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.

August 8, 2021 Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

Ministry Assistants Today

Altar Guild: Barbara Potts Lector: Jill Duink Intercessor: Susan Mathews Usher: Niles vanAmmers

The Delta variant of COVID is surging all across the US, and Philadelphia is no exception. The CDC has updated its guidelines to recommend that people should wear masks indoors, and continue with social distancing regardless of whether they are vaccinated or not, as vaccination breakthroughs are happening.

The state, city, and Diocese are asking us to follow the CDC guidelines voluntarily.

Beginning August 1st, let us also follow these guidelines on our own, voluntarily. Let us not do it grudgingly but do it with love, as following these guidelines may show our love for each other and our neighbor.

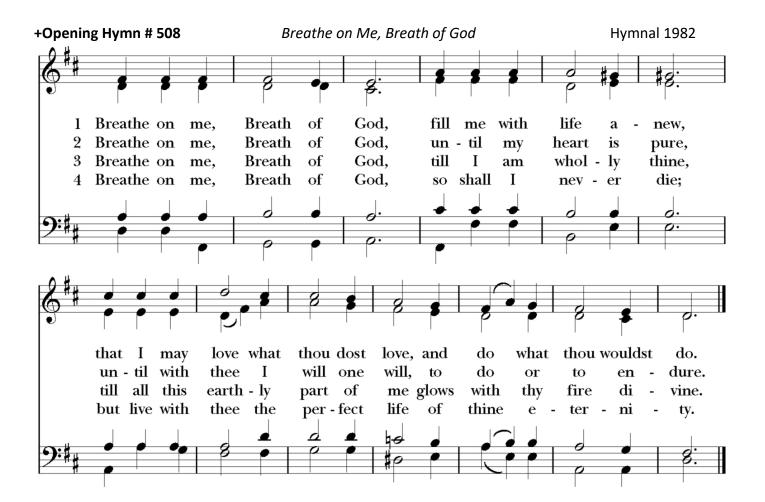
We continue to share peace with each other by waving at each other,

or by showing peace signs or Namaste. Singing is allowed.

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



+Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People And blessed be God's Kingdom, now and forever. Amen.

Celebrant 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.

People 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 **People** And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray

People Grant to us, Lord, we pray, the spirit to think and do always those things that are right,

that we, who cannot exist without you, may by you be enabled to live according to your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one

God, for ever and ever. Amen.

We Listen To The Word of God

++First Reading... 1 Kings 19:4-8

Jill Duink

Elijah went a day's journey into the wilderness, and came and sat down under a solitary broom tree. He asked that he might die: "It is enough; now, O Lord, take away my life, for I am no better than my ancestors." Then he lay down under the broom tree and fell asleep. Suddenly an angel touched him and said to him, "Get up and eat." He looked, and there at his head was a cake baked on hot stones, and a jar of water. He ate and drank, and lay down again. The angel of the Lord came a second time, touched him, and said, "Get up and eat, otherwise the journey will be too much for you." He got up, and ate and drank; then he went in the strength of that food forty days and forty nights to Horeb the mount of God.

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

People Thanks be to God

Psalm 34:1-8

1 I will bless the Lord at all times; *

his praise shall ever be in my mouth.

2 I will glory in the Lord; *

let the humble hear and rejoice.

3 Proclaim with me the greatness of the Lord; *

let us exalt his Name together.

- 4 I sought the Lord, and he answered me * and delivered me out of all my terror.
- 5 Look upon him and be radiant, * and let not your faces be ashamed.
- 6 I called in my affliction and the Lord heard me * and saved me from all my troubles.
- 7 The angel of the Lord encompasses those who fear him, * and he will deliver them.
- 8 Taste and see that the Lord is good; * happy are they who trust in him!

