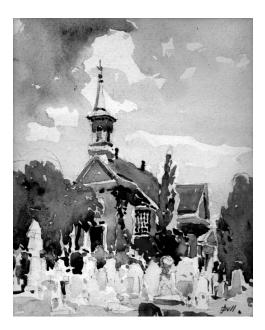
Gloria Dei (Old Swedes') Church



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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.

May 21, 2023

Seventh Sunday of Easter

Ministry Assistants Today

Lector: Susan Steele Intercessor: Carol Jenkins Usher: Bob Jenkins Altar Guild: Christine Pickup Celebrant: Rev. Canon Gordon Reid



Celebrant Alleluia. Christ is risen The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia. All 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. All 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 All O God, the King of glory, you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven: Do not leave us comfortless, but send us your Holy Spirit to strengthen us, and exalt us to that place where our Savior Christ has gone before; who lives

and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, in glory everlasting. Amen.

First Reading Acts 1:6-14

Susan Steele

When the apostles had come together, they asked Jesus, "Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?" He replied, "It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. They said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven."

Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a sabbath day's journey away. When they had entered the city, they went to the room upstairs where they were staying, Peter, and John, and James, and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James son of Alphaeus, and Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James. All these were constantly devoting themselves to prayer, together with certain women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, as well as his brothers.

ReaderHear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.PeopleThanks be to God

Psalm 68:1-10, 33-36

- 1 Let God arise, and let his enemies be scattered; * let those who hate him flee before him.
- 2 Let them vanish like smoke when the wind drives it away; * as the wax melts at the fire, so let the wicked perish at the presence of God.
- 3 But let the righteous be glad and rejoice before God; * let them also be merry and joyful.
- 4 Sing to God, sing praises to his Name; exalt him who rides upon the heavens; * YAHWEH is his Name, rejoice before him!
- 5 Father of orphans, defender of widows, * God in his holy habitation!
- 6 God gives the solitary a home and brings forth prisoners into freedom; * but the rebels shall live in dry places.
- 7 O God, when you went forth before your people, * when you marched through the wilderness,
- 8 The earth shook, and the skies poured down rain, at the presence of God, the God of Sinai, * at the presence of God, the God of Israel.
- 9 You sent a gracious rain, O God, upon your inheritance; * you refreshed the land when it was weary.
- 10 Your people found their home in it; * in your goodness, O God, you have made provision for the poor.
- 33 Sing to God, O kingdoms of the earth; * sing praises to the Lord.
- 34 He rides in the heavens, the ancient heavens; * he sends forth his voice, his mighty voice.
- 35 Ascribe power to God; * his majesty is over Israel; his strength is in the skies.
- 36 How wonderful is God in his holy places! * the God of Israel giving strength and power to his people!

Second Reading 1 Peter 4:12-14; 5:6-11

Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery ordeal that is taking place among you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you. But rejoice insofar as you are sharing Christ's sufferings, so that you may also be glad and shout for joy when his glory is revealed. If you are reviled for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the spirit of glory, which is the Spirit of God, is resting on you.

Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, so that he may exalt you in due time. Cast all your anxiety on him, because he cares for you. Discipline yourselves, keep alert. Like a roaring lion your adversary the devil prowls around, looking for someone to devour. Resist him, steadfast in your faith, for you know that your brothers and sisters in all the world are undergoing the same kinds of suffering. And after you have suffered for a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, support, strengthen, and establish you. To him be the power forever and ever. Amen.

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When Christ was Lifted from the Earth



CelebrantThe Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John (17:1-11)PeopleGlory to you, Lord Christ

Jesus looked up to heaven and said, "Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son so that the Son may glorify you, since you have given him authority over all people, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. And this is eternal life, that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. I glorified you on earth by finishing the work that you gave me to do. So now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had in your presence before the world existed. "I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you

gave them to me, and they have kept your word. Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one."

CelebrantThe Gospel of the LordPeoplePraise to you, Lord Christ

Sermon Rev. Canon Gordon Reid

The Nicene Creed

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

Carol Jenkins

Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church; *That we all may be one.*

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you; That your Name may be glorified by all people.

We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons, especially: Justin, Archbishop of Canterbury; Michael, our Presiding Bishop; Daniel, our Bishop; the Vestry, staff, and congregation of our church. *That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.*

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world; *That there may be justice and peace on the earth.*

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake; *That our works may find favor in your sight.* Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble; We remember especially those who are connected to our church family: Rick, Roland, Gabby, Bernadette, Salma, Tula, Nancy, Connie, Re, Margie, Wayne, Marissa, Marylou, Jeanie, Bonnie, Bill, Ed, Rene, Geoff, Connie, and Jack.

(You may add other names either silently or aloud.) Let us pray.

That they may be delivered from their distress.

Give to the departed eternal rest.

(You may add names of departed people either silently or aloud.) We also pray for the souls of all who died from the pandemic and from gun violence. Let light perpetual shine upon them.

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy; *May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.*

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others. Grant us the guidance of your Holy Spirit as we seek a new Rector for our parish. We also ask for your blessings on anyone celebrating a birthday or anniversary this week.

