift - ed high.
to chil - dren's chil - dren and for ev - er - more!

Gospel - Mark 1:29-39

Officiant: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ According to Mark

People: **Glory to you, Lord Christ**

After Jesus and his disciples left the synagogue, they entered the house of Simon and Andrew, with James and John. Now Simon's mother-in-law was in bed with a fever, and they told him about her at once. He came and took her by the hand and lifted her up. Then the fever left her, and she began to serve them. That evening, at sundown, they brought to him all who were sick or possessed with demons. And the whole city was gathered around the door. And he cured many who were sick with various diseases, and cast out many demons; and he would not permit the demons to speak, because they knew him. In the morning, while it was still very dark, he got up and went out to a deserted place, and there he prayed. And Simon and his companions hunted for him. When they found him, they said to him, "Everyone is searching for you." He answered, "Let us go on to the neighboring towns, so that I may proclaim the message there also; for that is what I came out to do." And he went throughout Galilee, proclaiming the message in their synagogues and casting out demons.

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord

People: **Praise to you, Lord Christ**

Sermon: Centrality of Prayer in Christian Life

Rev. Koshy Mathews

(please observe a few moments of silence)

The Apostle's Creed

Officiant and People together:

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth;

He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

He will come again to judge
the living and the dead.

He was conceived by the power

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,

of the Holy Spirit

the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

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.

The Prayers

Officiant: The Lord be with you

People: **And also with you**

Officiant: Let us pray

The Lord's Prayer

Our Fa - ther, who art in hea - ven, hal - low - ed
be thy Name, thy king - dom come, thy will be done,
on earth as it is in hea - ven. Give us this day our
dai - ly bread. And for - give us our tres - pas - ses,
as we for - give those who tres - pass a - gainst us. And lead
us not in - to temp - ta - tion, but de - liv - er us
from e - vil. For thine is the king - dom, and the power,
and the glo - ry, for ev - er and ev - er. A - men.

The Suffrages A

- V. Show us your mercy, O Lord;
R. And grant us your salvation.
V. Clothe your ministers with righteousness;
R. Let your people sing with joy.
V. Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;
R. For only in you can we live in safety.
V. Lord, keep this nation under your care;
R. And guide us in the way of justice and truth.
V. Let your way be known upon earth;
R. Your saving health among all nations.
V. Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;
R. Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.
V. Create in us clean hearts, O God;
R. And sustain us with your Holy Spirit.

Collect of the Day

Set us free, O God, from the bondage of our sins, and give us the liberty of that abundant life which you have made known to us in your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

O God, the King of glory, you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven: Do not leave us comfortless, but send us your Holy Spirit to strengthen us, and exalt us to that place where our Savior Christ has gone before; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, in glory everlasting. *Amen.*

Almighty and everlasting God, by whose Spirit the whole body of your faithful people is governed and sanctified: Receive our supplications and prayers which we offer before you for all members of your holy Church, that in their vocation and ministry they may truly and devoutly serve you; through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

Prayers of the People

Julie Daye

Let us pray for the Church and for the world. Give grace, O heavenly Father, for Justin, Archbishop of Canterbury; Michael our Presiding Bishop; Daniel, our Diocesan Bishop; for all bishops, priests, deacons of the Episcopal Church, and for Koshy, our rector, the vestry, the staff and the people of our congregation at Gloria Dei. Grant Almighty God, that all confess your Name may be united in your truth; live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world.

(Silence)

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

We pray for Antonio, UN Secretary General; Joe, our President; Tom, our Governor; and Jim, our Mayor; and for all others who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world. Guide the people of the United States and of all nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good.

(Silence)

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory.

(Silence)

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, especially the first responders, essential workers, medical personnel and hospital workers and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us.

(Silence)

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit, especially: **Abby, Heather, Joe, Steffanie, Tommy, Marianne, Mary, Adam, Joy, Jillian, Rita, Margie, Amy, Barb, Bonnie, Nancy, Peg, Tom D., Barbara, Susan, Jaime Lynn, Kaitlyn, Marcus and Sally.** (*pause*). Also, for our own needs, and those of others (*silence*). Give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation.

(Silence)

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

We commend to God's mercy all who have died, especially from the pandemic, that your will for them may be fulfilled; We pray for the repose of the souls of the departed, and that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom.

(Silence)

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

The General Thanksgiving

Accept, O Lord, our thanks and praise for all that you have done for us. We thank you for the splendor of the whole creation, for the beauty of this world, for the wonder of life, and for the mystery of love. We thank you for the blessing of family and friends, and for the loving care which surrounds us on every side. We thank you for setting us at tasks which demand our best efforts, and for leading us to accomplishments which satisfy and delight us. We thank you also for those disappointments and failures that lead us to acknowledge our dependence on you alone. Above all, we thank you for your Son Jesus Christ; for the truth of his Word and the example of his life; for his steadfast obedience, by which he overcame temptation; for his dying, through which he overcame death; and for his rising to life again, in which we are raised to the life of your kingdom. Grant us the gift of your Spirit, that we may know Christ and make him known; and through him, at all times and in all places, may give thanks to you in all things. Amen.

Prayer of Hope

Bishop Daniel Gutierrez

O God of life, we thank you for gathering us as your people.

We call to remembrance the many times we have been
fed at your table and we lament our distance now.

Be present Lord Jesus as you were present with your disciples,
be known to us in spirit and truth that your Holy Spirit may sustain us
and all your Church until we gather together again.

We ask this for the sake of your love. Amen

Benediction

Let us bless the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Officiant: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all evermore. Amen. -*2nd Corinthians 13:14*

Postlude



Announcements

Evensong on Zoom, followed by “coffee hour”

Every Tuesday at 6:30pm. To participate, you can email Jaime at jaimelkonowal@gmail.com for a Zoom link. Use Meeting ID: 834 5987 6076 and Passcode: 988017

Sign up on our website www.old-swedes.org, and a link will be automatically emailed to you every week.

Food Collection

Canned food collection will continue until further notice. A receptacle is placed in the Riverside Hall for members and friends of the church to drop their offering of canned foods any day of the week. We will take the donations once a month to Mercy Hospice for Women and Children on 13th St.

Return to In-Person Sunday Services Starting February 14 at 10:00am

As we are now following Modified Phase II of COVID-protocols for our church services, we can have up to 12 persons in the church building, and 10 persons in the Riverside Hall. There will be an in-person Eucharist on February 14 (last Sunday in Epiphany) at Gloria Dei. It will be live-streamed on our Facebook page, and it can be viewed on the television screen in the Riverside Hall. Seating in the church for 12 people will be on a first notify, first-served basis. Overflow people will be directed to the Riverside Hall. For Communion, we will serve only consecrated bread. Please call or email the office (215-389-1513 or info@old-swedes.org) **before Saturday, February 13th at 7:00pm** in order to make your reservation. *You will have to make a new reservation each week.*

Ash Wednesday - February 17

There will be two Eucharist services on Ash Wednesday: 12:00 noon and 7:30pm (with music). Due to COVID, the imposition of ashes will be self-administered. Details will follow. If you plan to attend either of these services, please call or email the office (215-389-1513 or info@old-swedes.org) **before Tuesday, February 16th at 7:00pm** to make your reservation, as admission is allowed on a first notify, first-served basis. Riverside Hall will also be open for overflow attendees.

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