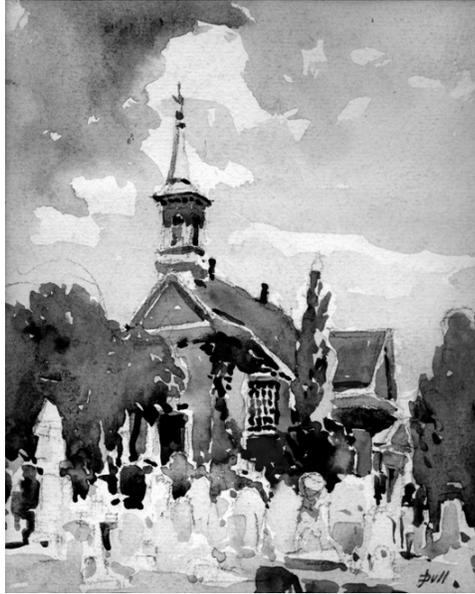


Gloria Dei (Old Swedes') Church



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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.

December 6, 2020
Second Sunday of Advent
Morning Prayer, Rite 2

Advent Reflection: *Cathy Ufheil*

Lector: *Candace Roberts*

Intercessor: *Cathy Ufheil*

Officiant and Preacher: *The Rev. Koshy Mathews*



(Lighting of the Advent Candle)

Light One Candle to Watch for Messiah

ELW 240

Traditional Yiddish Folk Tune
Lyrics by Wayne L. Wold

Am Em/G F Dm



1. Light one can - dle to watch for Mes - si - ah:
2. Light two can - dles to watch for Mes - si - ah:
3. Light three can - dles to watch for Mes - si - ah:
4. Light four can - dles to watch for Mes - si - ah:

3 E Am/E E Am E/B



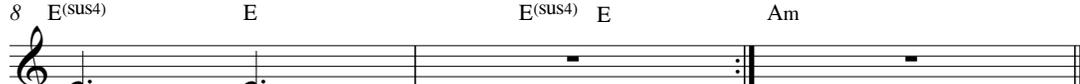
let the light ban - ish dark - ness. He___ shall bring sal -
let the light ban - ish dark - ness. He___ shall feed the
let the light ban - ish dark - ness. Lift___ your heads and
let the light ban - ish dark - ness. He___ is com - ing,

6 Am/C Dm Dm/F Dm



va - tion to Is - ra - el, God ful - fills___ the
flock like a shep - herd, gent - ly lead___ them
lift high the gate - way for the King___ of
tell the glad tid - ings, Let your lights___ be

8 E(sus4) E E(sus4) E Am



prom - ise.
home - ward.
glo - ry.
shin - ing!

Opening Sentence

Watch, for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or in the morning, lest he come suddenly and find you asleep.

- Mark 13: 35,36

Invitation to Confession

Officiant: Dearly beloved, we have come together in the presence of Almighty God our heavenly Father, to set forth his praise, to hear his holy Word, and to ask, for ourselves and on behalf of others, those things that are necessary for our life and our salvation. And so that we may prepare ourselves in heart and mind to worship him, let us kneel in silence, and with penitent and obedient hearts confess our sins, that we may obtain forgiveness by his infinite goodness and mercy.

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 eternal life. Amen.

