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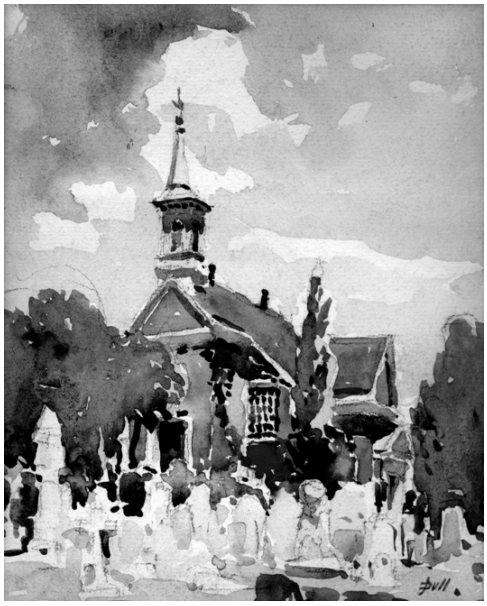

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We, the congregation of Gloria Dei (Old Swedes), existing by and for the glory of God, knowing that God, through this congregation, helps us find our way and to use our gifts, gather together, to honor and celebrate the acceptance of our differences 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.

October 24, 2021

Twenty-Second Sunday after Pentecost

Ministry Assistants Today:
Altar Guild: *Barbara Potts*
Lector: *Barbara Potts*
Intercessor: *Christine Pickup*
Usher: *Richard Woehr*

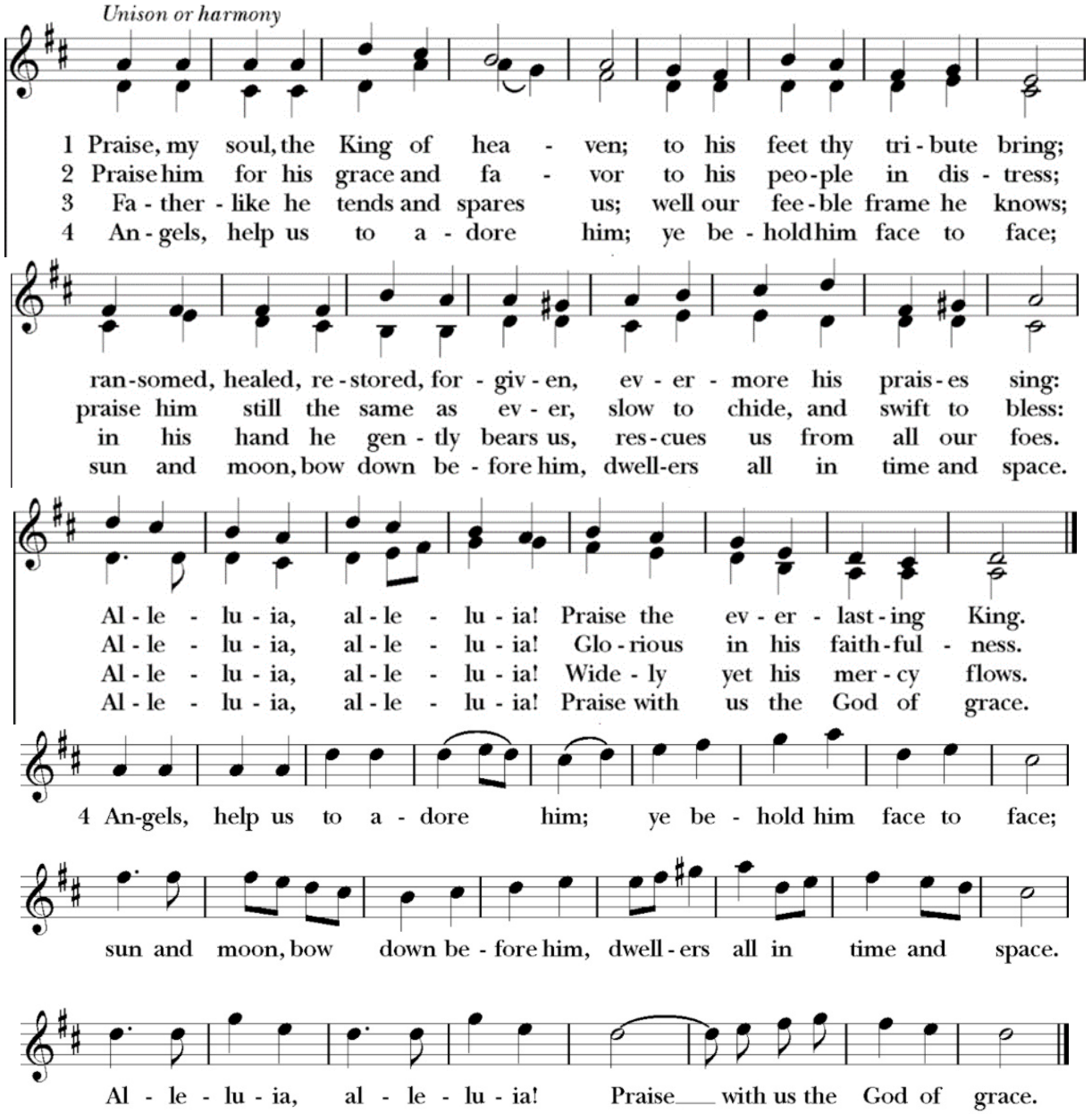
(The CDC has updated its guidelines to recommend that people should wear masks indoors, and continue with social distancing regardless of whether they are vaccinated or not, as vaccination breakthroughs are happening. The state, city, and Diocese are asking us to follow the CDC guidelines.
Let us not 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

