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.

February 20, 2022 Seventh Sunday after the Epiphany

Ministry Assistants Today:

Altar Guild: Cathy Ufheil Lector: Charles Moore Intercessor: Omega Moore Usher: Jim Ufheil

Celebrant: Rev. Koshy Mathews

The Omicron and Delta variants of COVID are 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 and hands sanitation regardless of whether people 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 with masks on. The only time we are allowed to lower the mask during the service is to ingest the bread at the Communion.



We Gather In God's Presence

[Silence for prayer and preparation] (+standing; ++ sitting; +++ sitting or kneeling as you are able)

Prelude



+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.

All 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 O Lord, you have taught us that without love whatever we do is worth nothing: Send

your Holy Spirit and pour into our hearts your greatest gift, which is love, the true bond of peace and of all virtue, without which whoever lives is accounted dead before you. Grant this for the sake of your only Son Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and

the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

++First Reading Genesis 45:3-11, 15

Charles Moore

Joseph said to his brothers, "I am Joseph. Is my father still alive?" But his brothers could not answer him, so dismayed were they at his presence.

Then Joseph said to his brothers, "Come closer to me." And they came closer. He said, "I am your brother, Joseph, whom you sold into Egypt. And now do not be distressed, or angry with yourselves, because you sold me here; for God sent me before you to preserve life. For the famine has been in the land these two years; and there are five more years in which there will be neither plowing nor harvest. God sent me before you to preserve for you a remnant on earth, and to keep alive for you many survivors. So it was not you who sent me here, but God; he has made me a father to Pharaoh, and lord of all his house and ruler over all the land of Egypt. Hurry and go up to my father and say to him, 'Thus says your son Joseph, God has made me lord of all Egypt; come down to me, do not delay. You shall settle in the land of Goshen, and you shall be near me, you and your children and your children's children, as well as your flocks, your herds, and all that you have. I will provide for you there--since there are five more years of famine to come--so that you and your household, and all that you have, will not come to poverty."

And he kissed all his brothers and wept upon them; and after that his brothers talked with him.

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

People Thanks be to God

Psalm 37:1-12, 41-42

1 Do not fret yourself because of evildoers; *

do not be jealous of those who do wrong.

2 For they shall soon wither like the grass, *

and like the green grass fade away.

3 Put your trust in the Lord and do good; *

dwell in the land and feed on its riches.

4 Take delight in the Lord, *

and he shall give you your heart's desire.

5 Commit your way to the Lord and put your trust in him, *

and he will bring it to pass.

6 He will make your righteousness as clear as the light *

and your just dealing as the noonday.

7 Be still before the Lord *

and wait patiently for him.

8 Do not fret yourself over the one who prospers, *

the one who succeeds in evil schemes.

9 Refrain from anger, leave rage alone; *

do not fret yourself; it leads only to evil.

10 For evildoers shall be cut off, *

but those who wait upon the Lord shall possess the land.

11 In a little while the wicked shall be no more; *

you shall search out their place, but they will not be there.

12 But the lowly shall possess the land; *

they will delight in abundance of peace.

41 But the deliverance of the righteous comes from the Lord; *

he is their stronghold in time of trouble.

42 The Lord will help them and rescue them; *

he will rescue them from the wicked and deliver them, because they seek refuge in him.

Second Reading 1 Corinthians 15:35-38, 42-50

Someone will ask, "How are the dead raised? With what kind of body do they come?" Fool! What you sow does not come to life unless it dies. And as for what you sow, you do not sow the body that is to be, but a bare seed, perhaps of wheat or of some other grain. But God gives it a body as he has chosen, and to each kind of seed its own body.

So it is with the resurrection of the dead. What is sown is perishable, what is raised is imperishable. It is sown in dishonor, it is raised in glory. It is sown in weakness, it is raised in power. It is sown a physical body, it is raised a spiritual body. If there is a physical body, there is also a spiritual body. Thus it is written, "The first man, Adam, became a living being"; the last Adam became a life-giving spirit. But it is not the spiritual that is first, but the physical, and then the spiritual. The first man was from the earth, a man of dust; the second man is from heaven. As was the man of dust, so are those who are of the dust; and as is the man of heaven, so are those who are of heaven. Just as we have borne the image of the man of dust, we will also bear the image of the man of heaven.

What I am saying, brothers and sisters, is this: flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God, nor does the perishable inherit the imperishable.

