

Gloria Dei (Old Swedes') Church

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Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

Proper 9

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Celebrant: *Rev. Chris Micklewright*

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Welcome to Gloria Dei!

The green cloth on the Altar today is a reminder that we have entered the season of “Ordinary Time.” This term actually comes from the Latin word for counting, because we count the Sundays from Pentecost until Advent (today is the third Sunday after Pentecost). However, it is also appropriate for us to focus in this season on the ordinary, mundane things of life. As we study the Gospel of Mark over the next several months, you are invited to reflect (and pray!) about what Jesus’ teaching and ministry means for your everyday life. Because, in the end, God wants to use even the ordinary things in our lives to tell a beautiful story of love and healing and grace.

Opening Hymn # 493

O For A Thousand Tongues to Sing

Hymnal 1982

Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
All **And blessed be God’s kingdom, now and for ever. Amen**

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.**

Text adapted by Megan Bartlett
Heroic

Paul Fejko

Glo - ry to God in the high - est. Good will and peace on Earth. Ble - ssing and ho - nor and glo - ry and
 praise we bring to you. Hea - ven - ly King al - migh - ty God and our Fa - ther. Lord
 Je - sus, Lamb of God, you cleanse the world of sin. We need your mer - cy now. For you a - lone are the
 Ho - ly One the Most High Je - sus Christ, one with the Spi - rit. Glo - ry to God on high!

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**

Celebrant

Let us pray.

All

O God, you have taught us to keep all your commandments by loving you and our neighbor: Grant us the grace of your Holy Spirit, that we may be devoted to you with our whole heart, and united to one another with pure affection; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.
(Congregation is invited to sit for the readings.)

First Reading

Ezekiel 2:1-5

Megan Bartlett

The Lord said to me: O mortal, stand up on your feet, and I will speak with you. And when he spoke to me, a spirit entered into me and set me on my feet; and I heard him speaking to me. He said to me, Mortal, I am sending you to the people of Israel, to a nation of rebels who have rebelled against me; they and their ancestors have transgressed against me to this very day. The descendants are impudent and stubborn. I am sending you to them, and you shall say to them, "Thus says the Lord God." Whether they hear or refuse to hear (for they are a rebellious house), they shall know that there has been a prophet among them.

Reader

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

All

Thanks be to God

Psalm 123

- 1 To you I lift up my eyes, *
to you enthroned in the heavens.
- 2 As the eyes of servants look to the hand of their masters, *
and the eyes of a maid to the hand of her mistress,
- 3 So our eyes look to the LORD our God, *
until he show us his mercy.
- 4 Have mercy upon us, O LORD, have mercy, *
for we have had more than enough of contempt,
- 5 Too much of the scorn of the indolent rich, *
and of the derision of the proud.

Second Reading

2 Corinthians 12:2-10

I know a person in Christ who fourteen years ago was caught up to the third heaven—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know; God knows. And I know that such a person—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know; God knows— was caught up into Paradise and heard things that are not to be told, that no mortal is permitted to repeat. On behalf of such a one I will boast, but on my own behalf I will not boast, except of my weaknesses. But if I wish to boast, I will not be a fool, for I will be speaking the truth. But I refrain from it, so that no one may think better of me than what is seen in me or heard from me, even considering the exceptional character of the revelations. Therefore, to keep me from being too elated, a thorn was given me in the flesh, a messenger of Satan to torment me, to keep me from being too elated. Three times I appealed to the Lord about this, that it would leave me, but he said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for power is made perfect in weakness." So, I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may dwell in me. Therefore I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and calamities for the sake of Christ; for whenever I am weak, then I am strong.

Reader

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

All

Thanks be to God.