Opening Hymn # 410 *Praise My Soul, King of Heaven* Hymnal 1982



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

People **And Blessed be God's kingdom, now and forever.**

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 **Almighty and everlasting God, increase in us the gifts of faith, hope, and charity; and, that we may obtain what you promise, make us love what you command; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.***

++First Reading Jeremiah 31:7-9 ***Barbara Potts***

Thus says the LORD:
Sing aloud with gladness for Jacob, and raise shouts for the chief of the nations;
proclaim, give praise, and say, "Save, O Lord, your people, the remnant of Israel."
See, I am going to bring them from the land of the north,
and gather them from the farthest parts of the earth, among them the blind and the lame,
those with child and those in labor, together; a great company, they shall return here.
With weeping they shall come, and with consolations I will lead them back,
I will let them walk by brooks of water, in a straight path in which they shall not stumble;
for I have become a father to Israel, and Ephraim is my firstborn.

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

Psalm 34:1-8, (19-22)
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!
19 [Many are the troubles of the righteous, *
but the Lord will deliver him out of them all.
20 He will keep safe all his bones; *
not one of them shall be broken.

21 Evil shall slay the wicked, *
and those who hate the righteous will be punished.
22 The Lord ransoms the life of his servants, *
and none will be punished who trust in him.]

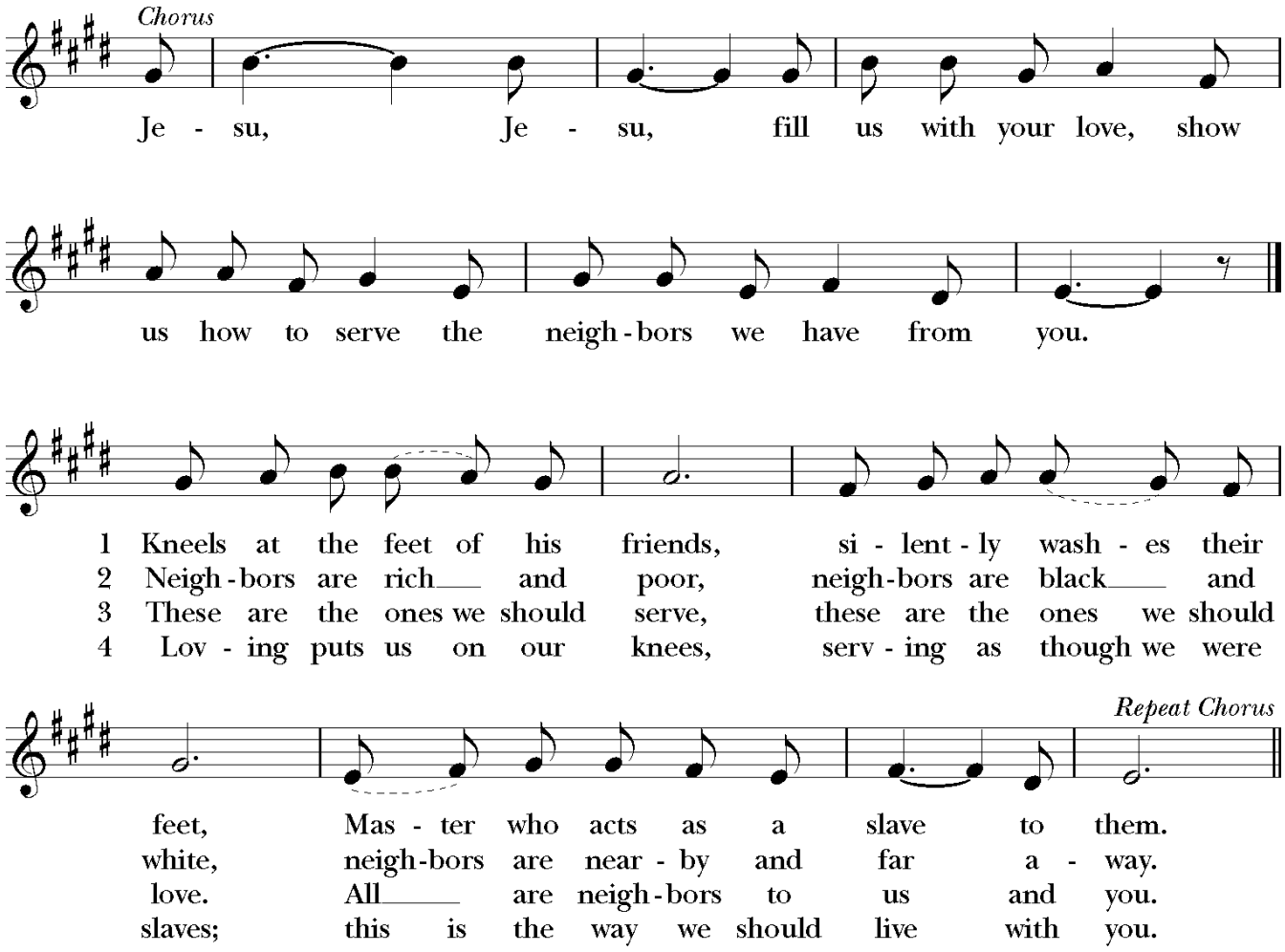
Second Reading Hebrews 7:23-28

The former priests were many in number, because they were prevented by death from continuing in office; but Jesus holds his priesthood permanently, because he continues forever. Consequently, he is able for all time to save those who approach God through him, since he always lives to make intercession for them.

For it was fitting that we should have such a high priest, holy, blameless, undefiled, separated from sinners, and exalted above the heavens. Unlike the other high priests, he has no need to offer sacrifices day after day, first for his own sins, and then for those of the people; this he did once for all when he offered himself. For the law appoints as high priests those who are subject to weakness, but the word of the oath, which came later than the law, appoints a Son who has been made perfect forever.

