



Gloria Dei (Old Swedes') Church

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April 4, 2021

Easter Sunday

8:00am and 10:00am

Ministry Assistants Today:

Altar Guild/Server: *Barbara Potts/Jeanette Woehr*

Lector: *Charles Moore/Jill Duink*

Intercessor: *Omega Moore/Susan Steele*

Usher: *Jim Minacci/Robert Jenkins*

+ We Gather In God's Presence +

*[Silence for prayer and preparation] [+ indicates all standing - ++ indicates all kneeling -
+++indicates all sitting]*

Prelude Solo - "I Follow You With Glad-Hearted Footsteps", *Bach - "St. John Passion"*

+The Renewal of Baptismal Vows

BCP P.292

(Standing near the Baptismal Font, the Celebrant calls the congregation to stand and renew their Baptismal Vows)

Through the Paschal mystery, dear friends, we are buried with Christ by Baptism into his death, and raised with him to newness of life. I call upon you, therefore, now that our Lenten observance is ended, to renew the solemn promises and vows of Holy Baptism, by which we once renounced Satan and all his works, and promised to serve God faithfully in his holy Catholic Church.

Celebrant Do you reaffirm your renunciation of evil and renew your commitment to Jesus Christ?

People I do.

Celebrant Do you believe in God the Father?

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

Celebrant Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

People 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?

People 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?

People 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?

People I will, with God's help.

Celebrant Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?

People I will, with God's help.

Celebrant Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?

People 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?

People I will, with God's help.

The Celebrant concludes the Renewal of Vows as follows:

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.**

*Hymn #207 *Jesus Christ is Risen Today*

Easter Hymn

(Congregation will be sprinkled with the water of baptism by the celebrant)

Celebrant: Alleluia. Christ is risen.

People: The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

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. **Amen.**

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Let us pray. **O God, who for our redemption gave your only-begotten Son to the death of the cross, and by his glorious resurrection delivered us from the power of our enemy: Grant us so to die daily to sin, that we may evermore live with him in the joy of his resurrection; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

++The First Reading - Acts 10:34-43

Charles Moore/Jill Duink

Peter began to speak to Cornelius and the other Gentiles: "I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ--he is Lord of all. That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is

the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

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

Psalm 118:1-2,14-24

- 1 Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; *
his mercy endures forever.
- 2 Let Israel now proclaim, *
"His mercy endures forever."
- 14 The Lord is my strength and my song, *
and he has become my salvation.
- 15 There is a sound of exultation and victory *
in the tents of the righteous:
- 16 "The right hand of the Lord has triumphed! *
the right hand of the Lord is exalted! the right hand of the Lord has triumphed!"
- 17 I shall not die, but live, *
and declare the works of the Lord.
- 18 The Lord has punished me sorely, *
but he did not hand me over to death.
- 19 Open for me the gates of righteousness; *
I will enter them; I will offer thanks to the Lord.
- 20 "This is the gate of the Lord; *
21 I will give thanks to you, for you answered me *
and have become my salvation.
- 22 The same stone which the builders rejected *
has become the chief cornerstone.
- 23 This is the Lord's doing, *
and it is marvelous in our eyes.
- 24 On this day the Lord has acted; *
we will rejoice and be glad in it.

The Second Reading - 1 Corinthians 15:1-11

I would remind you, brothers and sisters, of the good news that I proclaimed to you, which you in turn received, in which also you stand, through which also you are being saved, if you hold firmly to the message that I proclaimed to you--unless you have come to believe in vain.

For I handed on to you as of first importance what I in turn had received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures, and that he was buried, and that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the scriptures, and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers and sisters at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have died. Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me. For I am the least of the apostles, unfit to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace toward me has not been in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of

them--though it was not I, but the grace of God that is with me. Whether then it was I or they, so we proclaim and so you have come to believe.

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

People Thanks be to God

Hymn #208 *The Strife is O'er* *Victory*

*The Gospel - John 20:1-18

Celebrant The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, "They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him." Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went toward the tomb. The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, and the cloth that had been on Jesus' head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. Then the disciples returned to their homes. But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb; and she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. They said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping?" She said to them, "They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him." When she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you looking for?" Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, "Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away." Jesus said to her, "Mary!" She turned and said to him in Hebrew, "Rabbouni!" (which means Teacher). Jesus said to her, "Do not hold on to me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, 'I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.'" Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, "I have seen the Lord"; and she told them that he had said these things to her.

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Sermon *God's Love Reigns*

The Rev. Dr. Koshy Mathews

[After the sermon, please remain seated observing a brief period of silence in reflection on the message]

+ Prayers of the People + *[kneeling]*

Omega Moore/Susan Steele

+ Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;
That we all may be one.

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;
That your Name may be glorified by all people.

We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons, especially: Justin, Archbishop of Canterbury; Michael, our Presiding Bishop; Daniel, our Bishop; Rodney, our Assisting Bishop; for this gathering; for all ministers, especially Koshy our Rector; the vestry, staff and congregation of our church, and Emma, Felicity, Adeline and Theodor, the infants to be baptized.