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People Thanks be to God



+Celebrant The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke (6:27-38)

People Glory to you, Lord Christ

"To you who are ready for the truth, I say this: Love your enemies. Let them bring out the best in you, not the worst. When someone gives you a hard time, respond with the supple moves of prayer for that person. If someone slaps you in the face, stand there and take it. If someone grabs your shirt, giftwrap your best coat and make a present of it. If someone takes unfair advantage of you, use the occasion to practice the servant life. No more payback. Live generously.

"Here is a simple rule of thumb for behavior: Ask yourself what you want people to do for you; then grab the initiative and do it for *them*! If you only love the lovable, do you expect a pat on the back? Run-of-the-mill sinners do that. If you only help those who help you, do you expect a medal? Garden-variety sinners do that. If you only give for what you hope to get out of it, do you think that's charity? The stingiest of pawnbrokers does that.

"I tell you, love your enemies. Help and give without expecting a return. You'll never—I promise—regret it. Live out this God-created identity the way our Father lives toward us, generously and graciously, even when we're at our worst. Our Father is kind; you be kind.

"Don't pick on people, jump on their failures, criticize their faults—unless, of course, you want the same treatment. Don't condemn those who are down; that hardness can boomerang. Be easy on people; you'll find life a lot easier. Give away your life; you'll find life given back, but not merely given back—given back with bonus and blessing. Giving, not getting, is the way. Generosity begets generosity."

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

++Sermon Standard of Christian Ethic: God's Mercy

Fr. Koshy Mathews

Pilate; he suffered death and was buried.

+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

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

Omega Moore

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 in, 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 harm's 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: Russell, Jessie, Erika, Bob, Dottie, Steve, Gemma, Brennan, Hailey, Connie, Margie, Jerry, 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, 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 Almighty and eternal God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth: Mercifully accept the

prayers of your people, and strengthen us to do your will; through Jesus Christ our

Lord. Amen.

+++The Confession

Confession and Absolution

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

All God of Subversive Love,

you tell us to turn the other cheek, but we lash out against our enemies; you tell us to give others our coats,

but we demand that they stop freeloading;

you tell us to love everyone,

but we love people only when it's easy;

you tell us to lend without interest,

but our economy thrives by making money off the poor.

Forgive us, Merciful One, for these sins.

Help us to resist the standards of our culture

that fly in the face of the standards you have given us. 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

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

(Worshippers turn to each other and acknowledge their presence by a peace sign or

Namaste)

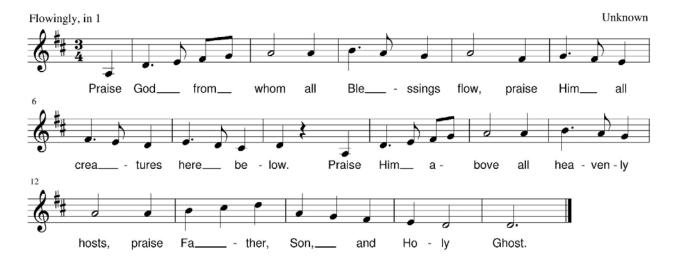
++Announcements, Birthday & Anniversary Prayers

Offertory

Celebrant Let us with gladness present the offerings and oblations of our life and labor to the

Lord.

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 in the mystery of the Word made flesh, you have caused a new light to shine in our hearts, to give the knowledge of your glory in the face of your Son 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:

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 # 423 Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise Hymnal 1982