Hymn # 635

If Thou but Trust in God to Guide Thee

Hymnal 1982

Gospel Reading

Celebrant The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to **Mark** (6:1-13)
All **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus came to his hometown, and his disciples followed him. On the sabbath he began to teach in the synagogue, and many who heard him were astounded. They said, "Where did this man get all this? What is this wisdom that has been given to him? What deeds of power are being done by his hands! Is not this the carpenter, the son of Mary and brother of James and Joses and Judas and Simon, and are not his sisters here with us?" And they took offense at him. Then Jesus said to them, "Prophets are not without honor, except in their hometown, and among their own kin, and in their own house." And he could do no deed of power there, except that he laid his hands on a few sick people and cured them. And he was amazed at their unbelief. Then he went about among the villages teaching. He called the twelve and began to send them out two by two, and gave them authority over the unclean spirits. He ordered them to take nothing for their journey except a staff; no bread, no bag, no money in their belts; but to wear sandals and not to put on two tunics. He said to them, "Wherever you enter a house, stay there until you leave the place. If any place will not welcome you and they refuse to hear you, as you leave, shake off the dust that is on your feet as a testimony against them." So they went out and proclaimed that all should repent. They cast out many demons, and anointed with oil many who were sick and cured them.

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

Sermon **Rev. Chris Micklewright**

The sermon is an opportunity to reflect on and interpret the readings in light of the whole of Scripture and Christian tradition. You are always free to disagree with Rev. Chris, and you are more than welcome to reach out for further discussion of the readings and the ideas presented in the sermon.

After the sermon, there will be a few moments for quiet reflection. Then the congregation will stand to reaffirm our faith using the Nicene Creed. Some elements may be strange or confusing – and you are invited to engage in future conversation and reflection around the Creed. In the life of faith, we sometimes confess more than we fully understand, and God's grace is faithful to meet us wherever we are on the journey.

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 *(the leader and the people pray responsively)*

Corin Micklewright

Celebrant In awe of the God who is Love, and who invites us to ask for what we need, let us prepare ourselves for prayer with a few moments of silence. *(Silence)*
In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

Intercessor For all people in their daily life and work;
People For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.

Intercessor For this community, the nation, and the world;
People For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.

Intercessor For the just and proper use of your creation;
People For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.

Intercessor For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;
People For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.

Intercessor For the peace and unity of the Church of God;
People For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.

Intercessor For Justin, Michael and Daniel, our Bishops; for Chris, our priest, for our Vestry, and for all ministers of the Gospel;
People For all who serve God in the Church and in the world beyond our doors.

Intercessor For the special needs and concerns of this congregation, especially: **Liz, Jeffrey, Richie, Barbara, Joanna, Jeanette, Jean, Bob, Caroline, Richard, Eileen, Marcine, Aiden, Peggy, Margie, Wayne, Bonnie, Jennifer, Kathryn, Mara, Keith, Connie, and Jack**
(Long pause for people add their own petitions)

Intercessor Hear us, Lord;
People For your mercy is great.

Intercessor We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.
(Long pause for people to add their own thanksgivings)

Intercessor We will exalt you, O God our King;
People And praise your Name for ever and ever.

Intercessor We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.
(Long pause for people to add their own petitions)

Intercessor Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;
People Who put their trust in you.

Celebrant Heavenly Father, you have promised to hear what we ask in the Name of your Son: Accept and fulfill our petitions, we pray, not as we ask in our ignorance, nor as we deserve in our sinfulness, but as you know and love us in your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Confession and Absolution

Celebrant Let us confess our sins to God. *(Silence may be kept; please kneel or sit as you are able.)*

All God of all mercy, we confess that we have sinned against you, opposing your will in our lives. We have denied your goodness in each other, in ourselves, and in the world you have created. We repent of the evil that enslaves us, the evil we have done, and the evil done on our behalf. Forgive, restore, and strengthen us through our Savior Jesus Christ, that we may abide in your love and serve only your will. 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.
Amen.

