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.

December 5, 2021

Second Sunday of Advent
Ministry Assistants Today:
Altar Guild: Barbara Potts
Lector: Jill Duink
Intercessor: Barbara Potts
Usher: Bob Jenkins
Advent Candle: Bob & Carol Jenkins

(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)

Opening Hymn # 56 (Stanzas 1-3)  O Come, O Come Emmanuel  Hymnal 1982

(Dec. 23) 1 O come, O come, Em-man-u-el, and ran-som
(Dec. 17) 2 O come, thou Wis-dom from on high, who or-derest
(Dec. 18) 3 O come, O come, thou Lord of might, who to thy

cap-tive Is-ra-el, that mourns in lone-ly ex-ile
all things might-i-ly; to us the path of know-ledge
tribes on Sin-nai’s height in an- cient times didst give the

here un-til the Son of God ap-pear.
show, and teach us in her ways to go.
law, in cloud, and ma- jes-ty, and awe. Re-joice! Re-joice!

Em-man-u-el shall come to thee, O Is-ra-el!)
+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 Merciful God, who sent your messengers the prophets to preach repentance and prepare the way for our salvation: Give us grace to heed their warnings and forsake our sins, that we may greet with joy the coming of Jesus Christ our Redeemer; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

++First Reading Malachi 3:1-4

Jill Duink

See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me, and the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple. The messenger of the covenant in whom you delight—indeed, he is coming, says the Lord of hosts. But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears?

For he is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap; he will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the descendants of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, until they present offerings to the Lord in righteousness. Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the Lord as in the days of old and as in former years.

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

Canticle 4

Blessed be the Lord God of Israel, *
for he hath visited and redeemed his people;
And hath raised up a mighty salvation for us *
in the house of his servant David,
As he spake by the mouth of his holy prophets, *
which have been since the world began:
That we should be saved from our enemies, *
and from the hand of all that hate us;
To perform the mercy promised to our forefathers, *
and to remember his holy covenant;
To perform the oath which he swore to our forefather Abraham, *
that he would give us,
That we being delivered out of the hand of our enemies *
might serve him without fear,
In holiness and righteousness before him, *
   all the days of our life.
And thou, child, shalt be called the prophet of the Highest, *
   for thou shalt go before the face of the Lord to prepare his ways;
To give knowledge of salvation unto his people *
   for the remission of their sins,
Through the tender mercy of our God, *
   whereby the dayspring from on high hath visited us;
To give light to them that sit in darkness and in the shadow of death, *
   and to guide our feet into the way of peace.

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.

Second Reading   Philippians 1:3-11

I thank my God every time I remember you, constantly praying with joy in every one of my prayers for all of you, because of your sharing in the gospel from the first day until now. I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work among you will bring it to completion by the day of Jesus Christ. It is right for me to think this way about all of you, because you hold me in your heart, for all of you share in God's grace with me, both in my imprisonment and in the defense and confirmation of the gospel. For God is my witness, how I long for all of you with the compassion of Christ Jesus. And this is my prayer, that your love may overflow more and more with knowledge and full insight to help you to determine what is best, so that in the day of Christ you may be pure and blameless, having produced the harvest of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ for the glory and praise of God.

Reader    Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.
People    Thanks be to God
Prepare the Way, O Zion

In the fifteenth year of the reign of Emperor Tiberius, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, and Herod was ruler of Galilee, and his brother Philip ruler of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias ruler of Abilene, during the high priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah in the wilderness. He went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, as it is written in the book of the words of the prophet Isaiah,

"The voice of one crying out in the wilderness:
'Prepare the way of the Lord,
make his paths straight.
Every valley shall be filled,
and every mountain and hill shall be made low,
and the crooked shall be made straight,
and the rough ways made smooth;
and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.'"

The Gospel of the Lord
Glory to you, Lord Christ
Praise to you, Lord Christ
++Sermon    

God in the Margins    
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.

+++Prayers of the People - Form III

Barbara Potts

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: Joanne, Jerry, Sandee, George, Wayne, Jim, David, Marylou, Beth, Retta, Anastasia, Aiden, Frances, Jim, Margie, Bonnie, Jack, 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 for the souls of all who have died, especially Cheryl Vogel.

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 souls, and to you we give glory, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and forever. Amen.

People  Amen.

+++The Confession

Confession and Absolution

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

All

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.

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.

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. Because you sent your beloved Son to redeem us from sin and death, and to make us heirs in him of everlasting life; that when he shall come again in power and great triumph to judge the world, we may without shame or fear rejoice to behold his appearing. 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 # 69 What is the Crying at Jordan Hymnal 1982

1 What is the crying at Jordan? Who hears, O God, the prophecy?
2 Who then shall stir in this darkness, prepare for joy in the winter night?
3 Lord, give us grace to awake us, to see the branch that begins to bloom;
4 Now comes the day of salvation, in joy and terror the Word is born! God gives him

season, dark our hearts and shut to mystery.
darkness we lie down, blinded, seeing no light.
modesty is hid all heaven in a little room.
self into our lives; O let salvation dawn!

+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.

The 84th Annual Lucia Festival on Facebook
The Lucia Fest will be a virtual event again this year. It will be streamed on our Facebook page (Gloria Dei Old Swedes’ Episcopal Church) on Sunday, December 12 at 3:30pm. Please join us!

Gift Shop
After the Lucia online presentation, be sure to go to our website www.old-swedes.org and browse our Swedish gift shop. Click on “Shop”, then “Gift Shop”. Open all day, everyday! We have everything you need for a God Jul!

Lessons and Carols on the Fourth Sunday in Advent
Sunday, December 19, 2021 at the 10:00am service. We need you to help choose the hymns! If you would like to hear a particular Advent hymn sung, please let Paul Fejko (fej@fejko.com) or Koshy Mathews (Koshy.mathews@gmail.com) know by Sunday, December 12th. We will try to include everyone’s choices. We will celebrate by reading seven lessons from the Hebrew Bible and the New Testament. There will not be a sermon on that day. Following the lessons and carols, we will celebrate the Eucharist as usual. Please bring your family and friends!
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