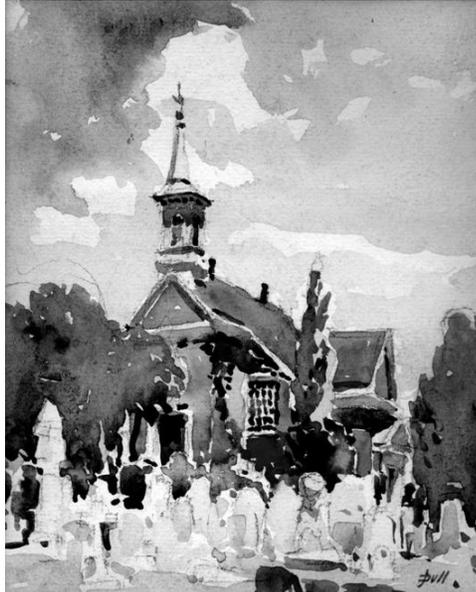


Gloria Dei (Old Swedes') Church



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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.

June 20, 2021

Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

Ministry Assistants Today

Altar Guild: *Cathy Ufheil*

Lector: *Omega Moore*

Intercessor: *Charles Moore*

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

+Opening Hymn #433

We Gather Together

Hymnal 1982

Welcome

Celebrant Blessed are you, holy and living one.
People **You come to your people and set them free.**

All Holy and righteous God, you created us in your image. Grant us grace to contend fearlessly against evil and to make no peace with oppression. Help us, like those of generations before us, resist the evil of slavery and human bondage in any form and any manner of oppression. Help us to use our freedoms to bring justice among people and nations everywhere, to the glory of your Holy name through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

+++Confession

Celebrant Let us confess our sins against God and one another.

All **Almighty God, Source of all that is,
Giver of every good gift:
You create all people in your image
and call us to love one another as you love us.
We confess that we have failed to honor you
in the great diversity of the human family.
We have desired to live in freedom,
while building walls between ourselves and others.
We have longed to be known and accepted for who we are,
while making judgements of others based on the color of skin,**

or the shape of features, or the varieties of human experience.

**We have tried to love our neighbors individually
while yet benefitting from systems that hold
those same neighbors in oppression.**

Forgive us, Holy God.

Give us eyes to see you as you are revealed in all people.

Strengthen us for the work of reconciliation rooted in love.

**Restore us in your image, to be beloved community,
united in our diversity,**

even as you are one with Christ and the Spirit,

Holy and undivided Trinity, now and forever.

Amen.

Celebrant 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.**

+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
And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray

People
**Almighty and most loving God, through your Son Jesus, who came among us as a
slave choosing rather to serve his disciples than to be served by them; help us in our
weakness not to seek to oppress others, nor to make peace with any form of
exploitation, but in all things earnestly and of our own free will to seek to serve each
other following Christ's good example, this we ask in the name of Jesus Christ our
Lord. Amen.**

We Listen To The Word of God

++First Reading...Amos 5: 18-24

Omega Moore

Alas for you who desire the day of the Lord! Why do you want the day of the Lord?
It is darkness, not light; as if someone fled from a lion,
and was met by a bear; or went into the house and rested a hand against the wall,
and was bitten by a snake. Is not the day of the Lord darkness, not light,
and gloom with no brightness in it? I hate, I despise your festivals,
and I take no delight in your solemn assemblies. Even though you offer me your burnt offerings and
grain offerings, I will not accept them;
and the offerings of well-being of your fatted animals
I will not look upon. Take away from me the noise of your songs;
I will not listen to the melody of your harps.
But let justice roll down like waters, and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream.

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

People Thanks be to God

Psalm 137

- 1 By the waters of Babylon we sat down and wept, *
when we remembered you, O Zion.
- 2 As for our harps, we hung them up *
on the trees in the midst of that land.
- 3 For those who led us away captive asked us for a song, and our oppressors called for mirth: *
"Sing us one of the songs of Zion."
- 4 How shall we sing the LORD'S song *
upon an alien soil?
- 5 If I forget you, O Jerusalem, *
let my right hand forget its skill.
- 6 Let my tongue cleave to the roof of my mouth if I do not remember you, *
if I do not set Jerusalem above my highest joy.
- 7 Remember the day of Jerusalem, O LORD, against the people of Edom, *
who said, "Down with it! down with it! even to the ground!"
- 8 O Daughter of Babylon, doomed to destruction, *
happy the one who pays you back for what you have done to us!
- 9 Happy shall he be who takes your little ones, *
and dashes them against the rock!

