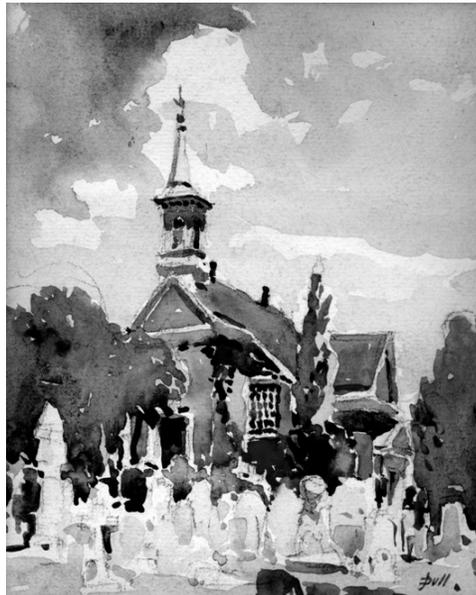


Gloria Dei (Old Swedes') Church



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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.

April 18, 2021

Third Sunday of Easter with Baptism

Ministry Assistants Today:
Altar Guild/Server: *Jeanette Woehr*
Lector: *Jill Duink*
Usher: *Robert Jenkins*

(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 Alleluia. Christ is risen.
People **The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

Celebrant There is one Body and one Spirit.
All **There is one hope in God's call to us.**

Celebrant One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism.
All **One God and Father of all.**

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

Celebrant Let us pray.

People **O God, whose blessed Son made himself known to his disciples in the breaking of bread; open the eyes of our faith, that we may behold in all his redeeming work; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

We Listen To The Word of God

++First Reading... Acts 3:12-19

Peter addressed the people, "You Israelites, why do you wonder at this, or why do you stare at us, as though by our own power or piety we had made him walk? The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, the God of our ancestors has glorified his servant Jesus, whom you handed over and rejected in the presence of Pilate, though he had decided to release him. But you rejected the Holy and Righteous One and asked to have a murderer given to you, and you killed the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses. And by faith in his name, his name itself has made this man strong, whom you see and know; and the faith that is through Jesus has given him this perfect health in the presence of all of you. "And

now, friends, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers. In this way God fulfilled what he had foretold through all the prophets, that his Messiah would suffer. Repent therefore, and turn to God so that your sins may be wiped out.”

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

Psalm 4

- 1 Answer me when I call, O God, defender of my cause; *
 you set me free when I am hard-pressed; have mercy on me and hear my prayer.
- 2 "You mortals, how long will you dishonor my glory; *
 how long will you worship dumb idols and run after false gods?"
- 3 Know that the Lord does wonders for the faithful; *
 when I call upon the Lord, he will hear me.
- 4 Tremble, then, and do not sin; *
 speak to your heart in silence upon your bed.
- 5 Offer the appointed sacrifices *
 and put your trust in the Lord.
- 6 Many are saying, "Oh, that we might see better times!" *
 Lift up the light of your countenance upon us, O Lord.
- 7 You have put gladness in my heart, *
 more than when grain and wine and oil increase.
- 8 I lie down in peace; at once I fall asleep; *
 for only you, Lord, make me dwell in safety.

Second Reading...1 John 3:1-7

See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure. Everyone who commits sin is guilty of lawlessness; sin is lawlessness. You know that he was revealed to take away sins, and in him there is no sin. No one who abides in him sins; no one who sins has either seen him or known him. Little children, let no one deceive you. Everyone who does what is right is righteous, just as he is righteous.

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

+Celebrant The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to **Luke (24: 36b-48)**
People **Glory to you, Lord Christ**

Jesus himself stood among the disciples and said to them, "Peace be with you." They were startled and terrified, and thought that they were seeing a ghost. He said to them, "Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? Look at my hands and my feet; see that it is I myself. Touch me and see; for a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have." And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. While in their joy they were disbelieving and still wondering, he said to them, "Have you anything here to eat?" They gave him a piece of broiled fish, and he took it and ate in their presence. Then he said to them, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled." Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things.

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

Sermon *Embracing our Vulnerability* **Rev. Koshy Mathews**

Celebrant The Candidate for Holy Baptism will now be presented.
Parents and
Godparents **I present Adeline Monroe to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.**

Celebrant Will you be responsible for seeing that the child you present is brought up in the Christian faith and life?
Parents and
Godparents **I will, with God's help.**

Celebrant Will you by your prayers and witness help this child to grow into the full stature of Christ?
Parents and
Godparents **I will, with God's help.**

Celebrant Do you renounce Satan and all the spiritual forces of wickedness that rebel against God?
Parents and
Godparents **I renounce them.**

Celebrant Do you renounce the evil powers of this world which corrupt and destroy the creatures of God?