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

Gradual Hymn #602 *Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love,* Hymnal 1982



+Celebrant The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark (10:46-52)
People Glory to you, Lord Christ
Jesus and his disciples came to Jericho. As he and his disciples and a large crowd were leaving Jericho, Bartimaeus son of Timaeus, a blind beggar, was sitting by the roadside. When he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to shout out and say, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!" Many sternly ordered him to be quiet, but he cried out even more loudly, "Son of David, have mercy on me!" Jesus stood still and said, "Call him here." And they called the blind man, saying to him, "Take heart; get up, he is calling you." So throwing off his cloak, he sprang up and came to Jesus. Then Jesus said to him, "What do you want me to do for you?" The blind man said to him, "My teacher, let me see again." Jesus said to him, "Go; your faith has made you well." Immediately he regained his sight and followed him on the way.
Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord
People Praise to you, Lord Christ

++Sermon ***Healing as Restoration*** *The Rev. Koshy Mathews*

+An Affirmation of Faith

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 - Form III ***Christine Pickup***

Celebrant Sisters and brothers in Christ, for the sake of the world that God so loves, let us pray.
Intercessor Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;
People That we all may be one.
Intercessor Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;
People That your Name may be glorified by all people.
Intercessor We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;
People That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.

Intercessor We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;
People **That there may be justice and peace on the earth.**
Intercessor Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;
People **God's compassion does not fail, and his mercy is new every morning.**
Intercessor Let us pray for guidance and wisdom as we begin the work of seeking our next rector.
People **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.**
Intercessor Let us pray for healing for: **Ray, Jerome, Nancy, Kathryn, Jim, Dolores, Margie, Anna Mae, Sandy, Carol, Bette, Nelson, Ellen, Chris, Bonnie, Jack, Jerry, and Barb**
Also, for our own needs, and those of others. *(Silence)*
Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble.