Invitatory and Psalter

Officiant: Lord, Open our Lips

People: And our mouths shall proclaim your praise

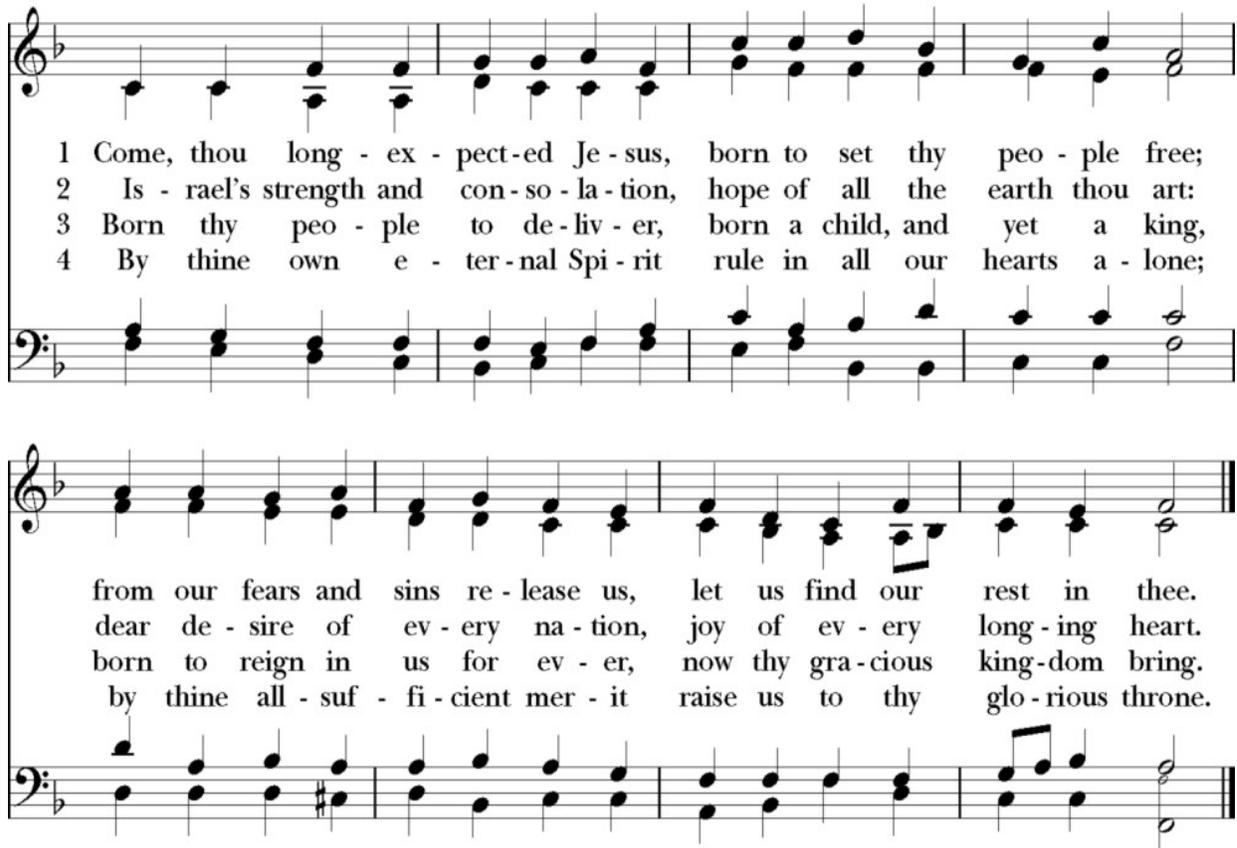
Glory to the Father, and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit as it was in the beginning is now and will be forever. Amen.

Our King and savior now draws near.

Come let us adore him.



Hymn 66 - Come Thou Long Expected Jesus



1 Come, thou long - ex - pect - ed Je - sus, born to set thy peo - ple free;
2 Is - rael's strength and con - so - la - tion, hope of all the earth thou art:
3 Born thy peo - ple to de - liv - er, born a child, and yet a king,
4 By thine own e - ter - nal Spi - rit rule in all our hearts a - lone;

from our fears and sins re - lease us, let us find our rest in thee.
dear de - sire of ev - ery na - tion, joy of ev - ery long - ing heart.
born to reign in us for ev - er, now thy gra - cious king - dom bring.
by thine all - suf - fi - cient mer - it raise us to thy glo - rious throne.

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!

First Reading - Isaiah 40:1-11

Candace Roberts

Comfort, O comfort my people, says your God. Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and cry to her that she has served her term, that her penalty is paid, that she has received from the Lord's hand double for all her sins. A voice cries out: "In the wilderness prepare the way of the Lord, make straight in the desert a highway for our God. Every valley shall be lifted up, and every mountain and hill be made low; the uneven ground shall become level, and the rough places a plain. Then the glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all people shall see it together, for the mouth of the Lord has spoken." A voice says, "Cry out!" And I said, "What shall I cry?" All people are grass, their constancy is like the flower of the field. The grass withers, the flower

fades, when the breath of the Lord blows upon it; surely the people are grass. The grass withers, the flower fades; but the word of our God will stand for ever. Get you up to a high mountain, O Zion, herald of good tidings; lift up your voice with strength, O Jerusalem, herald of good tidings, lift it up, do not fear; say to the cities of Judah, "Here is your God!" See, the Lord God comes with might, and his arm rules for him; his reward is with him, and his recompense before him. He will feed his flock like a shepherd; he will gather the lambs in his arms, and carry them in his bosom, and gently lead the mother sheep.

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

People: Thanks be to God

Psalm 85:1-2, 8-13

- 1 You have been gracious to your land, O Lord, *
you have restored the good fortune of Jacob.
- 2 You have forgiven the iniquity of your people *
and blotted out all their sins.
- 8 I will listen to what the Lord God is saying, *
for he is speaking peace to his faithful people and to those who turn their hearts to him.
- 9 Truly, his salvation is very near to those who fear him, *
that his glory may dwell in our land.
- 10 Mercy and truth have met together; *
righteousness and peace have kissed each other.
- 11 Truth shall spring up from the earth, *
and righteousness shall look down from heaven.
- 12 The Lord will indeed grant prosperity, *
and our land will yield its increase.
- 13 Righteousness shall go before him, *
and peace shall be a pathway for his feet.

