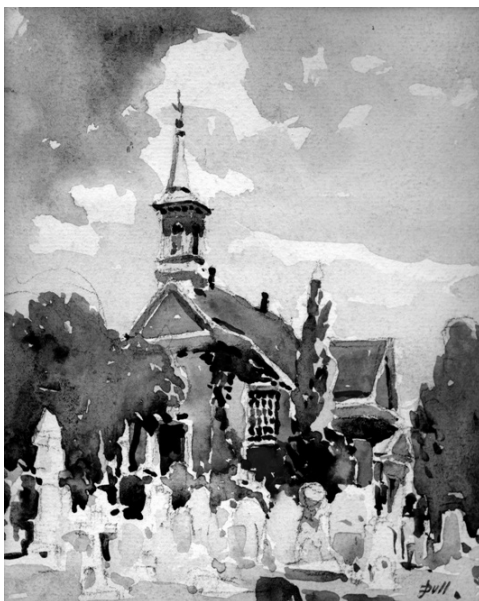


# Gloria Dei (Old Swedes') Church



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The Rev. Dr. Koshy Mathews

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 31, 2021

Twenty-Third Sunday after Pentecost

**Ministry Assistants Today:**

Altar Guild: *Jeanette Woehr*

Lector: *Jeanette Woehr*

Intercessor: *Candace Roberts*

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.)*

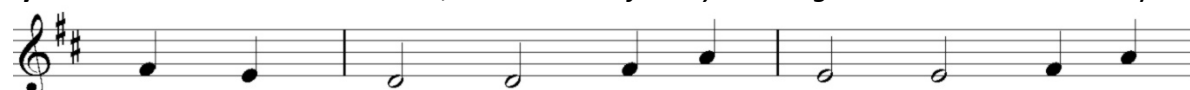
**We Gather In God's Presence**

*[Silence for prayer and preparation]*

*(+As you are able standing; ++ sitting; +++ As you are able sitting or kneeling)*

**Prelude**

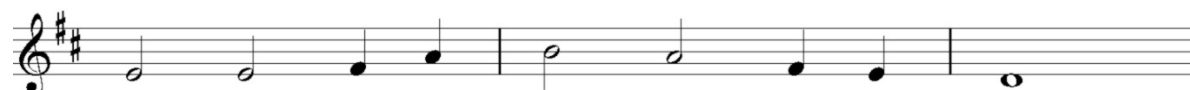




1 Come, thou fount of ev - ery bless - ing, tune my  
 2 Here I find my great - est trea - sure; hith - er,  
 3 Oh, to grace how great a debt - or dai - ly



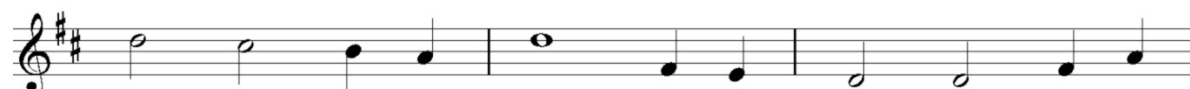
heart to sing thy grace! Streams of mer - cy nev - er  
 by thy help, I've come; and I hope, by thy good  
 I'm con - strained to be! Let thy good - ness, like a



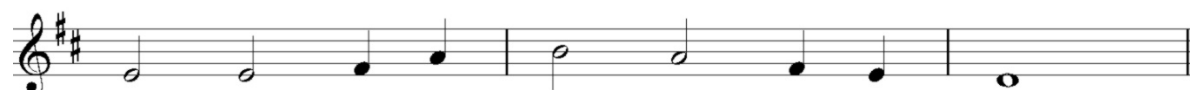
ceas - ing, call for songs of loud - est praise.  
 plea - sure, safe - ly to ar - rive at home.  
 fet - ter, bind my wan - dering heart to thee:



Teach me some me - lo - dious son - net, sung by  
 Je - sus sought me when a stran - ger wan - dering  
 prone to wan - der, Lord, I feel it, prone to



flam - ing tongues a - bove. Praise the mount! Oh, fix me  
 from the fold of God; he, to res - cue me from  
 leave the God I love; here's my heart, oh, take and



on it, mount of God's un - chang - ing love.  
 dan - ger, in - ter - posed his pre - cious blood.  
 seal it, seal it for thy courts a - bove.

+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 merciful God, it is only by your gift that your faithful people offer you true  
and laudable service: Grant that we may run without stumbling to obtain your heavenly  
promises; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy  
Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

**++First Reading Deuteronomy 6:1-9**

***Jeanette Woehr***

Moses said: Now this is the commandment--the statutes and the ordinances--that the Lord your God charged me to teach you to observe in the land that you are about to cross into and occupy, so that you and your children and your children's children, may fear the Lord your God all the days of your life, and keep all his decrees and his commandments that I am commanding you, so that your days may be long. Hear therefore, O Israel, and observe them diligently, so that it may go well with you, and so that you may multiply greatly in a land flowing with milk and honey, as the Lord, the God of your ancestors, has promised you.