Second Reading... Galatians 3: 23-29

Now before faith came, we were imprisoned and guarded under the law until faith would be revealed. Therefore the law was our disciplinarian until Christ came, so that we might be justified by faith. But now that faith has come, we are no longer subject to a disciplinarian, for in Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith. As many of you as were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. There is no longer Jew or Greek, there is no longer slave or free, there is no longer male and female; for all of you are one in Christ Jesus. And if you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham's offspring, heirs according to the promise.

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

+Gradual Hymn # 657 *Love Divine, All Love Excelling* Hymnal 1982

Celebrant The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to **Luke (4:14-21)**
People **Glory to you, Lord Christ**

Then Jesus, filled with the power of the Spirit, returned to Galilee, and a report about him spread through all the surrounding country. He began to teach in their synagogues and was praised by everyone. When he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read, and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written: "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor." And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. Then he began to say to them, "Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing."

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

++Sermon *A New Manifesto* **The Rev. Koshy Mathews**

We Ask God To Listen To Our Prayers *(sitting or kneeling as able)*

+++Prayers of the People **Charles Moore**

As we enter this Juneteenth holiday celebration, we offer prayers for ourselves and the world.

That those entrusted with authority in our nation may support the changes needed in order to exercise leadership and promote healing in an authentic, responsible, and peaceful manner, we pray . . .

May we accept the call to be bearers of peace.

That the fullness of justice and compassion may be extended to the victims and families who have been subjected to violence, abuse, discrimination, murder, or the threat of, we pray . . .

May we accept the call to be bearers of peace.

That our communities and our schools may find ways to actively participate in efforts to eliminate violence, especially violence against black and brown people, so that this country may take the lead in fostering conditions for healing racial division, we pray. . .

May we accept the call to be bearers of peace.

That all who gather this week to remember Juneteenth be able to freely, peaceably, and in celebration with us, remember together, we pray . . .

May we accept the call to be bearers of peace.

That we be courageous in living out the Gospel, we pray . . .

May we accept the call to be bearers of peace.

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit. We remember especially: **Janine, Jack, Emily, Jerry, Jeanette, David, Louie, Alex, Jaime, Tara, Joanne, Sabrina, Dana, Merina, Margie, Ron, Bob, Peg, and Barb**

(You may add the names of the people who weigh on your heart at this time.) (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 your mercy all who have died,

(you may add names of people close to you who have died recently) (silence)

That your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom. *(silence)*

Lord, in your mercy, ***Hear our prayer.***

Celebrant We pray, O Lord, for change. Jesus, you revealed God through your wise words and loving deeds, and we encounter you still today in the faces of those whom society has pushed to the margins. Guide us, through the love you revealed, to establish the justice you proclaimed, that all peoples might dwell in harmony and peace, united by that one love that binds us to each other, and to you. And most of all, Lord, change our routine worship and work into genuine encounter with you and our better selves so that our lives will be changed for the good of all. **Amen.**

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

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

++Announcements

Offertory

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

+Hymn 380 v3 *Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise him, all creatures here below;
praise him above, ye heavenly host:
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.*

We Share Holy Communion

The Holy Communion – Eucharistic Prayer D

(Facing the congregation and standing behind the altar table)

The Holy Communion

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

All **And also with you.**

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

All **We lift them to the Lord.**

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

It is truly right to glorify you, Father, and to give you thanks;
for you alone are God, living and true, dwelling in light
inaccessible from before time and forever.

Fountain of life and source of all goodness, you made all
things and fill them with your blessing; you created them to
rejoice in the splendor of your radiance.

