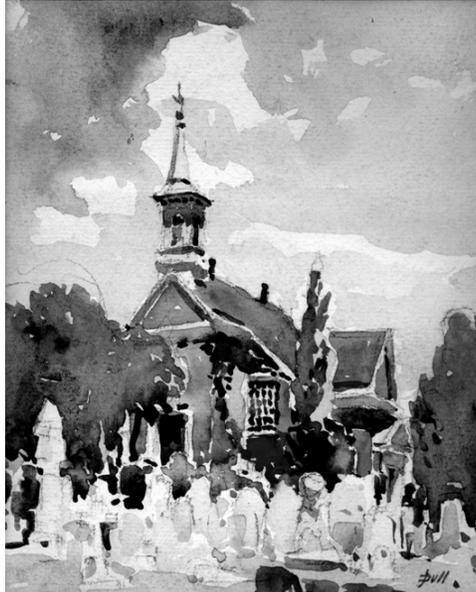


Gloria Dei (Old Swedes') Church



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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.

December 12, 2021

Third Sunday of Advent

Ministry Assistants Today:
 Altar Guild: *Jeanette Woehr*
 Lector: *Megan Bartlett*
 Intercessor: *Nils vanAmmers*
 Usher: *Nils vanAmmers*
 Advent Candle: *Charles & Omega Moore*

(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 # 76

On Jordan's Bank

Hymnal 1982

The musical score is written for a piano accompaniment. It features a treble and bass clef with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The melody is primarily composed of chords and simple eighth-note lines. The lyrics are arranged in five verses, with the first line of each verse aligned with the first measure of the music. The score concludes with a double bar line.

1 On Jor - dan's bank the Bap - tist's cry an -
 2 Then cleansed be ev - ery breast from sin; make
 3 For thou art our sal - va - tion, Lord, our
 4 To heal the sick stretch out thine hand, and
 5 All praise, e - ter - nal Son, to thee, whose

1 noun - ces that the Lord is nigh; a - wake and heark - en,
 2 straight the way for God with - in, and let each heart pre -
 3 re - fuge, and our great re - ward; with - out thy grace we
 4 bid the fall - en sin - ner stand; shine forth, and let thy
 5 ad - vent doth thy peo - ple free; whom with the Fa - ther

1 for he brings glad tid - ings of the King of kings.
 2 pare a home where such a might - y guest may come.
 3 waste a - way like flowers that with - er and de - cay.
 4 light re - store earth's own true love - li - ness once more.
 5 we a - dore and Ho - ly Spi - rit ev - er - more.

Light One Candle to Watch for Messiah

ELW 240

Traditional Yiddish Folk Tune
Lyrics by Wayne L. Wold

Am Em/G F Dm



1. Light one can - dle to watch for Mes - si - ah:
 2. Light two can - dles to watch for Mes - si - ah:
 3. Light three can - dles to watch for Mes - si - ah:
 4. Light four can - dles to watch for Mes - si - ah:

3 E Am/E E Am E/B



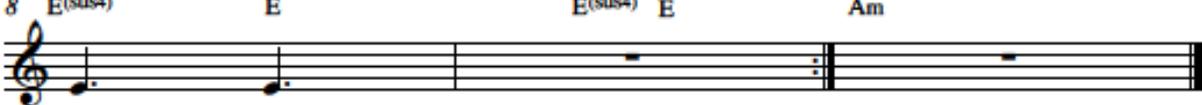
let the light ban - ish dark - ness. He shall bring sal -
 let the light ban - ish dark - ness. He shall feed the
 let the light ban - ish dark - ness. Lift your heads and
 let the light ban - ish dark - ness. He is com - ing,

6 Am/C Dm Dm/F Dm



va - tion to Is - ra - el, God ful - fills the
 flock like a shep - herd, gent - ly lead them
 lift high the gate - way for the King of
 tell the glad tid - ings, Let your lights be

8 E(sus4) E E(sus4) E Am



prom - ise.
 home - ward.
 glo - ry.
 shin - ing!

+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 **Stir up your power, O Lord, and with great might come among us; and, because we are
sorely hindered by our sins, let your bountiful grace and mercy speedily help and deliver
us; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and
glory, now and forever. Amen.**

++First Reading **Zephaniah 3:14-20**

Megan Bartlett

So sing, Daughter Zion!
Raise your voices, Israel!
Daughter Jerusalem,
be happy! celebrate!
God has reversed his judgments against you
and sent your enemies off chasing their tails.
From now on, God is Israel's king,
in charge at the center.
There's nothing to fear from evil ever again!
Jerusalem will be told:
"Don't be afraid.
Dear Zion, don't despair.
Your God is present among you,
a strong Warrior there to save you.
Happy to have you back, he'll calm you with his love
and delight you with his songs.
"The accumulated sorrows of your exile will dissipate.
I, your God, will get rid of them for you.
You've carried those burdens long enough.
At the same time, I'll get rid of all those
who've made your life miserable.
I'll heal the maimed;
I'll bring home the homeless.
In the very countries where they were hated
they will be venerated.
On Judgment Day
I'll bring you back home—a great family gathering!
You'll be famous and honored

all over the world.
You'll see it with your own eyes—
all those painful partings turned into reunions!"
God's Promise.