Hear, O Israel: The Lord is our God, the Lord alone. You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your might. Keep these words that I am commanding you today in your heart. Recite them to your children and talk about them when you are at home and when you are away, when you lie down and when you rise. Bind them as a sign on your hand, fix them as an emblem on your forehead, and write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates.

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

**Psalms 119:1-8**

- 1 Happy are they whose way is blameless, \*  
    who walk in the law of the LORD!
- 2 Happy are they who observe his decrees \*  
    and seek him with all their hearts!
- 3 Who never do any wrong, \*  
    but always walk in his ways.
- 4 You laid down your commandments, \*  
    that we should fully keep them.
- 5 Oh, that my ways were made so direct \*  
    that I might keep your statutes!

- 6 Then I should not be put to shame, \*  
when I regard all your commandments.
- 7 I will thank you with an unfeigned heart, \*  
when I have learned your righteous judgments.
- 8 I will keep your statutes; \*  
do not utterly forsake me.

## Second Reading Hebrews 9:11-14

When Christ came as a high priest of the good things that have come, then through the greater and perfect tent (not made with hands, that is, not of this creation), he entered once for all into the Holy Place, not with the blood of goats and calves, but with his own blood, thus obtaining eternal redemption. For if the blood of goats and bulls, with the sprinkling of the ashes of a heifer, sanctifies those who have been defiled so that their flesh is purified, how much more will the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without blemish to God, purify our conscience from dead works to worship the living God!

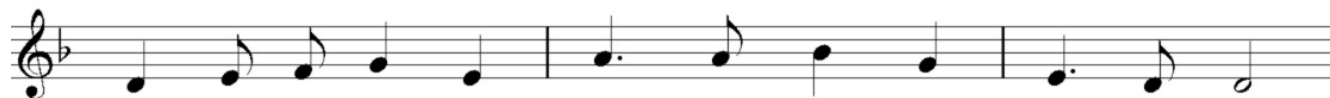
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People **Thanks be to God**

## Gradual Hymn # 605

## What Does the Lord Require

Hymnal 1982



- 1 What does the Lord re - quire for praise and of - fer - ing?  
2 Ru - lers of earth, give ear! Should you not jus - tice show?  
3 Still down the a - ges ring the pro - phet's stern com-mands.  
4 How shall my soul ful - fill God's law so hard and high?



What sac - ri - fice de - sire, or trib - ute bid you bring?  
Will God your plead - ing hear, while crime and cruel - ty grow?  
To mer - chant, work - er, king he brings God's high de - mands.  
Let Christ en - due our will with grace to for - ti - fy.



Do just - ly; love mer - cy; walk hum - bly with your God.  
Do just - ly; love mer - cy; walk hum - bly with your God.  
Do just - ly; love mer - cy; walk hum - bly with your God.  
Then just - ly; in mer - cy we'll (hum-bly walk with God.)



hum - bly walk with God.

+Celebrant      The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to **Mark (12:28-34)**  
**People**              **Glory to you, Lord Christ**

One of the scribes came near and heard the Saducees disputing with one another, and seeing that Jesus answered them well, he asked him, "Which commandment is the first of all?" Jesus answered, "The first is, 'Hear, O Israel: the Lord our God, the Lord is one; you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength.' The second is this, 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' There is no other commandment greater than these." Then the scribe said to him, "You are right, Teacher; you have truly said that 'he is one, and besides him there is no other'; and 'to love him with all the heart, and with all the understanding, and with all the strength,' and 'to love one's neighbor as oneself,' —this is much more important than all whole burnt offerings and sacrifices." When Jesus saw that he answered wisely, he said to him, "You are not far from the kingdom of God." After that no one dared to ask him any question.

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

**++Sermon**                      ***Power of Words and Respectful Dialogue***                      *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**

***Candace Roberts***

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: **Frances, Kathryn, Jim, Margie, Anna Mae, Sandy, Carol, Bette, Nelson, 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 have died.  
**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 When we choose to believe that Your Kingdom is no bigger than our bigotry;  
 When we reduce Your Presence to the ambience in our favorite meeting place;  
 When we see Your people as no one other than our people;  
 When we believe that we have the authority to distribute Your grace as we see fit;  
 When we use Your word to justify the way we withhold Your blessing from others;  
 When we enlist You as an enforcer of our particular ideology;  
 When in any way, O God, we make You in our image,  
 when we create our own Kingdoms and call them Yours,  
 We have failed You, and we have kept others away from You.  
 Forgive us, change, and humble us, we pray;  
 Keep us always aware of how Your grace has rescued us,  
 and keep us always aware of those who seek Your grace In Jesus Name. 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.**

