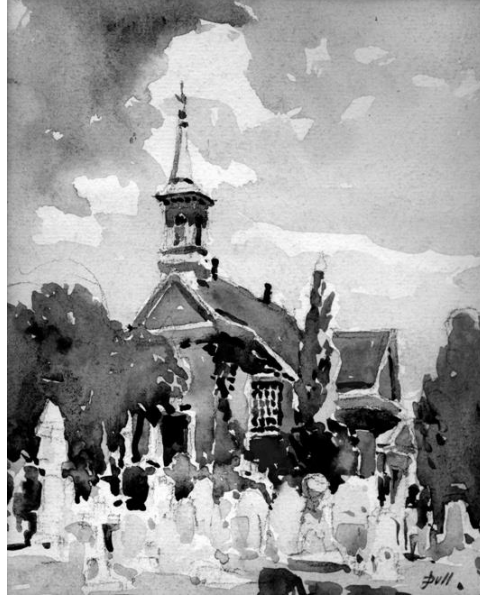


Gloria Dei (Old Swedes') Church



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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.

January 31, 2021
Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany
Morning Prayer, Rite 2

Lector: *Nils van Ammers*
Intercessor: *Candace Roberts*
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 49:6b

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 111

- 1 Hallelujah! I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart, *
in the assembly of the upright, in the congregation.
- 2 Great are the deeds of the Lord! *
they are studied by all who delight in them.
- 3 His work is full of majesty and splendor, *
and his righteousness endures forever.
- 4 He makes his marvelous works to be remembered; *
the Lord is gracious and full of compassion.
- 5 He gives food to those who fear him; *
he is ever mindful of his covenant.
- 6 He has shown his people the power of his works *
in giving them the lands of the nations.
- 7 The works of his hands are faithfulness and justice; *
all his commandments are sure.
- 8 They stand fast for ever and ever, *
because they are done in truth and equity.
- 9 He sent redemption to his people; he commanded his covenant forever; *
holy and awesome is his Name.
- 10 The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom; *
those who act accordingly have a good understanding; his praise endures forever.

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 - Deuteronomy 18:15-20

Nils van Ammers

Moses said: The Lord your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among your own people; you shall heed such a prophet. This is what you requested of the Lord your God at Horeb on the day of the assembly when you said: "If I hear the voice of the Lord my God any more, or ever again see this great fire, I will die." Then the Lord replied to me: "They are right in what they have said. I will raise up for them a prophet like you from among their own people; I will put my words in the mouth of the prophet, who shall speak to them everything that I command. Anyone who does not heed the words that the prophet shall speak in my name, I myself will hold accountable. But any prophet who speaks in the name of other gods, or who presumes to speak in my name a word that I have not commanded the prophet to speak—that prophet shall die."

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 8:1-13

Now concerning food sacrificed to idols: we know that "all of us possess knowledge." Knowledge puffs up, but love builds up. Anyone who claims to know something does not yet have the necessary knowledge; but anyone who loves God is known by him. Hence, as to the eating of food offered to idols, we know that "no idol in the world really exists," and that "there is no God but one." Indeed, even though there may be so-called gods in heaven or on earth—as in fact there are many gods and many lords—yet for us there is one God, the Father, from whom are all things and for whom we exist, and one Lord, Jesus Christ, through whom are all things and through whom we exist.

It is not everyone, however, who has this knowledge. Since some have become so accustomed to idols until now, they still think of the food they eat as food offered to an idol; and their conscience, being weak, is defiled. "Food will not bring us close to God." We are no worse off if we do not eat, and no better off if

we do. But take care that this liberty of yours does not somehow become a stumbling block to the weak. For if others see you, who possess knowledge, eating in the temple of an idol, might they not, since their conscience is weak, be encouraged to the point of eating food sacrificed to idols? So by your knowledge those weak believers for whom Christ died are destroyed. But when you thus sin against members of your family, and wound their conscience when it is weak, you sin against Christ. Therefore, if food is a cause of their falling, I will never eat meat, so that I may not cause one of them to fall.

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

People: Thanks be to God

Hymn 423 Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

1 Im - mor - tal, in - vis - i - ble, God on - ly wise,
 2 Un - rest - ing, un - hast - ing, and si - lent as light,
 3 To all life thou giv - est, to both great and small;
 4 Thou reign - est in glo - ry, thou rul - est in light,

in light in - ac - ces - si - ble hid from our eyes,
 nor want - ing, nor wast - ing, thou rul - est in might;
 in all life thou liv - est, the true life of all;
 thine an - gels a - dore thee, all veil - ing their sight;

most bless - ed, most glo - rious, the An - cient of Days,
 thy jus - tice like moun - tains high soar - ing a - bove
 we blos - som and flour - ish, like leaves on the tree,
 all laud we would ren - der: O help us to see

al - might - y, vic - tor - ious, thy great Name we praise.
 thy clouds, which are foun - tains of good - ness and love.
 then with - er and per - ish; but nought chan - geth thee.
 'tis on - ly the splen - dor of light hid - eth thee.

Gospel - Mark 1:21-28

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

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ

Jesus and his disciples went to Capernaum; and when the sabbath came, he entered the synagogue and taught. They were astounded at his teaching, for he taught them as one having authority, and not as the scribes. Just then there was in their synagogue a man with an unclean spirit, and he cried out, "What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are, the Holy One of God." But Jesus rebuked him, saying, "Be silent, and come out of him!" And the unclean spirit, convulsing him and crying with a loud voice, came out of him. They were all amazed, and they kept on asking one another, "What is this? A new teaching—with authority! He commands even the unclean spirits, and they obey him." At once his fame began to spread throughout the surrounding region of Galilee.