Grant that we may continue to experience your love and guidance in the years to come.

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.**

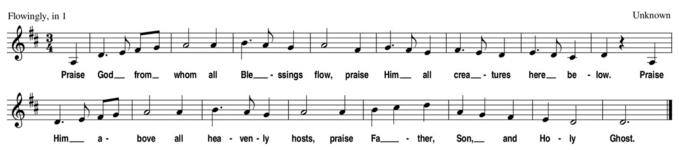
The Peace

Celebrant The Peace of the Lord be always with you. **People** And also with you

Announcements

Celebrant Walk in love as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God.

Offertory



The Holy Communion – Eucharistic Prayer B

Name:

People	It is right to give our thanks and praise.
Celebrant	Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People	We lift them to the Lord.
Celebrant	Lift up your hearts.
People	And also with you.
Celebrant	The Lord be with you.

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. But chiefly are we bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the true Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us, and has taken away the sin of the world. By his death he has destroyed death, and by his rising to life again he has won for us 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

Sanctus

Betty Carr Pulkingham (b. 1928) from Freedom Mass. Based on traditional African melodies.



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. And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting Celebrant 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 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. **Amen.**

Celebrant And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

People	Our Father, who art in heaven,	As we forgive those who trespass
	Hallowed be thy name;	against us.
	Thy kingdom come;	And lead us not into temptation;
	Thy will be done;	But deliver us from evil.
	On earth as it is in heaven.	For thine is the kingdom,
	Give us this day our daily bread.	And the power and the glory,
	And forgive us our trespasses,	For ever and ever. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread

People

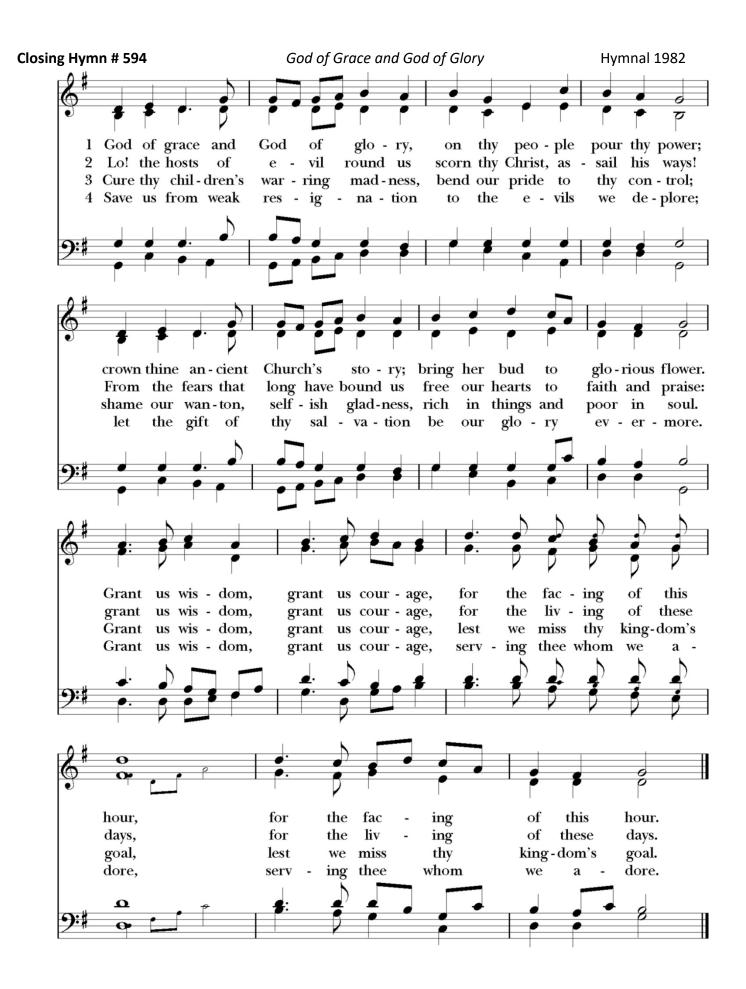
Celebrant	Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;	
People	le Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.	
Celebrant	The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith with thanksgiving.	

(All persons are invited to the Lord's supper.)

The Post-Communion Prayer

CelebrantLet us pray.PeopleEternal 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.

The Blessing



Dismissal

CelebrantGo in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia, Alleluia.PeopleThanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia.

Postlude



Evensong

Evensong: Tuesday Musical Meditation, every Tuesday at 6:30pm in the Sanctuary. Join us for a refreshed version of our popular service. Don't worry, it isn't entirely different! Paul Fejko will still be performing on our beautiful Hook & Hastings organ. Keep an eye out for some interesting guest guitarists, a drum circle, poems, and discussions that we hope will inspire you throughout the rest of the week. The program will be led by our sextons, Jim & Paula Minacci, who want to create a welcoming and relaxed atmosphere that everyone will enjoy.

10 Minutes of Prayer

The prayer group will be on hiatus during May. Please join us when we return on June 5th.

Thank you to Jill Duink for supplying the baked goods for fellowship this Sunday.

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