Second Reading - 2 Peter 3:8-15

Do not ignore this one fact, beloved, that with the Lord one day is like a thousand years, and a thousand years are like one day. The Lord is not slow about his promise, as some think of slowness, but is patient with you, not wanting any to perish, but all to come to repentance. But the day of the Lord will come like a thief, and then the heavens will pass away with a loud noise, and the elements will be dissolved with fire, and the earth and everything that is done on it will be disclosed. Since all these things are to be dissolved in this way, what sort of persons ought you to be in leading lives of holiness and godliness, waiting for and hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which the heavens will be set ablaze and dissolved, and the elements will melt with fire? But, in accordance with his promise, we wait for new heavens and a new earth, where righteousness is at home. Therefore, beloved, while you are waiting for these things, strive to be found by him at peace, without spot or blemish; and regard the patience of our Lord as salvation.

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

People: Thanks be to God



Stewardship Testimonial
(please observe a few moments of silence)

Gospel - Mark 1: 1-8

Rev. Koshy Mathews

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

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ

The beginning of the good news of Jesus Christ, the Son of God. As it is written in the prophet Isaiah, "See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way; the voice of one crying out in the wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight,'" John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. Now John was clothed with camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. He proclaimed, "The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ

(please observe a few moments of silence)



Sermon

Out of the Wilderness

Rev. Koshy Mathews

The Apostle's Creed

Officiant and People together:

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

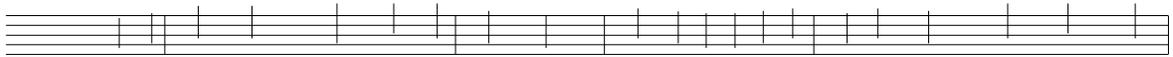
He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again to judge
the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

The Prayers

Officiant: The Lord be with you

People: And also with you

Officiant: Let us pray



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

Merciful God, who sent your messengers the prophets to preach repentance and prepare the way for our salvation: Give us grace to heed their warnings and forsake our sins, that we may greet with joy the coming of Jesus Christ our Redeemer; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. *Amen.*

Prayers of the People

Cathy Ufheil

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, our UN Secretary General; Donald, our President; Joe, our President-Elect; 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: **Ina, Anne, Isabella, Sally, Tom, Nancy, Susan, Peg, Janet, Jerry, Barb, Raymond, Amy, Margie, Edward, Shaun.** Are there others we would like to add either aloud or silently (*pause*) 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.*

A Prayer of Saint Chrysostom

Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication to you; and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name you will be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting. *Amen.*

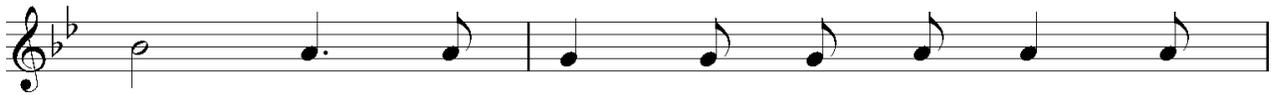
Benediction

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*]

Officiant: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Hymn 69 – What is the Crying at Jordan?



1 What is the cry - ing at Jor - dan? Who
2 Who then shall stir in this dark - ness, pre -
3 Lord, give us grace to a - wake us, to
4 Now comes the day of sal - va - tion, in



hears, O God, the pro - phe - cy? Dark is the
pare for joy in the win - ter night? Mor - tal in
see the branch that be - gins to bloom; in great hu -
joy and ter - ror the Word is born! God gives him -



sea - son, dark our hearts and shut to mys - ter - y.
dark - ness we lie down, blind - heart - ed, see - ing no light.
mi - li - ty is hid all heaven in a lit - tle room.
self in - to our lives; O let sal - va - tion dawn!



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.

Christmas Food Collection

Please donate canned and dry foods to Gloria Dei to be given to those in need. A collection box will be placed outside the Riverside Hall doorway for contact-less drop-off. We will be collecting through December 20, 2020. Please check expiration dates before you donate! If you would like to donate funds, please mail to the church office or tap the GIVE button at www.old-swedes.org.

Movie Discussion on Zoom

Wednesday, December 9th at 6:30pm

Join us for discussion of *13*, a movie now showing on Netflix.



Gloria Dei's LUCIA FEST

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May it be felt today in every language, in every locality, in every heart."*

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