Countless throngs of angels stand before you to serve you
night and day; and, beholding the glory of your presence,
they offer you unceasing praise. Joining with them, and
giving voice to every creature under heaven, we acclaim you,
and glorify your Name, as we sing, (S128)

**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.

+++We acclaim you, holy Lord, glorious in power. Your mighty works reveal your wisdom and love. You formed us in your own image, giving the whole world into our care, so that, in obedience to you, our Creator, we might rule and serve all your creatures. When our disobedience took us far from you, you did not abandon us to the power of death. In your mercy you came to our help, so that in seeking you we might find you. Again and again you called us into covenant with you, and through the prophets you taught us to hope for salvation.

Father, you loved the world so much that in the fullness of time you sent your only Son to be our Savior. Incarnate by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, he lived as one of us, yet without sin. To the poor he proclaimed the good news of salvation; to prisoners, freedom; to the sorrowful, joy. To fulfill your purpose he gave himself up to death; and, rising from the grave, destroyed death, and made the whole creation new.

And, that we might live no longer for ourselves, but for him who died and rose for us, he sent the Holy Spirit, his own first gift for those who believe, to complete his work in the world, and to bring to fulfillment the sanctification of all..

When the hour had come for him to be glorified by you, his heavenly Father, having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end; at supper with them he 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."

Father, we now celebrate this memorial of our redemption. Recalling Christ's death and his descent among the dead, proclaiming his resurrection and ascension to your right hand, awaiting his coming in glory; and offering to you, from the gifts you have given us, this bread and this cup, we praise you and we bless you.

Celebrant and People

**We praise you, we bless you,
we give thanks to you,
and we pray to you, Lord our God.**

Lord, we pray that in your goodness and mercy your Holy Spirit may descend upon us, and upon these gifts, sanctifying them and showing them to be holy gifts for your holy people, the bread of life and the cup of salvation, the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ.

Grant that all who share this bread and cup may become one body and one spirit, a living sacrifice in Christ, to the praise of your Name.

Remember, Lord, your one holy catholic and apostolic Church, redeemed by the blood of your Christ. Reveal its unity, guard its faith, and preserve it in peace.

Remember all who minister in your Church.
Remember all your people, and those who seek your truth.
Remember all who have died in the peace of Christ, and those whose faith is known to you alone; bring them into the place of eternal joy and light.

And grant that we may find our inheritance with the Blessed Virgin Mary, with patriarchs and matriarchs, prophets, apostles, and martyrs, all the saints who have found favor with you in ages past. We praise you in union with them and give you glory through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, all honor and glory are yours, Almighty God and Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, for ever and ever. *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.**

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.

Communion of the People

(All persons are invited to the Lord's supper one by one)

+The Post-Communion Prayer

Celebrant Let us pray

**Creator God, may we who have been strengthened by this sacrament,
strengthen those in weakness
We who have been fed, feed those in hunger
We who have been welcomed, welcome others
We who have been seen and known, see and know the needs of others
Give us your grace to respond always in loving service
Through Jesus Christ our Lord
Amen.**

God Sends Us Out To Love and Serve Each Other

The Blessing

And now, may God bless us with anger at injustice, oppression, exploitation of people, so that we may continue to work for justice, freedom and peace. Amen.

May God bless us with tears to shed for those who suffer from pain, rejection, starvation and war, so that we may reach out our hand to comfort them and to turn their pain into joy. Amen.

May God bless us with enough foolishness to believe that we can make a difference in this work, so that we can do what others claim cannot be done. Amen.

And the Blessing of God Almighty, the One who creates, Redeems and Sanctifies, be upon you and all you love, this day, and forever more. Amen.

+Dismissal

Celebrant Go forth into the world in peace. Be of good courage.
Hold fast to that which is good. Strengthen the fainthearted.
Support the weak. Comfort the afflicted.
Be patient with all, but make no peace with oppression.
Love and serve the Lord, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit. Alleluia, Alleluia

All Thanks be to God, Alleluia, Alleluia.

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.

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

Please do not donate any clothing at this time.

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.

Lectio Divina Group

Sundays 9:15am – 9:45am in Riverside Hall, June 20, 27, July 11 & 18

Join Megan Bartlett for a brief "lectio divina" group before worship. We will meet to practice "divine reading" of one of the Scripture passages for that day. Lectio Divina is an ancient form of noticing and responding to God's call to us through the Scriptures. No experience is necessary. Guidance will be provided. Come to any or all of the groups, as you are able.

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