The Peace & Announcements

Celebrant The Peace of the Lord be always with you.
People **And also with you.** *(Please share the peace by greeting your siblings in Christ.)*

Pre-Offertory Hymn # 324

Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence

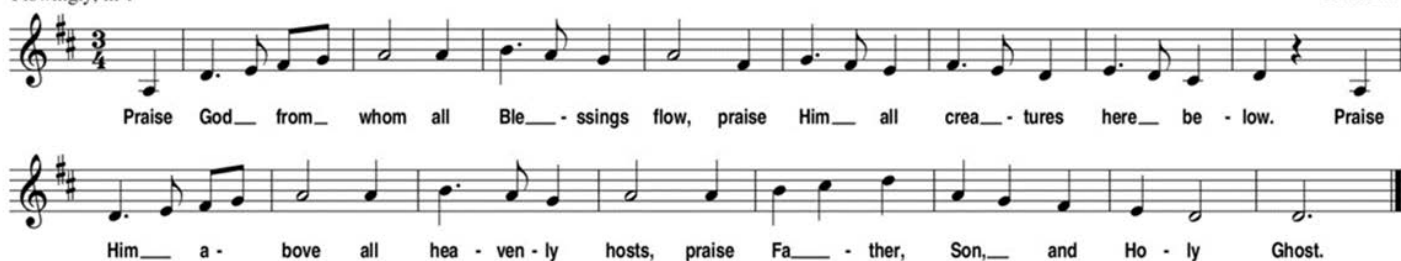
Hymnal 1982

The Offertory

Celebrant Through Christ let us continually offer to God the sacrifice of praise, that is, the fruit of lips that acknowledge his Name. But do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.
-Hebrews 13:15, 16

Collecting an offering is a way for us to remember that all we have is a gift from God, and that we are responsible to be good stewards of the gifts entrusted to us. Guests should feel no obligation to give. Electronic giving is possible using the QR code found on the back of the bulletin. After the collection, the offering is brought forward as we stand to sing together the following song of thanksgiving.

Flowingly, in 1 Unknown



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

The Holy Communion – Enriching Our Worship, Eucharistic Prayer 2

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 God thanks and praise.**

Celebrant We praise you and we bless you, holy and gracious God, source of life abundant. From before time you made ready the creation. Your Spirit moved over the deep and brought all things into being: sun, moon, and stars; earth, winds, and waters; and every living thing. You made us in your image, and taught us to walk in your ways. But we rebelled against you, and wandered far away; and yet, as a mother cares for her children, you would not forget us. Time and again you called us to live in the fullness of your love. And so this day we join with Saints and Angels in the chorus of praise that rings through eternity, lifting our voices to magnify you as we sing:

Flowingly

Paul Fejko



Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord, God of Po - wer and might, Heav'n and Earth are
full of your glo - ry. Ho - sa - nna in the high - est. Ble - ssed is he_ who comes,
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - sa - nna in the high - est, ho - sa - nna in the high - est.

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Celebrant

Glory and honor and praise to you, holy and living God. To deliver us from the power of sin and death and to reveal the riches of your grace, you looked with favor upon Mary, your willing servant, that she might conceive and bear a son, Jesus the holy child of God. Living among us, Jesus loved us. He broke bread with outcasts and sinners, healed the sick, and proclaimed good news to the poor. He yearned to draw all the world to himself yet we were heedless of his call to walk in love. Then, the time came for him to complete upon the cross the sacrifice of his life, and to be glorified by you.

On the night before he died for us, Jesus was at table with his friends. He took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it, and gave it to them, and said: "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine. Again, he gave thanks to you, gave it to them, and said: "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Now gathered at your table, O God of all creation, and remembering Christ, crucified and risen, who was and is and is to come, we offer to you our gifts of bread and wine, and ourselves, a living sacrifice. Pour out your Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Body and Blood of Christ.

Breathe your Spirit over the whole earth and make us your new creation, the Body of Christ given for the world you have made. In the fullness of time bring us, with all your saints, from every tribe and language and people and nation, to feast at the banquet prepared from the foundation of the world.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever.

People

(In a loud voice!) **AMEN!**

Celebrant And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,
**All 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,
For ever and ever. Amen.**

Fraction & Invitation

Celebrant Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.
All Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!

