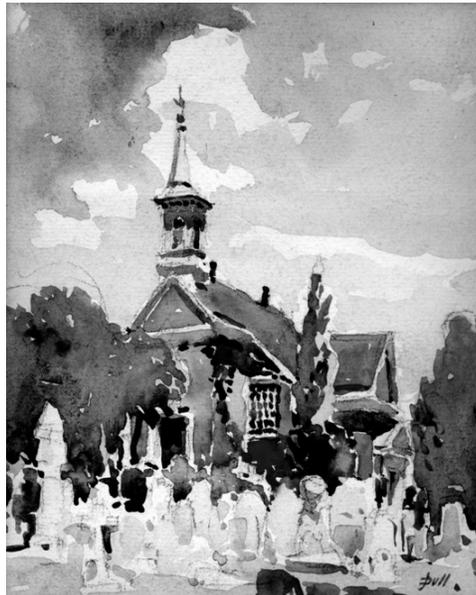


# Gloria Dei (Old Swedes') Church



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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.

February 14, 2021

Last Sunday after the Epiphany

**Ministry Assistants Today:**  
Altar Guild/Server: *Jeanette Woehr*  
Intercessor: *Christine Pickup*  
Lector: *Megan Bartlett*  
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**

### **Welcome**

+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**        **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        **O God, who before the passion of your only-begotten Son revealed his glory upon the holy mountain: Grant to us that we, beholding by faith the light of his countenance, may be strengthened to bear our cross, and be changed into his likeness from glory to glory; 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...2 Kings 2:1-12

*Megan Bartlett*

When the Lord was about to take Elijah up to heaven by a whirlwind, Elijah and Elisha were on their way from Gilgal. Elijah said to Elisha, "Stay here; for the Lord has sent me as far as Bethel." But Elisha said, "As the Lord lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So they went down to Bethel. The company of prophets who were in Bethel came out to Elisha, and said to him, "Do you know that today the Lord will take your master away from you?" And he said, "Yes, I know; keep silent." Elijah said to him, "Elisha, stay here; for the Lord has sent me to Jericho." But he said, "As the Lord lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So they came to Jericho. The company of prophets who were at Jericho drew near to Elisha, and said to him, "Do you know that today the Lord will take your master away from you?" And he answered, "Yes, I know; be silent." Then Elijah said to him, "Stay here; for the Lord has sent me to the Jordan." But he said, "As the Lord lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So the two of them went on. Fifty men of the company of prophets also went, and stood at some distance from them, as they both were standing by the Jordan. Then Elijah took his mantle and rolled it up, and struck the water; the water was parted to the one side and to the other, until the two of them crossed on dry ground.

When they had crossed, Elijah said to Elisha, "Tell me what I may do for you, before I am taken from you." Elisha said, "Please let me inherit a double share of your spirit." He responded, "You have asked a hard thing; yet, if you see me as I am being taken from you, it will be granted you; if not, it will not." As they continued walking and talking, a chariot of fire and horses of fire separated the two of them, and Elijah ascended in a whirlwind into heaven. Elisha kept watching and crying out, "Father, father! The chariots of Israel and its horsemen!" But when he could no longer see him, he grasped his own clothes and tore them in two pieces.

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

### Psalm 50:1-6

- 1 The Lord, the God of gods, has spoken; \*  
    he has called the earth from the rising of the sun to its setting.
- 2 Out of Zion, perfect in its beauty, \*  
    God reveals himself in glory.
- 3 Our God will come and will not keep silence; \*  
    before him there is a consuming flame,  
    and round about him a raging storm.
- 4 He calls the heavens and the earth from above \*  
    to witness the judgment of his people.
- 5 "Gather before me my loyal followers, \*  
    those who have made a covenant with me  
    and sealed it with sacrifice."
- 6 Let the heavens declare the rightness of his cause; \*  
    for God himself is judge.

## Second Reading...2 Corinthians 4:3-6

Even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing. In their case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God. For we do not proclaim ourselves; we proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord and ourselves as your slaves for Jesus' sake. For it is the God who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

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 Mark (9:2-9)

**People Glory to you, Lord Christ**

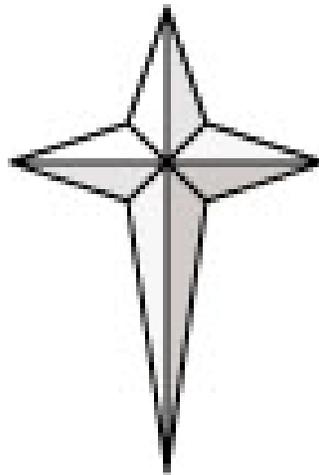
Jesus took with him Peter and James and John, and led them up a high mountain apart, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his clothes became dazzling white, such as no one on earth could bleach them. And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses, who were talking with Jesus. Then Peter said to Jesus, "Rabbi, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." He did not know what to say, for they were terrified. Then a cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud there came a voice, "This is my Son, the Beloved; listen to him!" Suddenly when they looked around, they saw no one with them anymore, but only Jesus. As they were coming down the mountain, he ordered them to tell no one about what they had seen, until after the Son of Man had risen from the dead.

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord

**People Praise to you, Lord Christ**

**++Sermon God's Vision For Us**

*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

*Christine Pickup*

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 **Cathy A., Kim, Abby, Steffanie, Tommy, Marianne, Mary, Adam, Joy, Jillian, Rita, Margie, Barb, Bonnie, Nancy, Peg, Tom D., Barbara, Susan, and Sally.** *(pause)*. Let us pray for the healing of all who are suffering from the virus and other diseases.  
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, especially **Kitty**. We pray for the souls of all who died in the Pandemic.  
**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** O God, you have bound us together in a common life. Help us, in the midst of our struggles for justice and truth, to confront one another without hatred or bitterness, and to work together with mutual forbearance and respect. Guide the people of our country to accept the results of the election, put away our partisanship, and work together as one people for a better tomorrow; grant our new leaders humility, wisdom, and understanding to do the right thing so that justice would flow like a stream, peace and prosperity would be realized by all people, and health and wholeness will prevail all across our land and in the world, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**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 thee, O Lord, and of thine own have we given thee.**

### **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,

<b>People</b>	<b>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,</b>	<b>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.</b>
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### **The Breaking of the Bread**

<b>Celebrant</b>	Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
<b>People</b>	<b>Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.</b>

<b>Celebrant</b>	The Gifts of God for the People of God.
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*(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**

<b>Celebrant</b>	Let us pray
<b>People</b>	<b>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.</b>

## **God Sends Us Out To Love and Serve Each Other**

### **The Blessing**

**++Announcements:  
Birthday & Anniversary Prayers**

### **+Dismissal**

<b>Celebrant</b>	Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia, Alleluia!
<b>People</b>	<b>Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia!</b>

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

### **Postlude**



## ***Announcements***

### **Evensong via Zoom**

Every Tuesday at 6:30pm. To participate, you can email Jaime at [jaimelkonowal@gmail.com](mailto: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](http://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 13<sup>th</sup> St.

### **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](mailto:info@old-swedes.org)) **before Tuesday, February 16<sup>th</sup> 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.

Both services will be Live Streamed via our Facebook page **Gloria Dei (Old Swedes') Episcopal Church**

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