Parents and Godparents I renounce them.

Celebrant Do you renounce all sinful desires that draw you from the love of God?

Parents and Godparents I renounce them.

Celebrant Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Savior?

Parents and Godparents I do.

Celebrant Do you put your whole trust in his grace and love?

Parents and Godparents I do.

Celebrant Do you promise to follow and obey him as your Lord?

Parents and Godparents I do.

Celebrant Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support these persons in their life in Christ?

All We will.

Celebrant Let us join with those who are committing themselves to Christ and renew our own baptismal covenant.

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 Let us now pray for **Adeline** who is to receive the Sacrament of new birth.

Leader Deliver her, O Lord, from the way of sin and death.
All Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader Open her heart to your grace and truth.
All Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader Fill her with your holy and life-giving Spirit.
All Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader Keep her in the faith and communion of your holy Church.
All Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader Teach her to love others in the power of the Spirit.
All Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader Send her into the world in witness to your love.
All Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader Bring her to the fullness of your peace and glory.
All Lord, hear our prayer

Celebrant Grant, O Lord, that all who are baptized into the death of Jesus Christ your Son may live in the power of his resurrection and look for him to come again in glory; who lives and reigns now and forever. Amen.

[During musical interlude, children with cups of water for baptism will come forward to the font]

Thanksgiving Over the Water

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

All And also with you.

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All It is right to give him thanks and praise.

Celebrant We thank you, Almighty God, for the gift of water. Over it the Holy Spirit moved in the beginning of creation. Through it you led the children of Israel out of their bondage in Egypt into the land of promise. In it your Son Jesus received the baptism of John and was anointed by the Holy Spirit as the Messiah, the Christ, to lead us, through his death and resurrection, from the bondage of sin into everlasting life. We thank you, Father, for the water of Baptism. In it we are buried with Christ in his death. By it we share in his resurrection. Through it we are reborn by the Holy Spirit. Therefore in joyful obedience to your Son, we bring into his fellowship those who come to him in faith, baptizing them in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Now sanctify this water, we pray you, by the power of your Holy Spirit, that those who here are cleansed from sin and born again may continue forever in the risen life of Jesus Christ our Savior. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and forever. Amen.

The Baptism

(The candidate is presented by name to the Celebrant)

Celebrant **Adeline Monroe**, I baptize you in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Celebrant Let us pray. Heavenly Father, we thank you that by water and the Holy Spirit you have bestowed upon these your servants the forgiveness of sin, and have raised them to the new life of grace. Sustain them, O Lord, in your Holy Spirit. Give them an inquiring and discerning heart, the courage to will and to persevere, a spirit to know and to love you, and the gift of joy and wonder in all your works. Amen.

Adeline Monroe, you are sealed by the Holy Spirit in Baptism and marked as Christ's own forever. Amen.

Celebrant Let us welcome the newly baptized.

All We receive you into the household of God. Confess the faith of Christ crucified, proclaim his resurrection, and share with us in his eternal priesthood.

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

++Announcements

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 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,

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,	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.
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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. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith with thanksgiving

(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

+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

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.

Anti-Racism Book Club on Zoom

Wednesday, April 21 from 7:00pm to 8:00pm

We will be reading *Climate Justice* by Mary Robinson

The schedule for discussion will be:

April 21 - Prologue, Chapters 1-2

April 28 - Chapters 3-5

May 5 - Chapters 6-8

May 12 - Chapters 9-10

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

Earth Day Celebration

Sunday, April 25 at 10am service and afterwards

Join us for a special Earth Day Eucharist. Wear your grubby clothes to church! After the service we will collect trash along the outside perimeter of the wall and clean out the flower bed in the parking lot to prepare for planting.

Annual Meeting and Vestry Nominations [In-person]

This year's Annual Meeting will be held on Sunday, May 2nd following 10:00am Sunday service. We will be electing new Vestry members and Diocesan Convention/Deanery Representatives. The following people have submitted nomination papers for Vestry and/or Diocesan/Deanery representative. We will

be voting at the Annual Meeting, so please plan to attend.

Vestry candidates:

Megan Bartlett, Amy Grant, Bob Jenkins, Candace Roberts

Diocesan/Deanery Representative:

Mark Roberts, Carol Jenkins, Jeanette Woehr

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