That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world, remembering Joe the President of our nation, Antonio, the Secretary General of the UN, Tom, the Governor of our Commonwealth and Jim, the Mayor of our city, and the men and women who are serving in our Armed Forces, Border Patrol, Police, Fire Fighters and all the First Responders. Pray for all those who struggle for freedom and justice around the world;

That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake. We pray that our elected officials pass and enact meaningful laws against the indiscriminate use of guns, and violence towards the vulnerable communities in our country. Pray for our outreach in our neighborhood. Pray for our work with Mercy Hospice and the Healing Communities of Pennsylvania. Pray for those in any need or trouble.

That our works may find favor in your sight.

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble; for the families and loved-ones of those who died from the pandemic, from gun violence, and hate crimes. We remember especially **Lucille, Nikkia, John, Sonny, Sally, Dolores, Tyler, Julia, Bruce, Mary, Margie, Deuce, Margaret, Richard, Ryan, Susan, Cathy A., Rita, Barb, Bonnie, Peg, and Tom D.**

That they may be delivered from their distress.

Give to the departed eternal rest; remembering especially those remembered with the Easter Season Altar Flowers.

Let light perpetual shine upon them.

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;

May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others. I ask your thanksgiving for those who celebrate a birthday this week; for Richard and Jeanette who celebrate their 54th wedding anniversary this week.

Grant that they may continue to experience your love and guidance in the years to come.

Celebrant O Lord our God, accept the fervent of your people, in the multitude of your mercies, look with compassion upon us and all who turn to you for help; for you are gracious, O lover of souls, and to you we give glory, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and for ever. **Amen.**

*The Peace [All stand facing center aisle] [please be seated following the peace]

The peace of the Lord be always with you. **And also with you.**

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

Solo "In April" Max Reger

+ We Share Holy Communion +

***The Great Thanksgiving** [The people remain standing.]

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

But chiefly are we bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the true Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us, and has taken away the sin of the world. By his death he has destroyed death, and by his rising to life again he has won for us 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:

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.

+ Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, 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 we proclaim the mystery of faith: **Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. 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. **AMEN.**

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

Lord's Prayer ***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.***

Celebrant Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us

All Therefore let us keep the feast! Alleluia

Celebrant The Gifts God for the people of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you and fed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

Solo *"I Know that my Redeemer Liveth"*

Frederich Handel "The Messiah"

+Post Communion Prayer

Let us pray. ***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 To Love and Serve Each Other +

+The Blessing

Announcements

*Dismissal with Alleluias

Postlude "Alleluia"

Wolfgang Mozart -"Exaltate Jubilate"



Announcements

Evensong on Zoom

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.

Lenten Book Study on Zoom

Resumes on April 7th at 7:30pm

Donations for Mercy Hospice

Gloria Dei is collecting food and supplies for Mercy Hospice, a place for single women and mothers with children to live as they recover from addiction. The residence provides individualized training and support to help residents move to independent living.

The following items are especially needed:

- women's underwear
- travel size toiletries
- bed linens
- baby products (diapers, wipes, etc.)
- cleaning supplies
- bath towels
- paper products
- feminine products

They also appreciate snacks, soda, and juice that they can take to their rooms. Please leave donated items outside of the west door of Riverside Hall.

Annual Meeting and Vestry Nominations

This year's Annual Meeting will be held on Sunday, May 2nd. We will be electing new Vestry members and Diocesan Convention/Deanery Representatives. We will be voting for 3 Vestry positions. Vestry positions are for a 3-year term. Please think seriously about running for Vestry, as this body is crucial to keeping the business of the church running. Nomination forms are available in the church office or on the website. FYI: If you plan to run for Vestry normally three signatures are required. However, due to Covid restrictions, we will allow for the person running to verbally ask someone to sponsor you. All you will need to do is type in the person's name on the form. **Nomination forms are due on April 2nd.** Please consider running for this very important part of our church. After you fill out the form please email it to info@old-swedes.org.

Contributions towards the Easter decorations have been made for:

Edith & George Herrmann
by George Herrmann

Harry & Jennie Collins,
Bill & Helen Zimontas,
George & Dot Donahue,
Wesley & Marge Ashmen, Jim & Dot Lance,
Fred & Ann Reid, Marge & Sonny Lord
Joseph William Collins & Ryan William Collins
by Dolores Collins

Dolly Collins, Ella & Frank Collins,
Sadie & Ben Grayson
Anthony Pagliaccetti
by Frank Collins

Oliver S. Twist, Jr., Lydia & John Dupon,
Oliver & Esther Twist, John Johnson IV,
and many loved ones
by Connie Twist

Klara & Edwin Anderson,
Vivian & John Stover
by Carol Choclos

William Coyle, Emma Whelan,
Sadie Bouvier, Joan Franks,
Florence Yarchak, Arlene Thompson
by Eleanor Coyle

George Coleman Sr., Amato Family,
Lisa Hare
by Patricia Coleman

Patricia McCaulley
by Michael McCaulley

Richard Beltran
by Jean Beltran

Flowers placed on the altar for Easter are then planted in Gloria Dei's graveyard and flower beds

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