

Gloria Dei (Old Swedes') Church



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August 3, 2025
Eighth Sunday after Pentecost – Proper 13
Morning Prayer, Rite 2

Ministry Assistants Today

Lector: *Eric Rega*
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Usher: *Jim Ufheil*
Officiant: *Rachel Armstrong*
Guest Musician: *Mary Eileen Johnston*

Ministry Assistants August 10

Lector: *Susan Steele*
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Usher: *Bob Jenkins*
Altar Guild: *Cathy Ufheil*
Celebrant: *Rev. Chris Micklewright*

Welcome to Ordinary Time at Gloria Dei

The green cloth on the Altar today is a reminder that we have entered the season of “Ordinary Time.” As you may remember, this term comes from the Latin word for counting - because we count the Sundays from Pentecost until Advent. The green is also a reminder of our call to growth during this long season. While growth is most noticeable during the dramatic moments of life, God cares about every aspect of our daily lives. In that sense, there are no ordinary moments; instead, we are called to continually grow in the knowledge and love of God – and of our neighbors. So, please join us in counting the days, and in growing as disciples of Jesus.

Officiant: I was glad when they said to me, "Let us go to the house of the Lord." *(Psalm 122:1)*

Opening Hymn # 7

Christ Whose Glory Fills the Sky

Hymnal 1982

Confession Of Sin

Officiant: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor. *(Please kneel or sit, as you are able.)*

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.**

Officiant: *(Remaining kneeling)* Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us all our sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us eternal life. **Amen.**

Invitatory and Psalter *(stand)*

Officiant: Lord, open our Lips.

All: And our mouths shall proclaim your praise.
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.**

Officiant: The earth is the Lord's for God made it:

All: Come let us adore God.

Venite – Psalm 95:1-7 *(In Unison)*

Be joyful in the Lord, all you lands *
serve the Lord with gladness and come before his presence with a song.
Know this: The Lord himself is God; *
he himself has made us, and we are his; we are his people and the sheep of his pasture.
Enter his gates with thanksgiving; go into his courts with praise; *
give thanks to him and call upon his Name.
For the Lord is good; his mercy is everlasting; *
and his faithfulness endures from age to age.

Officiant: The mercy of the Lord is everlasting:

All: Come let us adore God.

Congregation may sit for the readings

Psalm 49:1-11 *(Lector and people responsively)*

Eric Rega

Hear this, all you peoples;
hearken, all you who dwell in the world, *
you of high degree and low, rich and poor together.
My mouth shall speak of wisdom, *
and my heart shall meditate on understanding.
I will incline my ear to a proverb *
and set forth my riddle upon the harp.

(Continued...)

Why should I be afraid in evil days, *
 when the wickedness of those at my heels surrounds me,
 The wickedness of those who put their trust in their goods, *
 and boast of their great riches?
 We can never ransom ourselves, *
 or deliver to God the price of our life;
 For the ransom of our life is so great, *
 that we should never have enough to pay it,
 In order to live for ever and ever, *
 and never see the grave.
 For we see that the wise die also; like the dull and stupid they perish *
 and leave their wealth to those who come after them.
 Their graves shall be their homes for ever, their dwelling places from generation to generation, *
 though they call the lands after their own names.
 Even though honored, they cannot live for ever; *
 they are like the beasts that perish.

**All: 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.**

The First Reading Ecclesiastes 1:2, 12-14; 2:18-23

Vanity of vanities, says the Teacher, vanity of vanities! All is vanity.

I, the Teacher, when king over Israel in Jerusalem, applied my mind to seek and to search out by wisdom all that is done under heaven; it is an unhappy business that God has given to human beings to be busy with. I saw all the deeds that are done under the sun; and see, all is vanity and a chasing after wind.

I hated all my toil in which I had toiled under the sun, seeing that I must leave it to those who come after me -- and who knows whether they will be wise or foolish? Yet they will be master of all for which I toiled and used my wisdom under the sun. This also is vanity. So I turned and gave my heart up to despair concerning all the toil of my labors under the sun, because sometimes one who has toiled with wisdom and knowledge and skill must leave all to be enjoyed by another who did not toil for it. This also is vanity and a great evil. What do mortals get from all the toil and strain with which they toil under the sun? For all their days are full of pain, and their work is a vexation; even at night their minds do not rest. This also is vanity.

Lector: Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people

People: **Thanks be to God**

Canticle 19: The Song of the Redeemed – Revelation 15:3-4 (*Officiant and people responsively*)

Glory to you, Lord God of our ancestors; *
 you are worthy of praise; glory to you.
 Glory to you for the radiance of your holy Name; *
 we will praise you and highly exalt you for ever.
 Glory to you in the splendor of your temple; *
 on the throne of your majesty, glory to you.
 Glory to you, seated between the Cherubim; *
 we will praise you and highly exalt you for ever.
 Glory to you, beholding the depths; *
 in the high vault of heaven, glory to you.
 Glory to you, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit; *
 we will praise you and highly exalt you for ever. Amen.

Second Reading Colossians 3:1-11

If you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth, for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory. Put to death, therefore, whatever in you is earthly: fornication, impurity, passion, evil desire, and greed (which is idolatry). On account of these the wrath of God is coming on those who are disobedient. These are the ways you also once followed, when you were living that life. But now you must get rid of all such things-- anger, wrath, malice, slander, and abusive language from your mouth. Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have stripped off the old self with its practices and have clothed yourselves with the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge according to the image of its creator. In that renewal there is no longer Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave and free; but Christ is all and in all!