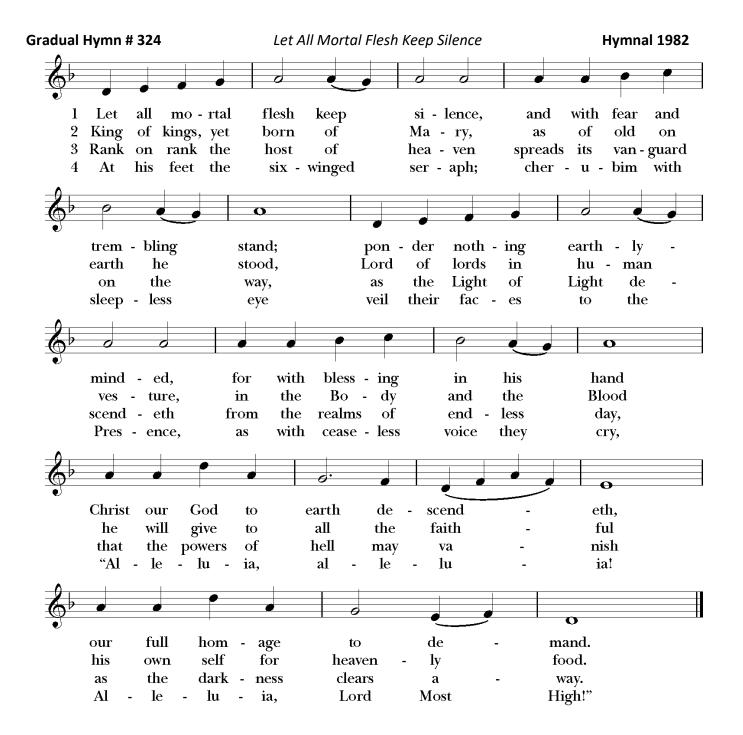
Second Reading... Ephesians 4:25-5:2

Putting away falsehood, let all of us speak the truth to our neighbors, for we are members of one another. Be angry but do not sin; do not let the sun go down on your anger, and do not make room for the devil. Thieves must give up stealing; rather let them labor and work honestly with their own hands, so as to have something to share with the needy. Let no evil talk come out of your mouths, but only what is useful for building up, as there is need, so that your words may give grace to those who hear. And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, with which you were marked with a seal for the day of redemption. Put away from you all bitterness and wrath and anger and wrangling and slander, together with all malice, and be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ has forgiven you. Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children, and live in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.

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+Celebrant The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John (6:35, 41-51)

People Glory to you, Lord Christ

Jesus said, "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty." Then the Jews began to complain about him because he said, "I am the bread that came down from heaven." They were saying, "Is not this Jesus, the son of Joseph, whose father and mother we know? How can he now say, 'I have come down from heaven'?" Jesus answered them, "Do not complain among yourselves. No one can come to me unless drawn by the Father who sent me; and I will raise that person up on the last day. It is written in the prophets, 'And they shall all be taught by God.' Everyone who has heard and learned from the Father comes to me. Not that anyone has seen the Father except the one who is from God; he has seen the Father. Very truly, I tell you, whoever believes has eternal life. I am the bread of life. Your ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness, and they died. This is the bread that comes down from heaven, so that one may eat of it and not die. I am the living bread that

came down from heaven. Whoever eats of this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh."

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

++Sermon Feasting on the Word The Rev. Koshy Mathews

+The Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead.

and the life of the world to come. Amen.

We Ask God To Listen To Our Prayers

(sitting or kneeling as able)

+++Prayers of the People

Susan Mathews

Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world, we pray for 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, and staff, and congregation of our church. (*Silence*)

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

Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good. We pray for our world leaders, especially Joe, our President, Antonio, the Secretary General of the United Nations, Tom, the Governor of our

Commonwealth; Jim, the mayor of our city, and the men and women who are serving in our armed forces. We pray that they may work together to achieve justice and peace in the world. (*silence*)

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

Pray for guidance and wisdom as we begin the work of seeking our next rector for our church. Raise up for us a priest who will be faithful in the ministry of your word and sacraments, and will serve our people with love and compassion. (*silence*)

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

Pray for all who struggle for freedom and wholeness around the world especially for the migrants and victims of human trafficking, and those who are fleeing violence, religious persecution and ethnic cleansing. Pray for our work in God's mission in our neighborhood. (*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, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us. We ask your blessing on those who are celebrating a birthday or anniversary. We pray especially for Carol Jenkins, who celebrated her birthday this past week.

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

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit. We remember especially: **Bonnie, Trish, Dolores, Deborah, Jack, Sally, Margie, David, Carol, Kim, Michael, Jerry, Louie, Ron, 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, especially **Rev. James Von Dreele, Dennis Rochford, Paul Rawate and George Coleman.**

(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*.

[The celebrant adds a concluding collect]

Celebrant

O Lord our God, accept the fervent prayers 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 forever. **Amen.**

Confession and Absolution

Celebrant Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

ΑII

Jesus, forgive my sins. Forgive the sins that I can remember, and also the sins I have forgotten. Forgive the wrong actions I have committed, and the right actions I have omitted. Forgive the times I have been weak in the face of temptations, and those when I have been stubborn in the face of correction. Forgive the times I have been proud of my own achievements, and those when I have failed to boast of your works. Forgive the harsh judgements I have made of others, and the leniency I have shown to myself. Forgive the lies I have told to others, and the truths I have avoided. Forgive me the pain I have caused others, and the indulgence I have shown to myself. Jesus have pity on me, and make me whole. Amen

Celebrant

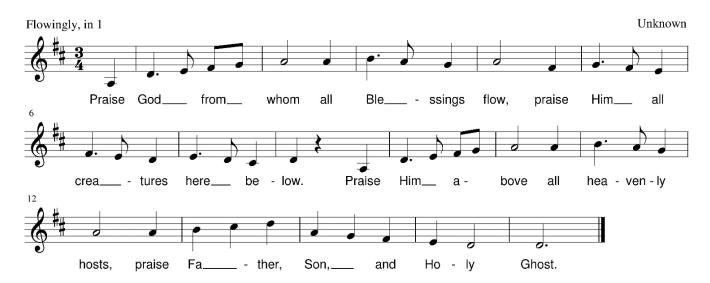
Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. *Amen*.