People **That they may be delivered from their distress.**

Intercessor Give to the departed eternal rest. We pray especially for the souls of all who died in the Pandemic.
People **Let light perpetual shine upon them.**
Intercessor We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;
People **May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.**
(silence)
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 soul, and to you we give glory, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and forever. Amen.
People **Amen.**

+++The Confession

Celebrant Let us confess our sins to God. *(Silence)*
Creator God, by your design we are whole people
yet we have sought to wrench Word from flesh to drain truth from life
we have lived in our limits touching the bounds for reassurance
we have distrusted the vision and sought to destroy the visionary

Forgive us when we have been willing to be entertained but not changed
when we have allowed our insights to harden into clichés
when we have spoken only to consolidate our own position
when we have called on you only to hear the sound of our own voices
when our celebrations have left others with nothing to enjoy

Searching and creative Spirit of God who makes community from the raw materials of our lives teach us the humility to learn from those who know a true rejoicing
through Jesus Christ who simply revealed your glory.

People **Amen.**

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

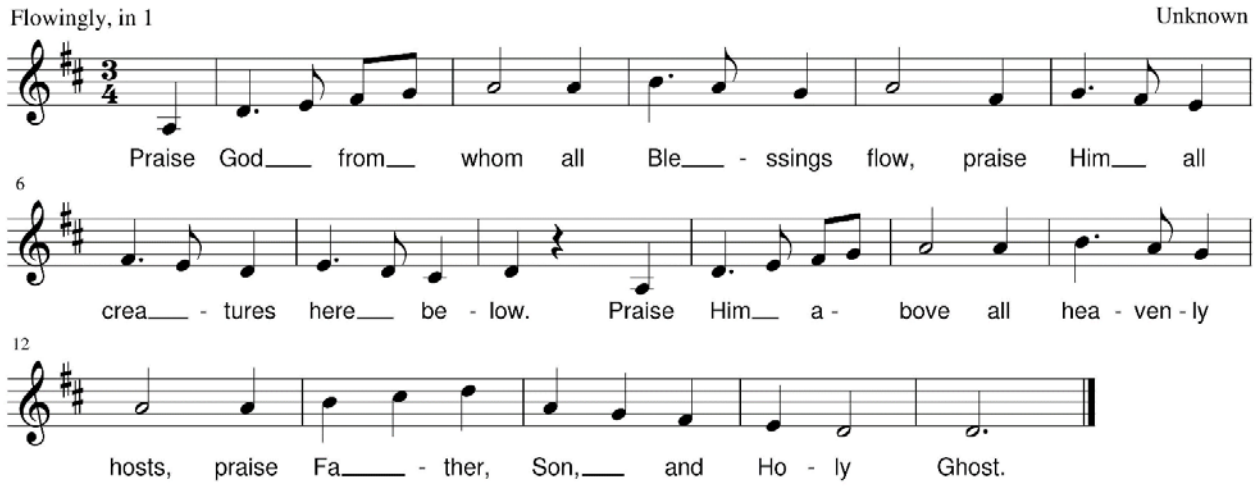
People **Amen.**

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

++Announcements, Birthday & Anniversary Prayers

Offertory

Doxology



We Share Holy Communion

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 Mary, and 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,
Forever 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.

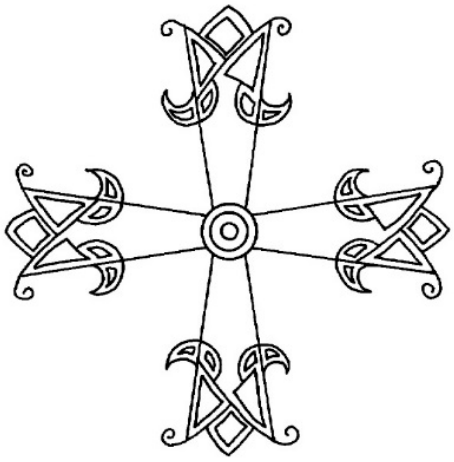
(All persons are invited to the Lord's supper one by one, keeping a distance of six feet from the person ahead of you and wearing a mask. Remove the mask only to ingest the bread.)