Celebrant This is the table not of the church but of our Lord Jesus. It is made ready for those who love him and those who want to love him more. So come, you who have much faith and you who have little, you who have been here often and you who have not been here long, you who have tried to follow and you who have failed. Come, because it is Jesus who invites you. It is his will that those who want him should meet him here.

All those interested in receiving communion should make their way forward to the rail, while the priest and the altar guild assistant prepare to distribute the elements to the congregation.

Episcopal theology recognizes baptism as the formal entry into the Christian community, and baptism is normally a prerequisite to receiving communion. However, we also recognize that God meets us wherever we are on our journey of faith. Moreover, Jesus regularly welcomed and ate with people from outside of his normal community.

Therefore, all are welcome at this table (including children!).

Kneel or stand at the rail, as you are comfortable. Gluten free wafers are available – just hold up one finger. The priest will distribute wafers, which you receive in your outstretched hands. You may sip from the cup or dip your wafer. If, for any reason, you prefer not to receive communion, you are still warmly invited to come forward and cross your arms to receive a blessing instead.



Post Communion Prayer

All **Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.**

Blessing

Closing Hymn # 671

Amazing Grace

Hymnal 1982

Dismissal

Celebrant **Let us go forth in the name of Christ.**

People **Thanks be to God.**

***All are invited to listen to the postlude,
and then to join us for a time of fellowship in Riverside Hall.***



Announcements

Join us for 10 Minutes of Prayer on Zoom

Every Monday at 9:00am, hosted by Christine Pickup. *No meeting Monday, September 2.*

A prepared PowerPoint will be shared in the Zoom session. Each session has five components:

- An opening Psalm or Canticle from the week's readings in Forward Day by Day.
- A reading from the Bible from the week's readings in Forward Day by Day.
- Intercessions from the attendees.
- The Lord's Prayer.
- 2 collects: one seasonal, and the closing collect for Morning Prayers in the BCP.

She will close with a few minutes of discussion. The PowerPoints are available on demand.

Meeting ID: 748 3341 8409 Passcode: 8C3fDK

Tuesday Musical Meditation

Now on summer hiatus - returning Sept. 10th

Church Kids Adventure Club

July 7 - Last one before summer hiatus! Returning August 11.

Every other Sunday, Rev. Chris Micklewright and Carol Jenkins will be leading an adventure on church grounds for kids of all ages. These adventures, which will include things like climbing the bell tower and exploring the graveyard, are a chance to learn about the life of the church, to have some fun, and to talk about faith. Immediately following the service, kids are invited to grab a snack and gather in Riverside Hall while Rev. Chris gets ready. Parents are welcome to come along if that helps your kids feel more comfortable.

Grow Natives Gardening

Sundays, Weather Permitting, 12:00-1:00pm

The Friends of Old Swedes, the native garden group started by the Historic Gloria Dei Preservation Corporation, meets every Sunday this spring to beautify the church grounds. This group is open to anyone interested in planting, watering and cultivating native plants.

Prior experience is not necessary.

Our goal is to turn the church grounds into a sustainable and educational garden space by:

- Planting natives
- Weeding & watering
- Removing invasives
- Developing signage
- Discovering varieties
- Install fencing

Rev. Chris on Vacation

Rev. Chris will be on vacation for three weeks, from July 15-August 5. During that time, Rev. Gordon Reid and Rev. Claudia Merritt will be available to help with any issues of pastoral care. Please contact Carol Jenkins (215-284-1218) or Christine McBride (our parish administrator, 215-389-1513) if you find yourself in need of pastoral care. Sunday services will be held as usual. On July 21, a service of morning prayer will be led by Daniel Garrison Edwards (a close friend of Rev. Chris who preached at our Good Friday service, and who is the ordination process). On July 28 and August 4, services will be led by Rev. Gordon Reid.

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Online Giving Available

For those who are interested, it is possible to give to Gloria Dei on our website,
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There are options to make a one-time gift, or to set up an automatic recurring gift.



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