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

Canticle 9

Surely, it is God who saves me; *
 I will trust in him and not be afraid.
For the Lord is my stronghold and my sure defense, *
 and he will be my Savior.
Therefore you shall draw water with rejoicing *
 from the springs of salvation.
And on that day you shall say, *
 Give thanks to the Lord and call upon his Name;
Make his deeds known among the peoples; *
 see that they remember that his Name is exalted.
Sing the praises of the Lord, for he has done great things, *
 and this is known in all the world.
Cry aloud, inhabitants of Zion, ring out your joy, *
 for the great one in the midst of you is the Holy One of Israel.
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 4:4-7

Celebrate God all day, every day. I mean, *revel* in him! Make it as clear as you can to all you meet that you're on their side, working with them and not against them. Help them see that the Master is about to arrive. He could show up any minute! Don't fret or worry. Instead of worrying, pray. Let petitions and praises shape your worries into prayers, letting God know your concerns. Before you know it, a sense of God's wholeness, everything coming together for good, will come and settle you down. It's wonderful what happens when Christ displaces worry at the center of your life.

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



(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
 (Dec. 19) 4 O come, thou Branch of Jes - se's tree, free them from



1 cap - tive Is - ra - el, that mourns in lone - ly ex - ile
 2 all things might - i - ly; to us the path of know - ledge
 3 tribes on Si - nai's height in an - cient times didst give the
 4 Sa - tan's ty - ran - ny that trust thy might - y power to



1 here un - til the Son of God ap - pear.
 2 show, and teach us in her ways to go. Re - joice! Re - joice!
 3 law, in cloud, and ma - jes - ty, and awe.
 4 save, and give them vic - tory o'er the grave.



Em - man - u - el shall come to thee, O Is - ra - el!

+Celebrant The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to **Luke (3:7-18)**

People **Glory to you, Lord Christ**

When crowds of people came out for baptism because it was the popular thing to do, John exploded: "Brood of snakes! What do you think you're doing slithering down here to the river? Do you think a little water on your snakeskins is going to deflect God's judgment? It's your *life* that must change, not your skin. And don't think you can pull rank by claiming Abraham as 'father.' Being a child of Abraham is neither here nor there—children of Abraham are a dime a dozen. God can make children from stones if he wants. What counts is your life. Is it green and flourishing? Because if it's deadwood, it goes on the fire."

The crowd asked him, "Then what are we supposed to do?" "If you have two coats, give one away," he said. "Do the same with your food." Tax men also came to be baptized and said, "Teacher, what should we do?" He told them, "No more extortion—collect only what is required by law." Soldiers asked him, "And what should we do?" He told them, "No harassment, no blackmail—and be content with your rations."

The interest of the people by now was building. They were all beginning to wonder, "Could this John be the Messiah?" But John intervened: "I'm baptizing you here in the river. The main character in this drama, to whom I'm a mere stagehand, will ignite the kingdom life, a fire, the Holy Spirit within you, changing you from the inside out. He's going to clean house—make a clean sweep of your lives. He'll

place everything true in its proper place before God; everything false he'll put out with the trash to be burned." There was a lot more of this—words that gave strength to the people, words that put heart in them. The Message! But Herod, the ruler, stung by John's rebuke in the matter of Herodias, his brother Philip's wife, capped his long string of evil deeds with this outrage: He put John in jail.

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

++Sermon *The Baptist's Clarion Call* *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 I

Nils vanAmmers

Celebrant With all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord, saying,
 "*Lord, have mercy.*"

For the peace from above, especially in this anxious time we live, for the loving kindness of God, and for the salvation of our souls, let us pray to the Lord. ***Lord, have mercy.***

For the peace of the world, especially in Eastern Europe, for the welfare of the holy Church of God, and for the unity of all peoples and nations, let us pray to the Lord. ***Lord, have mercy.***

For Justin, Archbishop of Canterbury; Michael, our Presiding Bishop; Daniel, our Bishop; for this gathering; for all ministers, especially Koshy our Rector; the Vestry; the staff, for Gigi and Ruth, our confirmands, the congregation; and all those who participate in the ministries of the church, let us pray to the Lord. ***Lord, have mercy.***