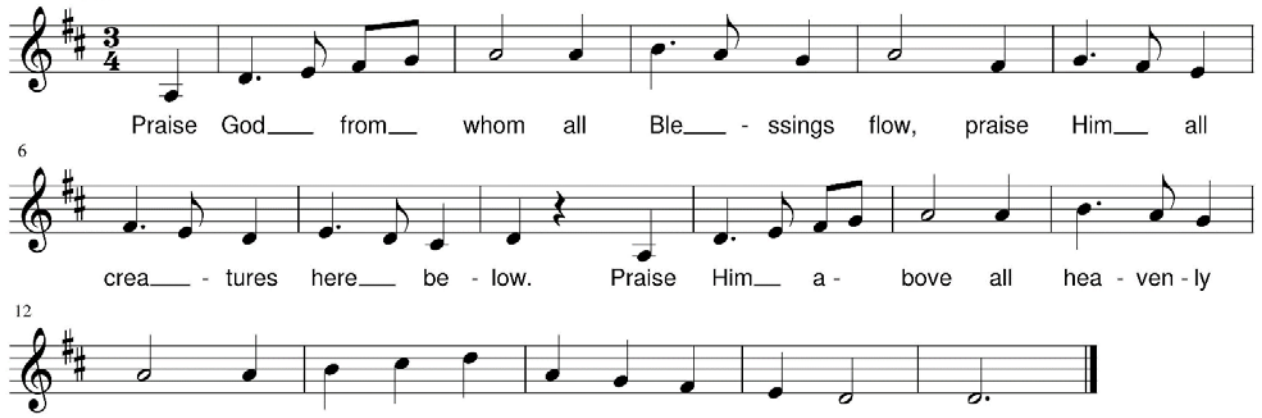
**+The Peace** *(Worshippers turn to each other and acknowledge their presence by a peace sign or Namaste)*

**++Announcements, Birthday & Anniversary Prayers**

## Offertory

## Doxology

Flowingly, in 1 Unknown



Praise God\_\_\_ from\_\_\_ whom all Ble\_\_\_ - ssings flow, praise Him\_\_\_ all

6  
crea\_\_\_ - tures here\_\_\_ be - low. Praise Him\_\_\_ a - bove all hea - ven - ly

12  
hosts, praise Fa\_\_\_ - ther, Son,\_\_\_ and Ho - ly Ghost.

## 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.)*

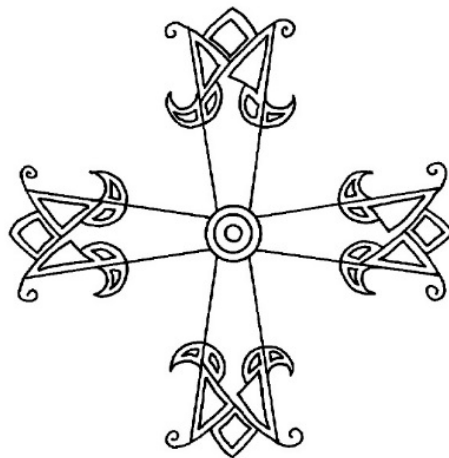
**+The Post-Communion Prayer**

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**



1 Where char - i - ty and love pre - vail there God is ev - er found;  
 2 With grate-ful joy and ho - ly fear his char - i - ty we learn;  
 3 For - give we now each o - ther's faults as we our faults con - fess;  
 4 Let strife a - mong us be un - known, let all con - ten - tion cease;  
 5 Let us re - call that in our midst dwells God's be - got - ten Son;

1 brought here to - geth - er by Christ's love by love are we thus bound.  
 2 let us with heart and mind and strength now love him in re - turn.  
 3 and let us love each o - ther well in Chris-tian ho - li - ness.  
 4 be his the glo - ry that we seek, be ours his ho - ly peace.  
 5 as mem-bers of his Bo - dy joined we are in him made one.

6 Love can exclude no race or creed  
 if honored be God's Name;  
 our common life embraces all  
 whose Father is the same.

**+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](mailto: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](http://www.old-swedes.org), and a link will be automatically emailed to you every week.

### **Book Club on Zoom**

Begins Wednesday, October 6<sup>th</sup> 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](http://www.old-swedes.org)

Meeting ID: 829 0417 0207 Passcode: 994339

### **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](mailto:info@old-swedes.org).

### **Stewardship Ingathering Day**

Sunday, November 7, during the 10am service. We ask that you bring your pledge cards and a small stone to be received and blessed. The stones will be added to our Memorial Garden as a symbol of our love for Gloria Dei. And your pledges will help the Vestry prepare a budget that reflects our nature as a Christ-centered community.

Our theme of Stone Soup as a metaphor for Stewardship will be celebrated with a delightful selection of homemade soups and crusty rolls following the service at 11 am. As Koshy reminded us, Gloria Dei is the magical stone that brings us together for God's love, community, and fellowship with our congregation and the world.

### **Lucia Festival 2021**

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

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