+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.

Doxology



We Share Holy Communion

The Holy Communion – Eucharistic Prayer A

(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.

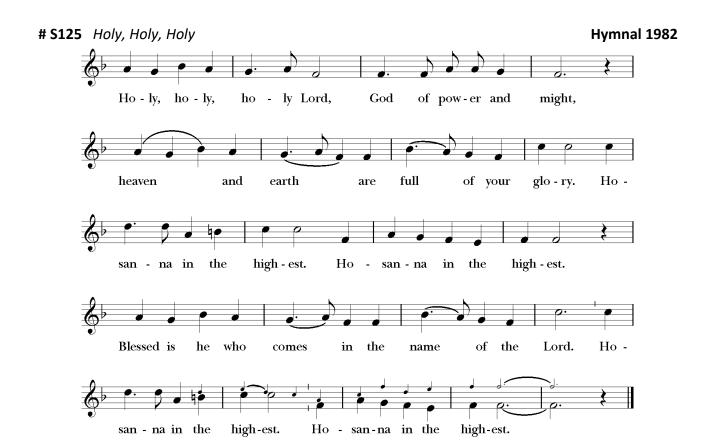
Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

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.

For you are the source of light and life, you made us in your image, and called us to new life in Jesus Christ our Lord.

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, as we sing:



Celebrant

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:

All Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Celebrant

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*.

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 Table no matter where you are on your spiritual journey. Communion is served only in bread; if you are gluten sensitive, please let the priest know when you come to the Table)

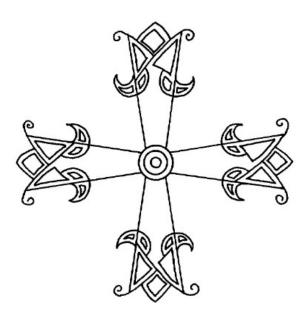
+The Post-Communion Prayer

Celebrant Let us pray

People Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living

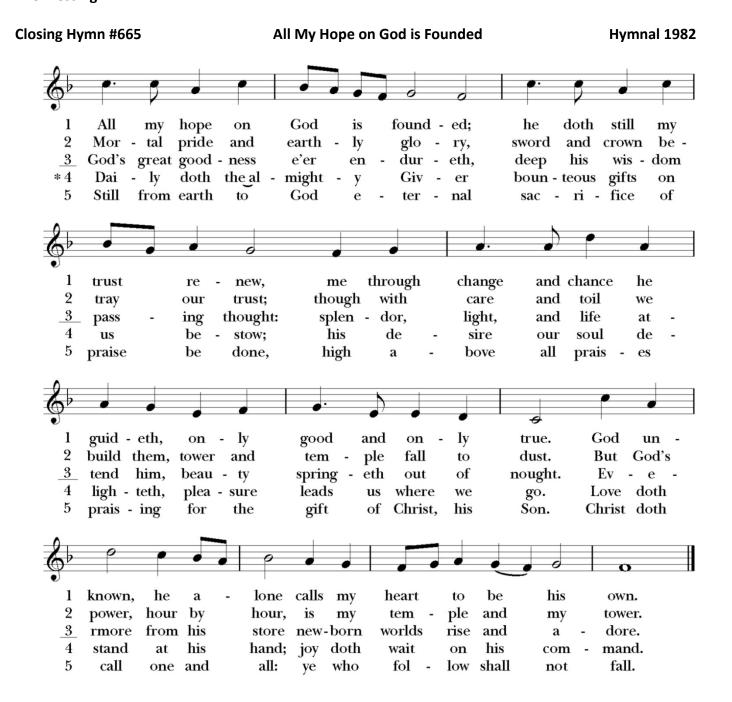
members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and

singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.



God Sends Us Out To Love and Serve Each Other

The Blessing



+Dismissal

Celebrant Worship has ended and our service begins. Let us go forth into the world rejoicing in the power

of the Holy Spirit! Alleluia, Alleluia!

People Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia!

Postlude

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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 <u>www.old-swedes.org</u>, 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.

A Call for Volunteers for Hospitality

In person services have resumed, Alleluia! It's now time to resume another Gloria Dei tradition: coffee hour. Alleluia! Paul writes in Romans 12 to practice hospitality. Come volunteer to celebrate our community through coffee and conversation. I have posted a sign-up sheet on the Church bulletin board. If you have any questions, please contact me at 267.216.8332 or at cmpickup@gmail.com.

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