+The Post-Communion Prayer

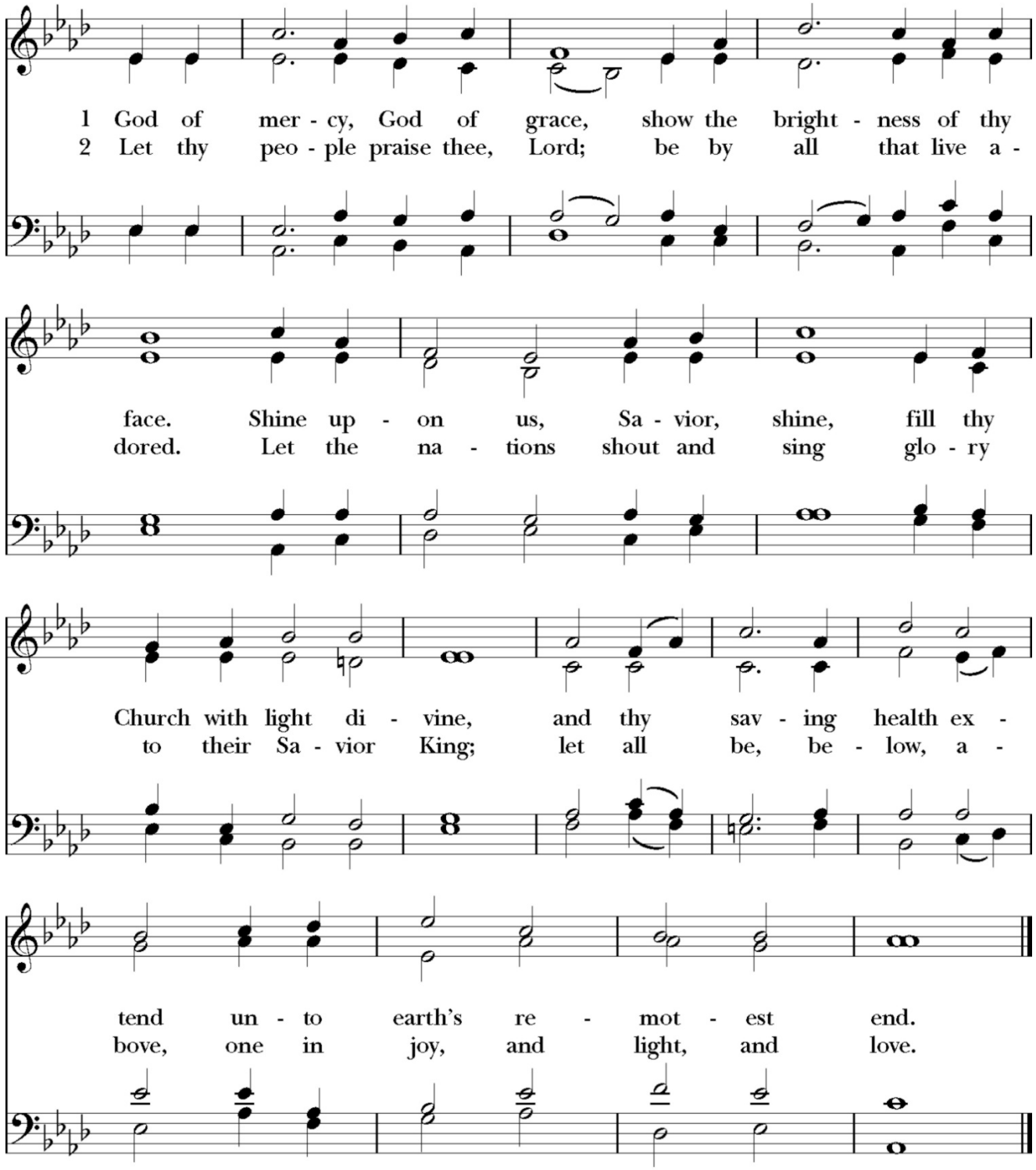
Celebrant Let us pray
People **Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to 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



Closing Hymn # 538 *God of Mercy and God of Grace* Hymnal 1982



+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.

Book Club on Zoom

Begins Wednesday, October 6th at 7:00 PM for 7 weeks. Please join us to read and discuss *Love is the Way* by Bishop Curry. We look forward to some wonderful insights from our Bishop, and from each other. A weekly discussion guide will be available in the back of the church, and on www.old-swedes.org

Meeting ID: 829 0417 0207 Passcode: 994339

A Conversation to Promote Healing - Today

Sunday, October 24, after the 10am service, in Riverside Hall. In Paul's letter to the Ephesians, we hear his encouragement to the people to be reconciled to one another: "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." Before beginning our search for a new rector, we, the members of Gloria Dei, need to examine and heal past hurts inflicted by previous leadership and by each other. Please consider joining Megan Bartlett after worship on Sunday, 10/24 for a time of sharing of our recent (or old) hurts and prayers for healing. Rev. Bud Holland will facilitate our conversation. If you have questions or concerns or need a ride to or from church that day, please contact Megan Bartlett (267-581-9357 or megan77777@yahoo.com).

All Saints' Sunday

Sunday, November 7. If you would like to submit the name of a loved one who has passed, please fill out the pink form in the back of the church and drop it in the collection basket. You may also call the office and leave a message (215-389-1513) or email info@old-swedes.org.

Lucia Festival 2021

There will be no Lucia performance with an audience this year. Mark your calendars for Sunday, December 12th to watch an online special. Details to follow.

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