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ

Sermon: Living Into Our Authority

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;**

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

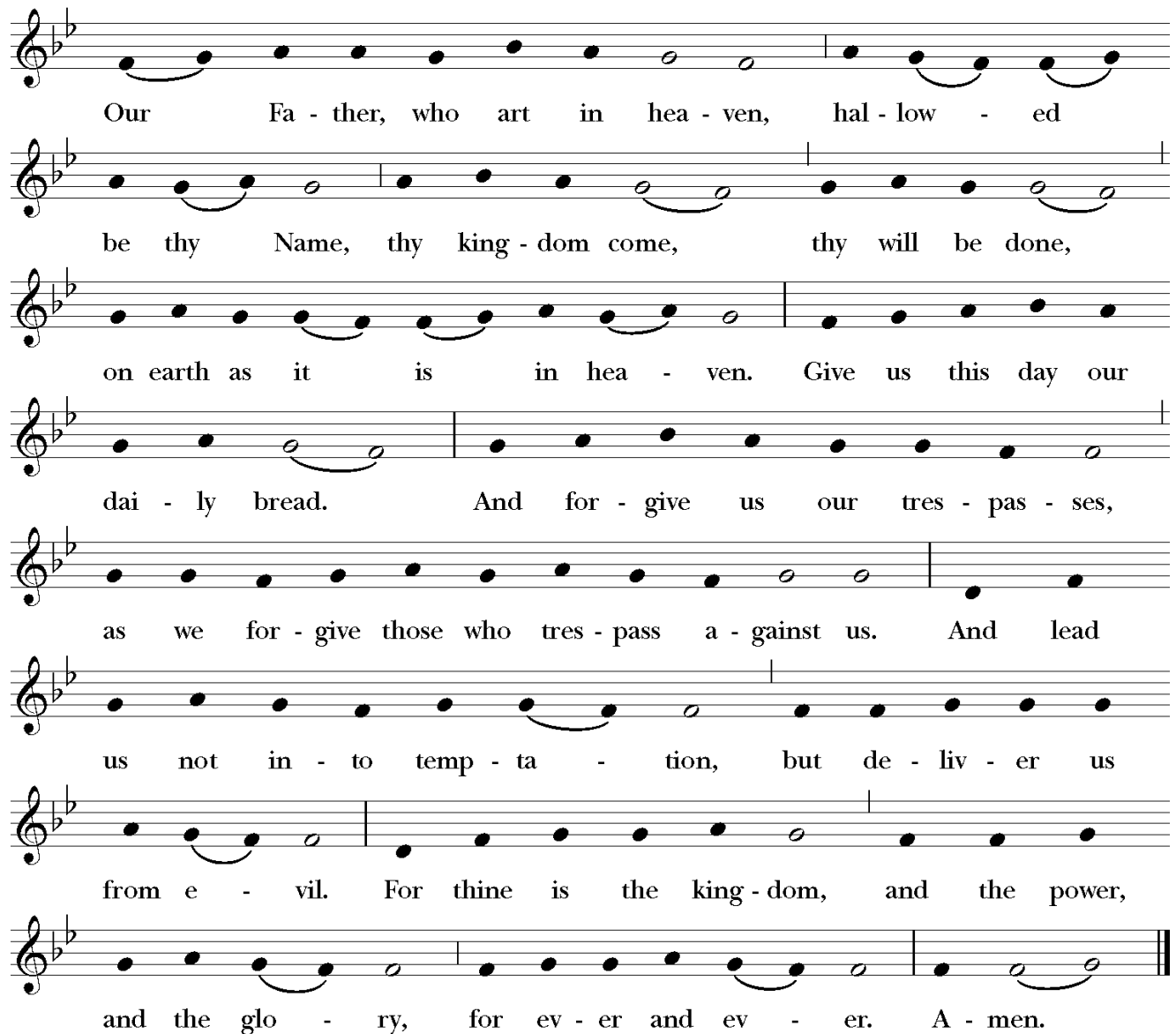
Officiant: The Lord be with you

People: And also with you

Officiant: Let us pray



The 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

Almighty and everlasting God, you govern all things both in heaven and on earth: Mercifully hear the supplications of your people, and in our time grant us your peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and 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

Candace Roberts

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, Angel, Cherokee, Steffanie, Tommy, Marianne, Mary, Adam, Joy, Jillian, Patricia, Rita, Margie, Amy, Bill, Barb, Bonnie, Nancy, Peg, 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, especially **Rob** and **Patty**, 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

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.

Anti-Racism Book Club

Wednesdays at 7:00pm

Having discussed the book, *How to be an Anti-Racist* and the movies *13th* and *Just Mercy*, the Anti-Racism Book Club will be discussing the book *Climate Justice* by Mary Robinson, the former president of Ireland, and the United Nation’s high commissioner for human rights. This group will be meeting on Zoom beginning on Wednesday, Feb 3, for five weeks (Feb 3, 10, 24, March 3, and 10) at 7:00pm. If you are interested in joining the discussion on this most important topic, please let Nora Melley know at n.melley@gmail.com she will send you the link. Please get the book and start reading the first two chapters.

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