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

People: Thanks be to God.

Hymn # 488

Be Thou My Vision

Hymnal 1982

Gospel Reading

Luke 12:13-21

Rachel Armstrong

Someone in the crowd said to Jesus, "Teacher, tell my brother to divide the family inheritance with me." But he said to him, "Friend, who set me to be a judge or arbitrator over you?" And he said to them, "Take care! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; for one's life does not consist in the abundance of possessions." Then he told them a parable: "The land of a rich man produced abundantly. And he thought to himself, 'What should I do, for I have no place to store my crops?' Then he said, 'I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. And I will say to my soul, 'Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.' But God said to him, 'You fool! This very night your life is being demanded of you. And the things you have prepared, whose will they be?' So it is with those who store up treasures for themselves but are not rich toward God."

Officiant: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Rachel Armstrong

After the sermon, there will be a few moments for quiet reflection. Then the congregation will stand to reaffirm our faith using the Apostle's Creed. If you have questions about the creed or the sermon, know that they are welcome, and that God's grace is always faithful to meet us where we are.

The Apostle's Creed (Officiant and People together)

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth;
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our
Lord. He was conceived by the power
of the Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again.**

**He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again to judge
the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

The Peace & Announcements

Officiant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

All: **And also with you.** *(Please share the peace by greeting your siblings in Christ.)*

The Offertory

Officiant: O Lord our God, you are worthy to receive glory and honor and power; because you have created all things, and by your will they were created and have their being. -Rev. 4:11

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.

Most Sundays, our service ends with the celebration of the Eucharist, in which all are invited to share in the sacrament of communion. If you are a guest and interested in learning more about the sacraments, please feel free to contact the church office.

Today, however, we are connecting with another tradition of the church and following a service of morning prayer. As such, today's service will end with a period of prayer, in which we express our needs and the needs of the world to God. Through prayer, we remember that our lives, individually and communally, depend on God's grace – and we open ourselves to what God might want to do with us for the good of the world.

Prayers *(All stand as you are able)*

Officiant: The Lord be with you

People: **And also with you**

Officiant: Let us pray

All: **Our Father, who art 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.
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 Suffrages A *(Lead by the Intercessor and read responsively)*

Intercessor

Intercessor: Show us your mercy, O Lord;

People: **And grant us your salvation.**

Intercessor: Clothe your ministers with righteousness, especially Justin, Archbishop of Canterbury; Michael, our Presiding Bishop; Daniel, our Bishop; Chris, our priest; our Vestry, our staff, and the congregation of our church.

People: **Let your people sing with joy.**

Intercessor: Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;

People: **For only in you can we live in safety.**

Intercessor: Lord, keep this nation under your care;

People: **And guide us in the way of justice and truth.**

Intercessor: Let your way be known upon earth;

People: **Your saving health among all nations.**

Intercessor: Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;

People: **Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.**

Intercessor: We pray for our own needs, and especially those who are connected to our church family:

People: **Anthony, Beth, Christine, Judith, Charles, Seamus, Thomassina, Gregory, Julie, Denise, Jason, the Juline Family, Barb, Laurie, Jerry, Peggy, Patty, JoAnn, Joanna, Mark, Margie, Bonnie, Keith, Connie, and Jack.** *(Long pause for prayers to be offered silently or aloud)*

Intercessor: We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.

People: *(Long pause for people to add their own petitions)*

Intercessor: Create in us clean hearts, O God;

People: **And sustain us with your Holy Spirit.**

The Collect of the Day *(Intercessor and People in unison)*

Let your continual mercy, O Lord, cleanse and defend your Church; and, because it cannot continue in safety without your help, protect and govern it always by your goodness; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Intercessor returns to their pew.

All kneel or sit as they are able for the final prayers.

A Collect for Sunday *(Officiant)*

O God, you make us glad with the weekly remembrance of the glorious resurrection of your Son our Lord: Give us this day such blessing through our worship of you, that the week to come may be spent in your favor; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

A Prayer for Mission *(Officiant)*

Lord Jesus Christ, you stretched out your arms of love on the hard wood of the cross that everyone might come within the reach of your saving embrace: So clothe us in your Spirit that we, reaching forth our hands in love, may bring those who do not know you to the knowledge and love of you; for the honor of your Name. **Amen.**

An extended period of silence follows, as we make space for how the Holy Spirit might be speaking to each of us.

The General Thanksgiving

(Officiant and People in Unison)

Almighty God, Father of all mercies,
we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks
for all your goodness and loving-kindness
to us and to all whom you have made.
We bless you for our creation, preservation,
and all the blessings of this life;
but above all for your immeasurable love
in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ;
And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies,
that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise,
not only with our lips, but in our lives,
by giving up our selves to your service,
and by walking before you
in holiness and righteousness all our days;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,
be honor and glory throughout all ages. **Amen.**

A Prayer of St. Chrysostom *(Officiant)*

Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication to you; and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name you will be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting. **Amen.**

Closing Hymn # 594

God of Grace and God of Glory

Hymnal 1982

Benediction

Officiant: Let us bless the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Officiant: May the God of hope fill us with all joy and peace in believing
through the power of the Holy Spirit.

(Romans 15:13)

All: **Amen.**

Postlude

If your schedule allows, you are welcome to join us in listening to the postlude.

Afterwards, all are invited to join us in Riverside Hall for some snacks and a time of fellowship.

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