For this community, the nation, and the world which is struggling to deal with effects of the pandemic, global warming and human migration. We pray especially for Joe, the President of our nation; Antonio, the Secretary General of the UN; Tom, the Governor of our Commonwealth; and the leaders of all nations, that they be guided by your will as they respond to the acts of violence and hatred by barbaric forces in the world. We also pray for men and women who are serving in our armed forces and in harms way. We pray for the people around the world who are fleeing from war, violence, and poverty that they may find a place of refuge, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For seasonable weather, and for an abundance of the fruits of the earth, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For the good earth which God has given us, and for the wisdom and will to conserve it, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For those who travel on land, on water, or in the air, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For the aged and infirm, for the widowed and orphans, and for the sick and the suffering, especially **Bernadette, Georgette, Joanne, Jerry, Sandee, George, Wayne, Jim, David, Beth, Retta, Anastasia, Aiden, Frances, Jim, Margie, Bonnie, Jack, and Barb** *(the people may add their own petitions)* **(silence)** Let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For those who are celebrating a birthday this week, and those celebrating a wedding anniversary this week, *(the people may add their own petitions)* **(silence)** Let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For the poor and the oppressed, for the unemployed and the homeless, for prisoners and victims of human trafficking, and for all who remember and care for them, especially the volunteers who serve at Mercy Hospice and Broad Street Ministry, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For all who have died in the hope of the resurrection, especially remembering **Maryellen Gallagher**, and for all the departed, *(the people may add their own petitions)* **(silence)** let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For deliverance from all danger, violence, oppression, and degradation, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

That we may end our lives in faith and hope, without suffering and without reproach, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

Defend us, deliver us, and in thy compassion protect us, O Lord, by thy grace. **Lord, have mercy.**

In the communion of all the saints, let us commend ourselves and one another and all our life, to Christ our God. **To thee, O Lord our God.**

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 **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.**

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.

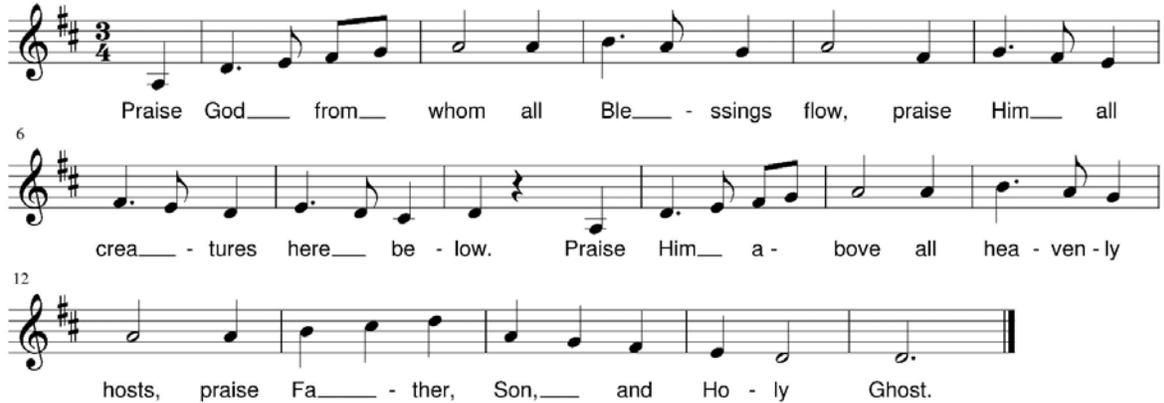
+The Peace *(Worshippers turn to each other and acknowledge their presence by a peace sign or Namaste)*

++Announcements, Birthday & Anniversary Prayers

Offertory

Doxology

Flowingly, in 1 Unknown



Praise God from whom all Blessings flow, praise Him all
6
creatures here below. Praise Him above all heavenly
12
hosts, praise Father, Son, and Holy 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.

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 # 67

Comfort, Comfort, Ye My People

Hymnal 1982



1 Com - fort, com - fort ye my peo - ple, speak ye peace, thus
2 Hark, the voice of one that cri - eth in the des - ert
3 Make ye straight what long was crook - ed, make the rough - er



saith our God; com - fort those who sit in dark - ness
far and near, call - ing us to new re - pent - ance
pla - ces plain; let your hearts be true and hum - ble,



mourn - ing 'neath their sor - rows' load. Speak ye to Je -
since the king - dom now is here. Oh, that warn - ing
as be - fits his ho - ly reign. For the glo - ry



ru - sa - lem of the peace that waits for them;
cry o - bey! Now pre - pare for God a way;
of the Lord now o'er earth is shed a - broad;



tell her that her sins I cov - er,
let the val - leys rise to meet him
and all flesh shall see the to - ken



and her war - fare now is o - ver.
and the hills bow down to greet him.
that the word is nev - er bro - ken.

+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) today 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!

Christmas Eve Festal Celebration of Eucharist

In less than three weeks, we will be celebrating Christmas at Gloria Dei on Friday, December 24. Unlike last year, this year, our service will be in person. It will be a festal Eucharist with singing, though with masks. A trio of outstanding musicians will accompany us. For those who wish to take communion in both kinds, we will have a Common Cup. Following the service, there will be a Fellowship Hour at the Riverside Hall.

The Christmas Eve service will start at 7:00pm. As in previous years, we will take a special collection to help those in need in our area. The Vestry and I look forward to seeing you all. We trust everyone is vaccinated. Still, for our safety, we will follow all of the guidelines recommended by the CDC, such as wearing masks inside the church, and social distancing (except for family units), sanitizing our hands, and contact tracing. Even with all these limitations, we hope that our participation in this service will be a meaningful and joyful experience.

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