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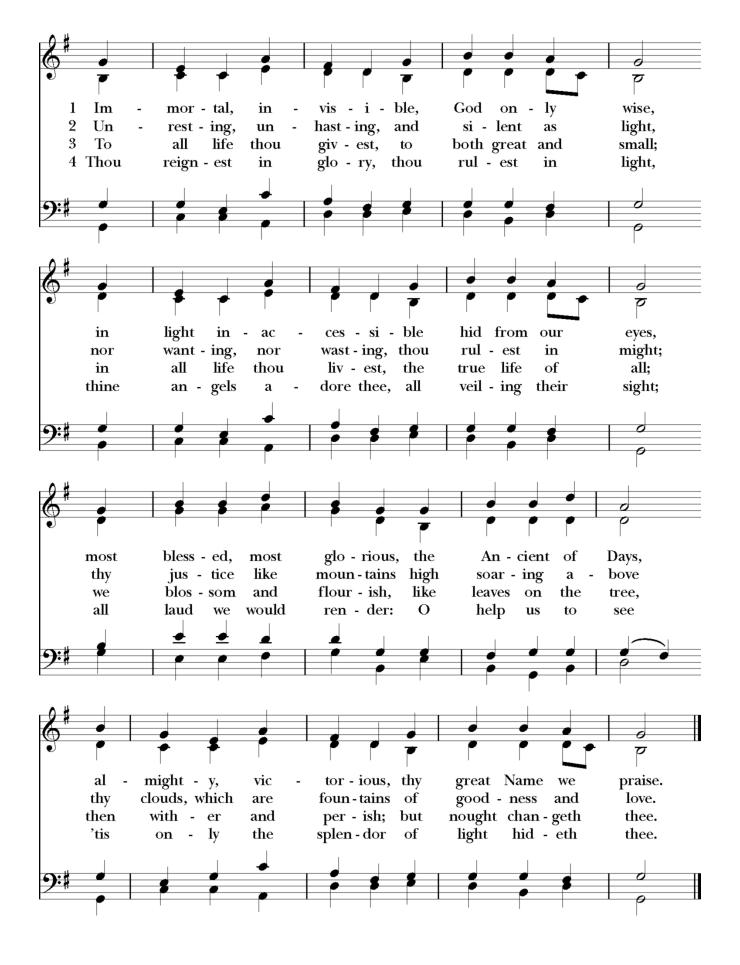
+Dismissal

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 Returns!

Tuesday, February 22 at 6:30pm on Zoom. Join us this Tuesday for Evensong, a service of quiet prayer, worship, upcoming Sunday's Gospel discussion, and song.

Meeting ID: 834 5987 6076

Passcode: 988017

Bishop's Visit

Sunday, February 27 at 10:00am. We will be welcoming The Rt. Rev. Daniel Gutierrez as the celebrant of our 10:00am service. There will be seating in the church, and also in the hall, if there is any overflow due to social distancing. The mass will be shown on a TV in the hall, and will be livestreamed on our Facebook page, *Gloria Dei Old Swedes' Episcopal Church*.

Join us for 10 Minutes of Prayer

Every Thursday at 9:30am on Zoom. Megan Bartlett and a few others meet for ten minutes via Zoom to pray for the needs of Gloria Dei as we search for a new rector. We are following the Morning Devotion service in the Book of Common Prayer and lift up to God our personal and parish needs.

All are welcome!

Meeting ID: 338 124 1574 Call in: 1-646-558-8656

If you have the BCP, turn to page 137.

Needed: Readers, Ushers and Altar Guild for Sunday Worship

Our congregation needs your voice as well as your presence on Sunday! It will only take a few minutes of your time every 5-6 weeks. If you would like to read, readings will be given to you several days before service so that you can familiarize yourself with the day's lessons. As an usher, you will be asked to greet people, have them sign in (Covid tracing) and hand out the bulletin. Altar Guild is asked to participate approximately once a month, and you will have help until you feel ready to be on your own. Just a little hands-on training will get you ready to assist Koshy on Sundays! Men, women and young folks welcome!!! Please contact Cathy Ufheil at 609.953.1667 or newamcat@aol.com.

To support the historic preservation of the properties and grounds for Gloria Dei (Old Swedes') Church so that future generations may share in this historic and architectural treasure.

1 HGDPC Founding Lifetime Member

This opportunity is for those who wish to support The Historic Gloria Dei Preservation Corporation and for those who wish to honor an important person in their life by making a gift in a loved one's name. The *HGDPC 100 Founding Lifetime Member* program will be offered to the first 100 individuals who pay \$1,000 or pledge \$1,000, to be paid quarterly or monthly over 12 consecutive months by check or credit card.

There are many benefits to becoming a HGDPC 100 Founding Lifetime Member Benefits to enrich our society:

- · You will be contributing to the long-term preservation of this historic property
- Your gift will inspire others to join in this mission to preserve Old Swedes
- You will have the satisfaction of knowing that your gift will be safely invested to provide support for decades to come

Benefits to share our story:

HGDPC 100 Founding Lifetime Members will be acknowledged for their contributions in the following manner:

- Names will be permanently displayed and honored on the website, in Annual Reports, and in selected HGDPC publications
- Receive a beautiful lapel pin to wear and identify yourself as a supporter of Old Swedes
- Receive a certificate of appreciation, suitable for framing
- Free attendance to one HGDPC event each year and offered discounted tickets to other events as may be appropriate
- Will be able to build marketing exposure by offering door prizes at events

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